

VULAMATHUBA EMPUMELELO BURSARY FUND 2024/2025 ACADEMIC YEAR



Vulamathuba Empumelelo, the community and social development arm of Communicare Social Enterprise, was established to deliver developmental interventions to Communicare tenants and non-tenants residing within Cape Town Metro. Vulamathuba's overall objective is to create opportunities for the economic growth of participants by fostering the principle of Economic Mobility through education, skills, training, and development interventions.

Vulamathuba administers the Vulamathuba Empumelelo Bursary Fund (VEBF). The bursary allows recipients to pursue tertiary education, enhancing their self-reliant and financially mobile capacity. The principal purpose of the Fund is to give financial aid to Communicare tenants and individuals from marginalized communities who have academic potential yet are economically disadvantaged and looking to pursue a qualification that is described as a scarce or critical skill.

Click the link below for the country's current scarce or critical occupations list: [2024 National List of Occupations in High Demand \(www.gov.za\)](#)

We invite individuals who desire to study at a recognised and accredited tertiary institution, including TVET Colleges and universities, to apply for a bursary for an academic year. Priority is given to individuals accepted to study at public institutions in the Western Cape. We will consider bursary applications up to an undergraduate level from financially needy learners, with or without disabilities, employed or unemployed, and performing well academically. Grade 12 learners, those who have passed Grade 12 in previous years, and students already at recognised and accredited tertiary institutions are eligible for the bursary. We will consider your application if you plan full-time or part-time studies towards an academic or artisan qualification.

The bursar shall, for the duration of the funding, participate in community service or special project work as prescribed by Vulamathuba Empumelelo. After successful graduation, the Bursar is required to "work back" a portion of the bursary inside the Communicare group of companies or any other organisation nominated by it.

The VEBF will determine the amount allocated to each student to **R45 000.00***. The bursary covers the costs for studies (**excluding postgraduate**) at a recognised and accredited South African tertiary institution.

INCLUDED:

- **Registration costs**
- **Tuition (course fees)**
- **Textbooks and other academic resource material relevant to the course**
- **Examination fees, if applicable**

EXCLUDED:

- **Electronic devices and stationery**
- **Fees and costs associated with previous study loans or tuition expenses.**

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Application Form 2024/2025



The principal objective of the Vulamathuba Empumelelo Bursary Fund (VEBF) is to provide financial aid through a bursary to Communicare tenants and individuals from marginalized communities within the City of Cape Town Metro who have academic potential yet are economically disadvantaged.

The VEBF will determine the amount it allocates for tuition to successful applicants to a maximum of **R 40 000.00** for tuition and **R5000.00** for prescribed material.

The VEBF will prioritise **Communicare tenants in good standing and authorised residents** before considering neighbouring community members.

We invite applications from candidates:

- Between 19 and 50 years of age
- With or without disabilities
- Employed or unemployed
- Wanting to study full-time or part-time
- In Grade 12, have completed Grade 12, and students at accredited higher education institutions.

TO NOTE

1. Vulamathuba administers the Vulamathuba Empumelelo Bursary Fund (VEBF).	8. For any queries, please contact Sivuyisiwe Johannes at applications@vulamathuba.org.za or call 021 421 6008 .
2. The closing date for applications is FRIDAY, 06 December 2024 .	9. Vulamathuba will notify those applicants provisionally awarded a bursary by 03 February 2025 .
3. VEBF awards bursaries annually, and renewal is at its sole discretion.	10. If Vulamathuba has not contacted you within two months after the closing date, please accept that your application has not been successful.
4. Successful applicants will be required to sign an agreement with Vulamathuba.	11. VEBF will not consider incorrect and incomplete forms or applications received after the closing date.
5. VEBF will determine the financial need of candidates using a means test.	12. This document is not an agreement or commitment.
6. The VEBF's selection will be final and will not enter any correspondence.	13. The bursary will be suspended if the recipient is unsuccessful in the course of study by the completion date for which the bursary was approved
7. The annual gross income of the household must not exceed R400 000.00 for a candidate to qualify for this funding	14. The bursary will convert to a loan if the recipient has abandoned the course of study or has not provided proof of successful study completion by the start of the new academic period.

THE APPLICATION

CHECKLIST

1. Fully completed application form, together with supporting documents listed below.	
2. Certified copy, not older than six months of:	
• Identity document or Passport of the applicant.	• Affidavit if applicant, parents, guardians, and any adult household members are unemployed
• Permanent Residency Permit or Work Visa details if Non-South African citizen.	• Administration order, Court order, Divorce order, and Maintenance order, if applicable
• Identity document, Passport, or Birth Certificate of a spouse, parents, guardians, and all other household members.	• Proof of residence
• Marriage Certificate if applicable.	• Most recent, three months' proof of ALL income of applicant, spouse, parents, guardians, and all other household members.
• Bank statements for three months of applicant, spouse, parents, guardians, and all other household members.	• Proof of application/ registration with the tertiary institution or Letter of admission from the institution
• Death certificate if parent/s are deceased.	• Latest academic results or qualifications of the applicant
• An affidavit explaining circumstances if the applicant is supported by someone, not a parent or legal guardian	• Matric results
3. Essay of at least 250 words to motivate your application	
A FULLY COMPLETED APPLICATION MUST BE RECEIVED BY <u>06 December 2024</u>	

Failure to provide all required documents by the closing date will disqualify your application.

Vulamathuba Empumelelo Bursary Fund Application Form 2024/2025

COMPLETE RENTAL ADDRESS		COMMUNICARE TENANT CODE	
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SECTION A: APPLICANT					
Identity / Passport number	Date of birth			Age	Title
Surname					
First name(s)					
Gender					
Citizenship					
Ethnic group	African <input type="checkbox"/>	Coloured <input type="checkbox"/>	White <input type="checkbox"/>	Asian <input type="checkbox"/>	Non-SA <input type="checkbox"/>
Marital status	Single <input type="checkbox"/>	Widowed <input type="checkbox"/>	Divorced <input type="checkbox"/>	Married <input type="checkbox"/>	
Number of dependents					
Telephone number: Home	Work				
Cell number 1	Cell number 2				
Email address one	Email address two				
Full residential address (if different to Rental Address)					
Details of disability (if applicable)					
Occupation status	School learner		Tertiary student		Since
	Employed		Employed & studying		
	Unemployed		Unemployed & studying		
Highest qualification achieved				Year	
Institution where achieved					
Employer (if applicable)				Since	
Occupation/position/job title				Income	
Have you OR your family ever received financial assistance for studies from Vulamathuba or Communicare?		If yes, provide details, including the year.			
Any other bursary applied for or already granted?					
Institution you intend to study at Name.				Type of institution	
Have you applied to this institution?					
Specify the academic year you're applying for, such as 1st year, 2nd year, N4, N5, etc.					
Have you applied to any other institution(s)		If yes, provide details.			
Name of qualification you will study for. Write out in full.				Duration of the study course?	
Why have you chosen this course of study? What do you intend to do when you have completed it? Use additional pages if needed.					
Student number, if available.					

<p>Author an essay of at least 250 words in your hand:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Tell us about your family, including your parents' current circumstances. Tell us about yourself: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> How would your friends describe you? What is your greatest passion? What are your major strengths and weaknesses? Give a brief overview of your school (and post-Matric/ tertiary) career thus far. What have you done if you have not studied for a year or more? Mention the committees/ organisations you belong/ed to and any community service projects you have been involved with. Mention any books you read that have impressed you. Tell us about one event or person that influenced you profoundly. Tell us about your further study plans and ideals for the future. Describe the South Africa you want to see in the next ten years. What leadership position(s) have you served in, and what influences has that had?
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SECTION B: HOUSEHOLD INCOME EARNER/S							
SECTION B1: ALL HOUSEHOLD RESIDENTS/OCCUPANTS							
<i>Include details of minor children</i>							
Full name and surname (Include an additional page if needed)	Relationship to applicant (e.g., mother, brother)	Identity number	Passport number	Date of birth	Status/Category (child, student, pensioner)	Type of income (wages, grant, pension, own business)	Income contributed to the household (rand value per month)
		A CERTIFIED COPY OF THE DOCUMENT REQUIRED					
TOTAL MONTHLY HOUSEHOLD INCOME							R

SECTION B2: PARENT / STEPPARENT / LEGAL GUARDIAN / SPOUSE / SURETY							
<i>Copy the box below for each income earner who is an occupant</i>							
Relationship to applicant							
Identity / Passport number				Date of birth		Age	
Surname						Title	
First name(s)							
Gender							
Ethnic group		African <input type="checkbox"/>	Coloured <input type="checkbox"/>	White <input type="checkbox"/>	Asian <input type="checkbox"/>	Non-SA <input type="checkbox"/>	
Marital status		Single <input type="checkbox"/>	Widowed <input type="checkbox"/>	Divorced <input type="checkbox"/>	Married <input type="checkbox"/>		
Number of dependents							
Telephone number: Home				Work			
Cell number 1				Cell number 2			
Email address one				Email address two			
Full residential address (if different from rental address)							
Employment status		Employed <input type="checkbox"/>		Self-employed <input type="checkbox"/>		Employed & studying <input type="checkbox"/>	
		Unemployed <input type="checkbox"/>		Retired <input type="checkbox"/>		Unemployed & studying <input type="checkbox"/>	
		Other <input type="checkbox"/>		Please specify			
Source of income		Salary/Wage <input type="checkbox"/>		Own business profit <input type="checkbox"/>		Pension <input type="checkbox"/>	
		Other, explain				Dividend/Interest <input type="checkbox"/>	
Employer		Name				Income tax reference	
		Address					
Occupation/position/job title							
Annual income before deductions and tax							

SECTION C: VULAMATHUBA EMPUMELELO VOLUNTEER REQUIREMENTS		
Do you agree to participate in community development programmes at Vulamathuba as part of volunteer services?		YES NO
Please tick a minimum of three programme(s) of your interest:		Tick:
1.	Gardening Programme	
2.	Active Ageing	
3.	Dance Programme	
4.	Life Skills Programme	
5.	Matric Programme - tutoring	
6.	Job-Seekers Programme	
7.	Career Guidance Workshop	
8.	Special Projects – Mandela Day, World AIDS Day, Holiday Programme	

SECTION D: DECLARATION

1. I/We declare and warrant that the information given in this application is correct. Support will not be considered if the information is found to be wrong and does not comply with the criteria of the VEBF. If already awarded, the funding may be withdrawn immediately, and legal action may be instituted.
2. I/We consent to VEBF or a representative VEBF may designate to conduct creditworthy checks and affordability assessments and verify my /our household income details to ascertain whether the applicant qualifies for funding.
3. I/We acknowledge that the above checks and assessments by VEBF will comply with the provisions of NCA No 34 of 2005.
4. I/We acknowledge that VEBF is committed to protecting and promoting my/our personal information's privacy and fulfilling its obligations under the POPI Act No 4 of 2013.
5. I/We defend and indemnify VEBF from action or claim of any nature brought against VEBF as a result of personal loss, injury, or damage arising directly or indirectly from any act or omission on my/our part for failing to honour the above provisions, or as the case may be.
6. I/We accept and understand that VEBF does not guarantee funding to applicants.
7. I/We acknowledge and agree that I/we have read this form entirely and that I/we fully comprehend the nature, content, and implications and agree with it. I/We will be bound to it from the date of signature.

Signed at	Place		Date		Place		Date	
Name and surname								
Signature								
	APPLICANT				PARENT/STEPPARENT/GUARDIAN/SPOUSE/SURETY			