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# BASF South Africa Trust

## Frequently asked questions (FAQ)

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**Q1: Who qualifies for BASF SA Trust funding?**

A: Black women who are South African citizens, studying or planning to study chemistry, sciences, or engineering at a recognized institution, and who demonstrate financial need and exceptional academic achievement.

**Q2: What documents do I need to submit?**

A: Proof of citizenship, academic records, proof of registration or acceptance, household income documents, and a motivation letter.

**Q3: Can I apply if I already receive NSFAS or another bursary?**

- A. If you have NSFAS, yes you can apply for the bursary funding as we offer a bursary, not a loan. (If offered a BASF Trust bursary, NSFAS would have to be cancelled.)
- B. If you have another bursary, you cannot receive duplicate funding for the same qualification unless the other award is nominal (e.g., a book voucher under R5,000)

**Q4: What is the NSFAS means test?**

A: It's a financial assessment to determine if your household income qualifies you for student financial aid. The Trust uses a similar threshold (or up to 1.7 times the NSFAS limit).

**Q5: What expenses are covered?**

A: Tuition, registration, and reasonable associated study expenses. In some cases, historic student debt (not older than 12 months) may be covered if you have passed all associated courses and meet all other criteria.

**Q6: How are beneficiaries selected?**

A: The Trustees review short listed applications, considering academic merit, financial need, and alignment with the Trust's objectives. Selected applicants receive a written Allocation Notice.

B: In some cases, students are called in for an interview with the trustees

**Q7: Can I apply for funding for postgraduate studies?**

A: Yes, undergraduate and postgraduate studies in chemistry, sciences, or engineering are eligible.

**Q8: What if I have a criminal record?**

A: Applicants with a criminal record are not eligible.

**Q9: How will I know if my application is successful?**

A: You will receive a written Allocation Notice with instructions on how to accept and become a beneficiary.

**Q10: Can I apply if already in my final of study?**

A: Yes, you can apply for any year of study, preference is given to second year students.

**Need help?**

If you have further questions or need assistance with your application, please contact us via the website's contact form or use our chatbot for instant answers.