



THE UNITING PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN SOUTHERN AFRICA
PRESBYTERIAN EDUCATIONAL FUND

APPLICATION FORM FOR BURSARY FOR UNIVERSITY OR COLLEGE in 2027

Do NOT use this form if you are applying for High School – ask your minister for the correct form.

Name of Presbytery:

Name of Congregation:

A. DETAILS OF APPLICANT (the child):

Surname:

First Names:

Known As:

Date of Birth: dd/mm/yyyy

Age:

ID Number:

Male

Female

Home Address:

Postal Address: (if different from above)

Tel No:

Cell No:

Email Address:

Have you been Confirmed?

YES

NO

(If yes, attach a copy of your Confirmation Certificate.)

If you are **18 years old** and **not confirmed** please explain why not:

If you **are confirmed**, but you do **not have a Confirmation certificate**, please explain why not:

You must also submit a letter from your minister with his/her explanation.

If you are in Final Year of School or not studying in 2026 answer the following:

1. Have you sent your application for admission to universities/colleges? YES NO

2. have your received provisional acceptance from a university/college? YES NO

3. Name of Degree/Diploma/Certificate you wish to enroll for:

4. In what year/month will you begin your studies?

Year:

Month:

5. In what month(s) will you write examinations? May/June July/August November/December

If you are already studying at a University/College in 2026 answer the following:

1. What is the name of the University/College you are currently attending?

2. Email address of your Student Accounts/Finance Aid:

3. Telephone number of the Academic Institution:

4. Name of Degree/Diploma/Certificate you wish to enroll for:

5. Name of Degree/Diploma/Certificate you are registered for:

6. What academic year are you in?

7. When does the academic year start?

8. Do you intend to continue at this University/College in 2027? YES NO
If no, please explain why not and state name of University/College for 2026.

1. Did you receive a bursary from the PEF in 2026? YES NO

2. Did you receive a bursary or assistance from any other source in 2025? YES NO
If yes, please supply the following details:
Name of Sponsor/Fund

Amount Received

3. Will you receive assistance from the sponsor in 2027? YES NO
If no, why not?

4. Have you applied / will you still apply for another fund (not PEF) for help in 2027? YES NO

If yes, please supply details

If no, please explain why not

5. If you are South African and will be studying at Government University, University of Technology or Further Education and Training College you may apply for funding from NSFAS (National Student Financial Aid Scheme). Find out more here: www.nsfas.org.za

Have you applied/will you apply for NSFAS funding? YES NO

If yes, for how much?

APPLICANT'S ESSAY:

As part of your application, you must submit a **written essay** that includes the following details: (if you would prefer to write your essay by hand, please scan it and email to pef@unitingpresbyterian.org. along with this application form).

- A brief introduction about yourself and your family.
- Your interests, hobbies, and future goals.
- A clear explanation of why you believe you deserve a bursary.
- If you are not currently studying or only doing one semester, explain why this is the case.
- Simply stating that you cannot afford school fees is **not enough**—explain why your family is struggling financially and how they plan to contribute towards your education.

This essay helps the Bursary Committee understand your situation better and assess your application fairly.

Name of applicant

Signature of applicant

Date Signed:

B. FAMILY DETAILS: This section is completed by the person responsible for paying the fees.

Name and Surname of Adult responsible for fees:

Relationship to applicant (e.g. mother/father/aunt/uncle/guardian):

If you are a single mother, please explain why the father is not assisting

If parent/s are/is deceased, please submit a copy/copies of death certificate/s.

Name of parent/guardian:

Signature of parent/guardian:

Date Signed:

Tel No:

Cell No:

Email Address:

Are you (parent/guardian) **a member in full standing of the UPCS?** YES NO
(Minister to confirm this in his/her comments on last page)

If you are not a member of the UPCS, please give details of Church affiliation:

The following questions must be answered for this application to be considered.

1. How much **will you and/or your family** pay towards school fees for this applicant?

Enter a monetary value:
indicate currency)

(Rands/ US \$ / Zambian K

2. The PEF may pay **as little as 10%** of the tuition fees. How will you meet the balance outstanding?

- a. Apply for Reduction in Fees
- b. Try to find another sponsor/bursary
- c. Seek assistance from congregation / family / friends

3. Number of adults who are working/receiving income (e.g. pension/grant) who will **help pay fees:**
(working means employed or self-employed, whether fulltime or parttime or casual)

	Adults with Income who will assist with fees	Occupation/ Source of Income	Name of Employer
1.	_____	_____	_____
2.	_____	_____	_____
3.	_____	_____	_____
4.	_____	_____	_____

4. Details of siblings living with you for whom you pay school/college/university fees?

	Name	Age	Grade or University Year	Sibling's Relationship to Applicant
1.	_____	_____	_____	_____
2.	_____	_____	_____	_____
3.	_____	_____	_____	_____
4.	_____	_____	_____	_____

If any of the above siblings is a cousin/not a member of the immediate family, please explain why you are responsible for his/her fees.

If any of the above siblings is receiving a bursary or financial aid please give details:

Name & Surname of Sibling	Financial Aid Received	Amount Expected
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

C. CONGREGATION INFORMATION

To be completed by Minister, Interim Moderator or Session Clerk (Session Clerk to sign only in the absence of the Minister or if Interim Moderator is not available.)

Ministers/Session Clerks do not sign for your own dependents, please.

Ministers: Full Emoluments are required, not just stipend. Thank you

NB: NOT to be filled in by applicant

	Full First Names	Surname
Minister	_____	_____
Or Interim Moderator	_____	_____
Or Session Clerk	_____	_____

Tel No:

Cell No:

Email address (of person signing):

Full Street Address of Congregation:

Email Address of Congregation:

Remarks:

I certify that the **applicant (student) and/or Responsible Adult** (parent/guardian) is/are known to me and is/are **(a) confirmed member(s) of my congregation (applicant if over 18 years of age)** and that, as far as I know, the information provided is correct.

(Please indicate who is confirmed member applicant or adult: _____.)

Signature :

Date Signed :