

WENOSA Scholarship Programme 2026

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

1. What is the WENOSA Scholarship Programme?

The WENOSA Scholarship Programme is a strategic initiative aimed at supporting academically talented women pursuing qualifications in critical and underrepresented sectors. The programme provides financial support to help successful applicants complete their studies and transition into impactful careers.

2. Who can apply for the scholarship?

Applicants must:

- Be South African citizens.
- Identify as female.
- Be registered at a recognised South African public university.
- Be in the final year of their qualification during the 2026 academic year.
- Have achieved and maintained a minimum academic average of 65%.
- Demonstrate financial need and leadership potential.

3. Which qualification levels are supported?

The programme supports:

- Final-year undergraduate students.
- Final-year Honours, Master's, and Doctoral students.

4. Which fields of study are prioritised?

Preference will be given to qualifications aligned to South Africa's critical skills economy, including Engineering, Architecture, Information Technology, Computer Science, Data Science, Artificial Intelligence, Mathematics, Statistics, Physical and Environmental Sciences, Accounting, Chartered Accountancy, Economics, Financial Sciences, Agriculture, Mining, Energy, Logistics, Research, and Innovation.

5. How much funding does the scholarship provide?

Successful applicants may receive funding of up to R50,000, subject to financial need, available funding, and verified outstanding tuition fees.

6. What does the scholarship cover?

Scholarship funding may only be applied towards outstanding tuition fees.

7. Will the funding be paid directly to me?

No. All approved scholarship funding will be paid directly to universities. No funds will be transferred directly to scholarship recipients.

8. What happens if my outstanding fees are less than R50,000?

WENOSA will fund the verified outstanding amount required. Any remaining allocation will be redirected to support another eligible scholar requiring tuition assistance.

9. What happens if my outstanding fees exceed R50,000?

Applicants will be required to provide proof of additional funding or financial support to cover the remaining balance, ensuring they are able to complete their studies successfully.

10. Can I apply if I already have another bursary or scholarship?

Yes. Applicants receiving additional financial support may apply but must disclose existing funding and provide supporting documentation where applicable.

11. What documents are required?

Applicants must submit:

- Certified South African ID copy.
- Full academic transcript.
- Proof of registration.
- Curriculum Vitae.
- Latest university fee statement.
- Existing bursary/scholarship confirmation letter (if applicable).

12. How will applications be assessed?

Applications will be evaluated based on:

- Academic performance.
- Financial need.
- Leadership potential.
- Community involvement and impact.

13. Does submitting an application guarantee funding?

No. Submission of an application does not guarantee selection or scholarship funding.

14. When do applications open and close?

- Applications open: 1 August 2026
- Applications close: 31 August 2026 at 23h59

Late applications will not be accepted.

15. How do I apply?

Applications must be submitted through the official WENOSA online application platform. Applications submitted through email, WhatsApp, social media, or any other channels will not be considered.

16. When will successful applicants be notified?

Successful applicants will be notified following completion of the evaluation and verification process. Scholarship outcomes are expected to be communicated from 01 October 2026.

17. What will be expected of successful scholars?

Successful scholars will be required to maintain academic performance, successfully complete their studies, participate in selected WENOSA engagements, impact assessments, and alumni initiatives.