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Deadline: 26 January 2025

Location: South Africa

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Funza Lushaka is accepting applications for 2025 academic year Teaching bursaries.

Each year, the Funza Lushaka Bursary is awarded for students towards the following Teaching qualifications:

There are 2 types of qualifications can be funded, the qualification must include subjects which will allow the student to specialize as a teacher in at least 2 Priority Subject Areas (which are identified by provinces and the Departments of Basic Education as subjects where teachers are required in the sector for teaching purposes).

The bursary will fund Undergraduate studies, towards the following teaching qualifications:

- 4-year Bachelor Degree in Early Childhood Care and Education (B. Ed. ECCE) for ECD Grade RR – R.
- 4-year Bachelor of Education degree (B.Ed.), specialising in one of the following: Foundation Phase (Grade R – 3), Intermediate Phase (Grade 4 – 6) and Senior and Further Education and Training Teaching (Grade 7-12).

Please note:

- Postgraduate Certificate in Education (PGCE) will not be funded in 2025.
- The Funza Lushaka Bursary will NOT fund the following subjects: History, Geography, Accounting, Economics, Business Studies and Physical Education (these are in the DBE unemployment database and are regarded as being in oversupply).
- The Funza Lushaka Bursary will fund South African Indigenous Languages (excluding English and Afrikaans, as they are regarded as being in oversupply).
- The Funza Lushaka Bursary will NOT fund subjects with low uptake in schools: Religious Studies, Music, Dance, Art.
- Combinations of Language and one content are discouraged as they disadvantage schools during timetabling (the teacher can only teach one subject).

The bursary will provide cover for the following expenses: tuition fees, books and learning materials, accommodation, meals, teaching practice and if possible, and a small allowance for monthly living expenses depending on the cost of tuition.

Bursaries are awarded for 1 academic year at a time and students are required to reapply for funding each year. Renewal of the bursary is not guaranteed, but is dependent on students academic performance.

After graduation, bursary recipients must apply for teaching positions in public schools after qualifying, within 6 months after graduating. Students must teach for 1 year for each year of funding received.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Applicants must satisfy the following minimum entry criteria before applying:

- You must be a South African citizen
- You must have a valid South African ID number
- You must be 30 years old or younger, if applying for the first time (on 1 October 2024)
- You must have been accepted into an approved BEd degree programme and specialise in two or more of the priority subject areas (extended programmes are NOT covered)
- You must have been accepted to study at a public university in South Africa
- You must have a strong academic record
- You must be willing to teach at any school, as selected by the Provincial Education Department (PED)
- You must be interested in working with young people; be enthusiastic for a professional career in teaching; and be ready to face and surmount difficult challenges with integrity
- You must NOT have any other teaching qualifications
- You must NOT have a criminal record

How to apply

To apply, [visit Funza Lushaka bursaries portal](#).

Closing dates:

- 26 January 2025 (for re-applications/ existing or returning bursary recipients).
- 30 November 2024 (for new applications).