



BUFFALO CITY MUNICIPALITY

MAYORAL BURSARY FUND

BUFFALO CITY MUNICIPALITY BURSARY CRITERIA 2008

INTRODUCTION

Buffalo City Municipality is a category B municipality which is an amalgamation of the former East London TLC and King Williams Town TLC in terms of Section 12 of the Municipal Structures Act of 1998. It has a population of approximately 1 million people and a budget of R 2.1 billion. The municipality is offering financial help to students, in the form of ten (10) study bursaries for the 2008 academic year. This is the Executive Mayoral initiative which is done as part of Buffalo City Municipality's development of human capital and applications are invited from students with previously disadvantaged backgrounds. The bursary fund is intended to assist current or prospective students and shall be used towards covering tuition and registration fees, prescribed books, study material and accommodation. Successful applicants are expected to study full time at any accredited South African Tertiary institution in 2008.

The following fields of study are considered:

- Engineering fields
- Supply Chain Management / Financial fields
- Development Planning
- Information Technology
- Agricultural fields
- Environment
- Graphic Designing

The closing date for applications is 24 November 2007. Short listed candidates will be contacted in December 2007 for a personal interview.

WHO MUST APPLY?

Only residents / students of Buffalo City Municipality.

Applicants must:

- Be South African citizens, permanently residing in Buffalo City Municipality.
- Have a proof of residence when applying for the bursary.
- Provide proof of income of their family household.
- Be willing to work within Buffalo City after completing their studies.

SELECTION

Selection criteria are based strictly on academic merit and successful applicants are able to renew their bursaries annually based on their academic performance in the previous year. The student must have at least D in English C in Mathematics and Science. The bursary fund has a clear bias towards underprivileged individuals and is targeting young people from 14 – 35 years of age. Buffalo City Municipality wishes to advise that students are personally responsible for their admission to a tertiary institution.

Certified copies of the following documents must accompany applications:

- Most recent academic record
- South African Identity Document and proof of residency in Buffalo City Municipality or a letter confirming residency from the ward councilor.

Application forms are available at any Buffalo City Municipality - Umsobomvu Youth Advisory Centre within the Community Support Centers in Buffalo City Municipality, i.e. Gompo, Mdantsane and King William's Town Civic Centre.

Completed applications can be hand delivered to the Human Resources Department, Buxton House, Buxton Street or posted to the Human Resources Department P.O. Box 134 East London, 5200 for attention Mr Melphin Skosana.

Please note that no late applications will be considered and if you have not been contacted regarding your bursary application before 7 December 2007, your application has been unsuccessful.

For more information related to the bursary, please contact Ms. L. Ndzengwa at 043-705 1071/043 722 5903 or Mr S. Petzer 043 – 705 1015.

Buffalo City Municipality is committed to Youth Development Agenda. (4778)