

Investec *High School Bursary*

APPLICATION FORM 2026



Dear applicant

Thank you for submitting a request to be selected for an Investec high school bursary – administered by StudyTrust. Please complete all the details on the form.

When completing the form, please take note of the following:

- Read the instructions carefully.
- Send the completed form, together with the required documents to t.coka@studytrust.org.za by Saturday 30 September 2025.
- Study Trust on behalf of Investec may request the original documents where necessary.
- Applications that are not completed correctly and in full will not be considered. Please attach all requested documents.

Selection criteria

- Applications are open to South African citizens only.
- Applications are open to learners who will be in grades 10, 11 or 12 in 2026.
- Selection is based on financial need and academic potential.
- Applicants’ subjects should include Pure Maths and Accounting or Pure Maths and Science from grade 10 to 12.
- Applicants must be enrolled at a school that meets our criteria and must have been enrolled for at least 1 year.

Instructions for submission of application forms administrators

- Applications will only be considered if completed in full and signed by the applicant’s guardian or parent and all the supporting documents have been included.
- Documents that accompany the application form must be certified (see checklist below)

Please tick “3” next to yes if you have included certified copies of the required documents. (Your application will not be considered without the relevant documents).

South African ID/birth certificate

2024 June and final results

June results from 2025 (grade 9, 10 or 11)

Certificates of achievements at school

Pay slips for your parent(s)/guardian if employed or letter from employer and sworn statement or tax return statement stating income

Latest financial statements if your parent(s)/guardian is self employed

Sworn affidavits if your parent(s)/guardian is/are unemployed

Death certificates if your parent(s) is/are deceased

Divorce certificate if your parents are divorced

Sworn statement from one parent if your parents are separated

A copy of your CV

If parents are divorced or separated, a sworn statement that one parent is financially responsible for the learner

- Changing schools to attend another school that does not meet our requirements may lead to the cancellation of the bursary.

Communication

StudyTrust on behalf of Investec will communicate with your partner organisation or with you by email. All applications will be considered and selection will take place from December 2025 to March 2026. Please note that only a select few candidates will be shortlisted for this prestigious bursary. Meeting the minimum selection criteria does not imply that an applicant will automatically be successful. The final selection is at Investec’s discretion.

Personal details

Identity number

Are you a South African citizen?

Yes

No

First name and surname

First name

Surname

Date of birth

Day

Month

Year

Sex*

Male

Female

Other

Choose not to disclose

Population group*

African

Coloured

Indian

White

Do you have a disability?*

Yes

No

If yes, please specify the nature of your disability

* Gender, population group and disability information are required for statistical purposes only

Contact details for parent/guardian

Cell number

Alternative cell number

Name of person whose number it is

Home number

Email address

Postal address

Postal code

Physical address

Is your home in a rural or urban area?

Rural

Urban

Do you live in a formal or informal structure?

Formal

Informal

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Study details

Which school do you attend?	
Which province?	
How long have you been there?	
When did you start at that school?	
Who is currently funding you or paying your school fees?	
How much are your fees annually?	
Are you a day scholar or boarder?	
If you are a boarder, how much are your boarding fees annually?	

Subject	2024 June results	2024 Final results	2025 June results
1. English [HL] [FAL]			
2. Pure Mathematics			
3. Physical Science			
4. Life Orientation			
5. Other Language [HL] [FAL]			
6. Accounting			
7.			
8.			
9.			
10.			
11.			
12.			

HL - Home Language
FAL - First Additional Language

For subject choice selection, please consult www.CareerXplora.com for career guidance.

Please note: If you are shortlisted to the next round, you will be expected to submit your final results by Monday 01 December 2025.

Please submit these results to t.coka@studytrust.org.za.

Details of parents/legal guardian and family (living in one home)

The aim for this section is to establish financial need. It is therefore essential that you provide the correct income information and the required supporting documentation. Applications without precise and reliable information will be regarded as incomplete and will not be considered.

Father/Stepfather/Guardian	Title	First name		Surname	
Marital status	<input type="checkbox"/> Married	<input type="checkbox"/> Never married	<input type="checkbox"/> Divorced/Separated	<input type="checkbox"/> Deceased/Widowed	
Employed	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No			
Pensioner	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No			
Total income (salary, wages, pension) per month	R				
	(Please provide proof of income or lack thereof by attaching relevant documentation)				
Mother/Stepmother/Guardian	Title	First name		Surname	
Marital status	<input type="checkbox"/> Married	<input type="checkbox"/> Never married	<input type="checkbox"/> Divorced/Separated	<input type="checkbox"/> Deceased/Widowed	
Employed	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No			
Pensioner	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No			
Total income (salary, wages, pension) per month	R				
	(Please provide proof of income or lack thereof by attaching relevant documentation)				
Guardian (not mentioned above)	Title	First name		Surname	
Marital status	<input type="checkbox"/> Married	<input type="checkbox"/> Never married	<input type="checkbox"/> Divorced/Separated	<input type="checkbox"/> Deceased/Widowed	
Employed	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No			
Pensioner	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No			
Total income (salary, wages, pension) per month	R				
	(Please provide proof of income or lack thereof by attaching relevant documentation)				
Other members of your family who are living at your home and not mentioned above	Name (use additional page if needed)	Relationship (e.g. brother, grandparent)	Category (child, student, adult)	Income (rand value per month)	Type of income (wages, grant, pension)

Please provide proof of income or lack thereof by attaching relevant information.

Testimonial by education official

I, the undersigned, testify as follows concerning the bursary applicant

Academic potential of applicant

Personality and leadership qualities

I recommend this applicant for a bursary because

This testimonial was given by me, the undersigned

First name

Surname

Institution

Position

Cell number

Email address

Telephone number

Signature

Date

Official stamp (if applicable)

Testimonial by a community leader *

* Community leader is anyone who holds a significant position in the community, example religious leader, sports coach, team captain or music teacher.

I, the undersigned, testify as follows concerning the scholarship applicant whom I have known for

Number of year(s)

Describe the applicant's home circumstances

Describe in detail the applicant's involvement and participation in the activities of your organisation/ community

I recommend this applicant for a scholarship because

This testimonial was given by me, the undersigned

First name	Surname	Organisation/Community
Position	Cell number	
Email address	Telephone number	
Signature	Date	
Official stamp (if applicable)		

Essay on your life (please add lines in the grey essay writing spaces)

You are welcome to write or type your essay:

1. Tell us about your family, including your parents' current circumstances.
2. Tell us about yourself
 - 2.1. How would your friends describe you?
 - 2.2. What is your greatest passion?
 - 2.3. What are your achievements at school?
 - 2.4. The most disappointing experience in your life?
3. Give a short overview of your school? i.e highlight what you like most and least about your school
4. Mention the committees/organisations you belong(ed) to and any community service projects you have been involved with
 - 4.1. How did you come to attend your current school?
5. Which books have you enjoyed reading and why?
6. Tell us about one event or person that has influenced you deeply.
7. Describe the South Africa you want to see in the next 10 years.
8. What leadership position(s) have you served in and what impact has that had on you or your school?

(Use additional pages if necessary)

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Documents

Please tick "✓" next to yes if you have included certified copies of the required documents. (Your application will not be considered without the relevant documents).

South African ID/birth certificate	<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes
2024 June and final results	<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes
June results from 2025 (grade 9, 10 or 11)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes
Certificates of achievements at school	<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes
Pay slips for your parent(s)/guardian if employed or letter from employer and sworn statement or tax return statement stating income	<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes
Latest financial statements if your parent(s)/guardian is self employed	<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes
Sworn affidavits if your parent(s)/guardian is/are unemployed	<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes
Death certificates if your parent(s) is/are deceased	<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes
Divorce certificate if your parents are divorced	<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes
Sworn statement from one parent if your parents are separated	<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes
If parents are divorced or separated, a sworn statement that one parent is financially responsible for the learner	<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes

I hereby declare that all the information given in this form and the included documents are true and accurate.

Applicant	Signature	Date
	<div></div>	<div></div>
	Cell number	Email address (for correspondence of outcome)
	<div></div>	<div></div>
Parent/Guardian's	Signature	Date
	<div></div>	<div></div>

Please scan the form thoroughly for mistakes and make sure everything is completed and that all required documents are included.

Policy on the Protection of Personal Information (POPI)

By signing this document, bursary applicants give consent that StudyTrust may use the information provided for the purposes stated here. POPI defines consent to be "any voluntary, specific and informed expression of will in terms of which permission is given for the processing of personal information." If you are a minor, i.e. below the age of eighteen, your parent or guardian must give consent by signing this document, for StudyTrust and its sponsors as well as our online applications platform Xhuma, to process your application for a bursary.

The POPI Act requires that a person must have a choice whether to consent or not (it must be voluntary). Should you choose not to give your consent by not signing the StudyTrust policy regarding the use of personal information, this will affect your application as we will not be able to process it.

The POPI Act also requires that the personal information collected, stored and shared must relate to a specific purpose as outlined below.

In bursary applications StudyTrust uses the information to process applications according to the criteria set out by the sponsors affiliated to StudyTrust. Since the sponsors have a vested interest in the provision of funds for bursaries, we will share your information with them for purposes of shortlisting. We will not use, sell, or provide your personal information to or for any other purpose or to unauthorised third parties.

Personal information to be collected

For bursary application and selection purposes, we will collect your

- ID number (and birthday)
- contact details (mobile number and email address)
- residential address (home and campus)
- student number where applicable
- study programme
- study institution
- year level
- fees statements where applicable
- official test and examination results and/or academic progress reports where applicable
- official school reports where applicable
- information on your combined family income
- testimonials from an educator and community or cultural leader
- essay on your life

Conditional Third-party sharing

Your bursary may be sponsored by a specific company/donor with specific conditions. Only the above-mentioned information will be shared with any potential or actual bursary sponsors.

Data storage and management

Your information will be stored on servers POPI Act compliant, and all the requisite measures are taken to ensure that your personal information is secure.

Concerns

If you have any concerns regarding our collecting, storing and/or sharing the personal information we need, please inform the StudyTrust National Director, who is also our Information Officer, by sending an email to m.hofmeyr@studytrust.org.za.

Consent

I give consent to StudyTrust to process my application for a bursary

Yes	No
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Applicant

Signature	Date
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

Parent/Guardian signature (if applicant is underaged)

Signature	Date
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>



We know that many, while applying for bursaries are still considering their career options, this may be of assistance.

CareerXplora platform empowers learners by helping them discover career options best suited for them. This career helpline enables real-time chats between learners and CareerXplora facilitators from Monday to Friday 13h00 - 19h00 and Saturdays 09h00 - 12h00.

Visit www.careerexplora.com or chat live with our facilitators via WhatsApp on 057 814 5978