



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS 2023/2024

- **WHAT IS UMAMA WOTHANDO TRUST?**

Umama Wothando Trust is a Public Benefit Organisation approved in terms section 18A of the Income Tax Act, 58 of 1962. **Trust Registration: IT1260; PBO NO: 930031818**

Umama Wothando means “Mother of Love” and our Trust is named in recognition of the humanitarian work our Founder, Mrs Hardebeck did, in and with her community in JHB, South Africa.

- **WHO CAN APPLY TO UWT FOR A BURSARY?**

You can apply if you are a South African citizen and a previously disadvantaged individual. You should be studying towards an under-graduate or post-graduate degree in an accredited South African University. Our focus is to assist those beneficiaries who would otherwise not be able to fund their own studies. Proof of this need will be mandatory and certified disclosure to that effect is vital for our verification purposes.

- Please note that you are not allowed to change your degree, this means that if the trust has funded you on a certain degree and you have completed it you will not be allowed to apply for a new degree.

It is your responsibility to disclose if you are directly linked to any of the Trustees.

- **IS THERE AN AGE RESTRICTION TO APPLYING FOR THIS BURSARY?**

Yes, there is. For students who are studying towards an undergraduate degree the maximum age limit is 25 years of age and for Postgraduate students the maximum age limit is 36 years of age. We will prioritise those who are pursuing their first undergraduate degree. And part of the evaluation would be impact of the degree on earning and/or ability to apply their studies to employability.

- **CAN I APPLY IF I HAVE ANOTHER SCHOLARSHIP?**

We will not fund you if you are already the recipient of another scholarship or bursary. Should you be awarded a UWT bursary then you will be required to cancel any other funding which you may be offered.

- **HOW MANY BURSARIES ARE OFFERED EACH YEAR?**

Since UWT is self-funded; the number of bursaries awarded is linked to available funding and the quality of the applications received each year. We look for candidates who espouse the values which our founder embodied; and as such, if NO candidates meet our requirements of 60% pass rate, we reserve the right not to disburse any bursaries for an academic year.

- **WHAT DO I HAVE TO DO IF I GET A UWT BURSARY?**

Your obligations are to:

- Study hard and achieve good marks
- Send in regular updates and results for our records
- Request help and assistance so that we can partner with you
- Attend coaching if a coach is allocated to you for the year

- **DO I HAVE TO PAY BACK ANYTHING?**

A UWT grant is approved annually; with no guarantee of further funding; and dependent on academic achievement; and a clean disciplinary record. UWT requires a level of accountability; and achievement, linked to the investment in recipients. Whilst a recipient may not have to pay back any money should his/her studies be unsuccessful; this will certainly prevent any further applications to UWT for funding. A complete change in course will also not require any paying back of funds but will render a recipient ineligible for any further assistance from UWT.

- **WILL I BE GIVEN A JOB AFTER MY STUDIES ARE COMPLETED?**

UWT funding does not have any reciprocal obligations with respect to jobs and/or career opportunities.

- **WHAT KINDS OF STUDY EXPENSES ARE COVERED BY UWT?**

Tuition; learning material and textbooks are covered. Accommodation and stipends are determined on a needs basis and are not guaranteed to any applicant. Recipients also receive coaching and psycho-social support to ensure a return on UWT investment.

- **AM I GUARANTEED FUNDING FOR MY WHOLE COURSE?**

Whilst UWT would like to fund the duration of a recipient's course; it is dependent on the recipient's continued achievement at academic levels which are in line with our mandate. Hence the funding is determined year on year; with the provision of academic results and disclosure of any changes in financial status, which could have an impact on the package granted per year.

- **WILL YOU PAY ME DIRECTLY?**

For governance purposes, payment of tuition and costs associated with institutional costs are paid directly to the institution. Should you be granted a stipend this will be paid directly to the recipient on a month-by-month basis; linked to continued academic achievement. UWT reserves the right to change; adjust or stop these payments, should there be any questions raised about academic achievement or disciplinary or reputational issues.

- **WHO DO I CONTACT IF I HAVE ANY QUESTIONS?**

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