The Disaster Management Institute of Southern Africa

The President’s Bursary Programme

Instituted on 26/03/2010
1 Executive Summary

The President’s Bursary Programme serves to promote the constitutional objectives of the Disaster Management Institute of Southern Africa (DMISA) by contributing towards the professional advancement of its members. The programme provides assistance to financially disadvantaged individuals who have the necessary academic potential to access education opportunities in the field of disaster management.

The programme is open to members of the Institute in southern Africa who are in good standing and have already been accepted into either a part time or full time undergraduate or post graduate programme at an accredited institution for higher learning in South Africa.

Applications will be considered on the basis of academic merit alone but in the case of undergraduate study, assessment will be biased towards worthy students in the second year of study where a proven academic history in the field of study is available. In the case of post graduate study, assessment will be biased towards research topics drawn from the national research agenda as envisaged by the Disaster Management Act, 2002 and the National Disaster Management Framework, 2005.

Bursaries offered in terms of this programme are administered within the Bursary Programme Policy of DMISA, are applicable to a maximum of 50% of the annual tuition/study fees only and are renewable annually. Eligibility to continue to receive financial support will be subject to the availability of funds and the individual student’s academic performance measured against predetermined performance criteria.

2 Applications

2.1 Application forms can be accessed:
   - from the DMISA website at www.disaster.co.za
   - via email from karin@disaster.co.za
   - telephonically on +27 (0)11 822 1634 between 0800-1300 Mondays to Fridays

2.2 Closing date for applications

Original application forms together with certified copies of the required documentation (as per item 4 below) must be submitted by 12:00 on 15th September annually.

2.3 Submission of applications

Applications should preferably be posted to the following address:

The Administrator
DMISA National Office
P O Box 7130
PRIMROSE HILL
1417
SOUTH AFRICA

Or hand delivered by prior arrangement (between the hours 0800-1300 Monday to Friday) to:

The DMISA National Office
Suite 5A
123 Rietfontein Road
Primrose
1401
GERMISTON
GAUTENG
SOUTH AFRICA

2.4 Certified documentation to accompany application

The following certified documentation must accompany the application:

- Copy of identity document
- Acceptance letter into disaster management study programme at a South African institution for higher learning. The letter must be on a letterhead and must include the student number and details of the applicable course/degree for which the applicant is registered
- Detailed academic record/transcript/s for first year of study
- Copy of any relevant previous certificate/diploma or degree obtained

3 Conditions

- Members applying for a bursary to study for a course/degree equivalent to one already obtained are not eligible
- Members who have previously registered for the same course/degree with another institution are not eligible
- Any information supplied in the application which is found to be incorrect or incomplete will disqualify the applicant.
BEFORE COMPLETING THE APPLICATION FORM PLEASE TAKE NOTE OF THE FOLLOWING IMPORTANT CRITERIA

1. The form must be completed in block letters.

2. The form must be completed in full.

3. The declaration in section 9 must be fully completed.

4. No faxed documents will be accepted. Only original application forms and certified supporting documents will be accepted.

5. Applications received after 12:00 on 15 September in the year prior to the year in which the studies are to be undertaken will not be considered.

6. Applications submitted without the following certified supporting documentation will not be considered:

   6.1 Copy of identity document.

   6.2 Acceptance letter into disaster management study programme at South African institution for higher learning. The letter must be on a letterhead and must include student number and details of applicable course/degree for which the applicant is registered.

   6.3 Detailed academic record/transcript/s for first year of study.

   6.4 Copy of any relevant previous certificate/diploma or degree obtained.
### 7 PERSONAL INFORMATION OF APPLICANT:

NB: MUST BE COMPLETED USING BLOCK LETTERS

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8 In the space below provide a brief personal motivation as to why DMISA should assist you financially with this study opportunity.


9 Signed declaration by applicant

I ………………………………………. (Full names) hereby declare that all the information provided in this application form and in all of the certified supporting documentation as listed under points 6.1 to 6.4 above is complete and correct and I hereby acknowledge that if any information so described above is found to be incomplete or incorrect that my application will be disqualified.

9.1 Signature of applicant:

9.2 ………………………………………

9.3 Date: ……………………………

10 Signed before Commissioner of Oaths:

10.1 ………………………………………

10.2 Date: ……………………………