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THE MASTERCARD FOUNDATION SCHOLARS PROGRAM

POSTGRADUATE APPLICATION FORM

The Mastercard Foundation Scholars Program at the University of Pretoria (UP) for full-time postgraduate study is open to African students who are first-year master's students with a grade point average (GPA) of at least 70%. The Program targets African youth who face significant socio-economic barriers, refugees or Internally Displaced People (IDPs), and persons with disabilities who will return to their home countries and transform their communities. **Applicants should not already be in possession of a Masters degree qualification.**

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. To qualify for the Mastercard Foundation Scholars Program at the University of Pretoria, applicants **MUST be enrolled as FIRST-YEAR STUDENTS IN A MASTER'S PROGRAMME** in one of the following faculties: Faculty of Natural and Agricultural Sciences, Faculty of Economic and Management Sciences, Faculty of Humanities, Faculty of Engineering, Built Environment and IT, Faculty of Law and Faculty of Education.
2. Only students in full-time programmes are eligible for this Program. You will need your student number to complete this application form.
3. **Documents listed below (in English only) are required to process your application:**
 - i) Proof of registration for 2024 from the University of Pretoria.
 - ii) Proof of gross income (pay slip(s)/pension advice(s)/financial statements/allowances, maintenance) not older than 3 months for biological/adoptive parent(s)/legal guardian/spouse/applicant's source of income.
 - iii) If no proof of income or if unemployed, the source of income/maintenance/allowance must be provided per individual by means of an affidavit. House Executive/housewives must confirm any source of income by means of an affidavit.
 - iv) If a biological/adoptive parent is single or never married, an affidavit confirming marital status and maintenance – also if not receiving any financial assistance.
 - v) If biological/adoptive parent(s) are deceased – death certificate(s).
 - vi) If biological/adoptive parent(s) are divorced, the decree of divorce and affidavit confirming maintenance (also if not receiving any financial assistance).
 - vii) If a legal guardian is appointed by a court, the court order or an affidavit must be provided supporting this. The guardian must declare a monthly allowance to the applicant by means of an affidavit.
 - viii) Certified copy of ID/Passport.
 - ix) ID/passport for biological/adoptive parent(s)/legal guardian/spouse.
 - x) IDs/passport and birth certificates for both applicant and siblings.
 - xi) Proof of enrolment of all siblings at tertiary institution(s).
 - xii) A copy of refugee identity document (where applicable)
 - xiii) Any proof of disability (registration document or certified copy of a doctor's report)
4. Only students admitted to the University of Pretoria will be considered for this Program.



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5. Once you have downloaded and completed the application form, you must e-mail it as an attachment (document or scanned copy) for Postgraduate studies to mcfsp@up.ac.za tel. +27 12-420-4297. If submitting a hand- written scholarship application, ensure the document is clearly legible.
6. The Program applies to students who cannot afford to pay full fees. Do not submit an application if you or your parents can pay the full fees.
7. Students awarded the Mastercard Foundation Scholars Program are not permitted to hold other bursaries (excluding UP achievement awards) or be fully employed simultaneously.
8. All the information provided must be accurate and true. Any falsification of information on this application may result in your being excluded from the program as soon as it is discovered



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Date of Application:

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Please Indicate your University of Pretoria Student Number:

Programme Choice:

Please note:

Once successful at UP you will have to enter into a bursary agreement with the Program.

Please mark options with an X.

Please mark answers in appropriate box	Yes	No
Have you applied for and been successful with any other bursary or loan?		
Explain: _____ .		

For which post-graduate programme have you been admitted?

Please fill in your choice of study programme.

Faculty	Study Programme Choice
Economic and Management Sciences https://www.up.ac.za/faculty-of-economic-and-management-sciences/article/30191/postgraduate	
Natural and Agricultural Sciences https://www.up.ac.za/faculty-of-natural-agricultural-sciences/programmes/year/2022/type/pg	
Engineering, Built Environment and Information Technology https://www.up.ac.za/ebit-postgraduate	



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Humanities https://www.up.ac.za/yearbooks/2021/HUM-faculty/MA-programmes	
Law https://www.up.ac.za/faculty-of-law/programmes/year/2024/type/pq/faculty/F6	
Education https://www.up.ac.za/media/shared/6/ZP_Files/faculty-of-education-postgraduate-programmes.zp160545.pdf	



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Personal Information

Surname/Family Name _____

Full given names (as in passport / ID) _____

Name you prefer to be called _____

Date of Birth

	Your age	

Country of Birth _____

Citizenship _____

Gender

F		M	
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Residential and Contact Information

Address where you reside – Home address (where you reside when not at school)	
	Zip code / Postal code

Email address _____

Contact telephone number(s) where we may reach you.

Landline		Cell phone		Own
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Landline		Cell phone		Other
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*If "other" please state **relationship***

How often are you typically able to access the Internet?	
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Address where you will or do reside in South Africa (e.g., University of Pretoria)	



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	Zip code / Postal code	

General Information		
Question	Yes	No
Has any court ever made an order declaring you mentally unfit?		
Have you ever been subjected to an administration order in terms of section 74 (1) of the Magistrates Courts Act. i.e. have you ever had a court order against you for being unable to pay your debts?		
Are you a refugee?		
Are you an Internally Displaced Person?		
Are you a person with a disability?		

*** If you answered yes to any of these questions, kindly add supporting documents.**



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Please provide details of your family's yearly income from all sources

Total income per family	
from mother's work	
from father's work	
from all family business	
from real estate rentals	
pension/retirement funds	
from other relatives	
Social grants of any sort	
Total Monthly Net Income	
Total Annual Income	

Attach copies of the following information: pay slips for the last 3 months, proof of income, bank account statements for each account, tax returns, loan documents and any other information as evidence of your family's ability to contribute to your education.

Monthly Expenditure	
Groceries	
Electricity	
Rent	
School Fees	
Loans	
Transport Fees	
Other Expenses	
Total Monthly Expenditures	



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Complete the table below for all members of your family living in your home, including yourself:

Full Name	Age	Relation to you	School/University	Year in School	Annual Tuition	Amount Your Family can Pay
		Self				

Amount of your current school fees (inclusive of all top-up fees and levies and boarding fees). _____

Who currently pays for your fees? _____

Are you on any bursary/scholarship (please mark with an X): YES _____ NO _____

If so, how much does the bursary cover? _____

Do you have a passport? YES _____ NO _____

If yes, what was the purpose of your previous travel? _____

Have you ever travelled outside your home country? YES _____ NO _____

If so, please indicate **when** this was, **where** you travelled as well as the **length and purpose of the trip**.

Travel Information			
Destination	When	Duration	Purpose



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Information on family assets		
Question	Yes	No
Does your family own its own home?		
Does your family own a car?		
If yes list the year, make (e.g Honda/Toyota) and model (e.g.Civic/Prado)		
Year	Vehicle Make	Vehicle Model

What else should we know about your background, your family, and your financial position

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ACADEMIC BACKGROUND AND ACTIVITIES

List all universities attended, location (including city/country) and which degrees completed.

Institutions	City/Country	Degree Completed	Who paid school fees

SPORTS ACTIVITIES

List all clubs, sports and other activities you have participated in your community and/or religious organisation. List approximately how many hours per week you have been involved in each. Attach an extra sheet if required.

Year	Sport/ activity	Level (School/Provincial/National)	Hours involved per week

Please select one of the above activities that was most meaningful to you and explain why in the space below.



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Have you participated in any special programmes that may assist you in preparing to apply for your studies? If so, please list which programme and its location.

Programme	Location

List any leadership positions you have held at school and note in which form/year/grade you held that position (e.g., prefect, head girl/boy, president/secretary of a club, team captain, etc.).

Leadership Position	Description	Grade/Form/Year

List any academic prizes or other awards/honours you have received.



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APPLICANT EMPLOYMENT

If you have been employed list all forms of employment since degree completion.

Time Period	Occupation (please be specific, even if self-employed)	Employer/Workplace	Reason for Leaving

Have you ever stopped attending university because of finances: YES _____ NO _____

If yes, please explain:



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SHORT ESSAY QUESTIONS

*These questions help us to get to know you as a person. Please take time to answer them carefully, honestly, and completely (**not more than 300 words each**).*

1. What career are you planning to pursue at this point in time and why? Explain how your choice of study will impact on the career that you plan to pursue.

2. **Engagement is an important aspect of The Mastercard Foundation Scholars Program.**

What is your responsibility to your community? What volunteer work in your community have you been involved in, in the past and for how long?



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Why should you, specifically, be considered for the Program?



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I certify that all of the answers I have given in this application are complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge and, if admitted, I agree to observe all the rules and regulations of the University of Pretoria. Failure to do so can result in disciplinary action. I agree that all documents submitted as part of this application must be authentic and that any falsification of admission and/or academic records through omission or misstatement by me in this application may result in cancellation of my admission and/or other disciplinary action by the University of Pretoria.

Furthermore, I understand that this information and my university records may be reported to The Mastercard Foundation Scholars Program and used for evaluation and other program purposes. All information will be kept in strict confidence and will not be released in any way that would permit individual identification. I authorise release and use of this information, as described above, to The Mastercard Foundation Scholars Program.

I acknowledge that completing this application form does not automatically mean that I will be awarded the scholarship nor be accepted by the University of Pretoria for the academic studies. Only candidates selected by the Committee for this scholarship will be notified. The decision of the Committee is final. The University of Pretoria shall not be liable for any claims against Mastercard Foundation in case of any disqualifications of applicants or unavailability of scholarships.

Applicant Signature: _____ Date: _____

Full Name of Applicant: _____