



# Scholars Program



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## THE MASTERCARD FOUNDATION SCHOLARS PROGRAM POSTGRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

The Mastercard Foundation Scholars Program (MCFSP) at the University of Pretoria (UP) for full-time postgraduate study is open to students who have already completed a bachelor's degree and are residents or citizens of an African country. This Program targets academically qualified, yet economically disadvantaged, young people in Africa who will go back to contribute to the transformation of their countries. Applicants should not already be in possession of a Masters Degree/ Qualification.

### INSTRUCTIONS:

1. In order to apply for The Mastercard Foundation Scholars Program at the University of Pretoria, you **MUST first have applied and have been accepted** for one of the desired programmes namely; Honours and Masters in **Commerce** (Accounting Sciences, Financial Sciences and Economics) and Honours and Masters in **Natural and Agricultural Sciences**, Honours and Masters in **Humanities** (Political Studies or International Studies only). Continuing students are eligible to apply for Honours and Masters in **Engineering**. Only students in full- time programmes are eligible for this scholarship. You will need your student number to complete this application form. Students registering for an Honours programme must plan to continue into a related Master's degree.
2. **Documents listed below (in English only) are required to process your application:**
  - i) **Proof of your provisional admission or application for admission letter 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 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 legal guardian is appointed by a court, the court order must be provided or an affidavit supporting this. Guardian must declare monthly allowance to applicant by means of an affidavit.
  - viii) Certified copy of ID/Passport.
  - ix) IDs/passport for biological/adoptive parent(s)/legal guardian/spouse.
  - x) IDs/passport and birth certificate for both applicant and siblings.
  - xi) Proof of enrolment of all siblings at tertiary institution(s).
3. Only students admitted to the University of Pretoria will be considered for this scholarship.
4. Once you have been accepted or received confirmation that you have been provisionally accepted, complete this scholarship application and e-mail it as an attachment (document or scanned copy) for Postgraduate studies to [mcfsp@up.ac.za](mailto:mcfsp@up.ac.za) tel. +27 12-420-6621. If submitting a hand- written scholarship application, ensure the document and scanned copy is clearly legible.
5. Scholarships are limited and apply to students who cannot afford to pay full fees. Do not apply for a scholarship if you or your parents can pay the full fees.
6. Students may not hold other **bursaries** if awarded the Mastercard Foundation Scholarship (with the exclusion of UP achievement awards).
7. 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:**  
**Please Indicate your University of Pretoria Student Number:**  
**Programme Choice:**  
**Please note:**

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Once successful at UP you will have to enter into a bursary agreement with UP-MCFSP.

*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 mark your choice of study programme with an X.*

Faculty	Study Programme Choice	Honours	Masters
<b>Economic and Management Sciences</b>	Accounting Sciences		
	Financial Sciences		
	Economics		
	Informatics		
	Agribusiness Management		
<b>Natural and Agricultural Sciences</b>	Food Science and Technology		
	Agricultural Economics / Business Management		
	Animal Science		
	Plant Pathology		
	Applied Plant and Soil Sciences		
<b>Engineering, Built Environment and Information Technology</b>	Industrial Engineering		
	Chemical Engineering		
	Civil Engineering		
	Computer Engineering		
	Electrical Engineering		
	Electronic Engineering		
	Mechanical Engineering		
<b>Humanities</b>	PoSci (Political Studies)		
	PoSci (International Studies)		



## Personal Information

Surname/Family Name \_\_\_\_\_

Full given names (as in passport / ID) \_\_\_\_\_

Name you prefer to be called \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth		Your age	
	YYYY/MM/DD		

Country of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Gender	Male		Female	

## 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
Landline		Cell phone		Other

*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)			
	Zip code / Postal code		



Parents/Guardian/Foster parents - Contact details				
Relationship	Title, Initials and Surname	Contact Numbers	Occupation	Highest Level of Education
Father				
Stepfather				
Grandfather				
Mother				
Stepmother				
Grandmother				
Guardian				
Foster parent				

Parents/Guardian/Foster parents - Education and Employment			
Relationship	Occupation <small>(Please be specific even if self-employed)</small>	Employer or Workplace	Highest level of Education
Father			
Stepfather			
Grandfather			
Mother			
Stepmother			
Grandmother			
Guardian			
Foster parent			

Please list the names of your siblings below

Siblings information				
Full Name	Gender	Relationship	Age	Contact Number



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

<b>Total income per family</b>	
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	
<b>Total Monthly Net Income</b>	
<b>Total Annual Income</b>	

*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.*

<b>Monthly Expenditure</b>	
Groceries	
Electricity	
Rent	
School Fees	
Loans	
Transport Fees	
Other Expenses	
<b>Total Monthly Expenditures</b>	



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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? \_\_\_\_\_

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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



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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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?		
Refugee Status		
Asylum Seeker		

### 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 at your high school and 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	Type of sport or 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



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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



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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.

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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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How do you see yourself giving back in the future?

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Describe a situation where you had to overcome a significant obstacle/challenge(s) to reach a goal. How did you react to this challenge, and what did you learn from this situation?

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Why should you, specifically, be considered for this Scholarship?

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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: \_\_\_\_\_