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SAIPA Launches Fully Funded Scholarship Opportunities for Aspiring Accountants

In a bold step towards shaping the future of the accountancy profession, the South African Institute of Professional Accountants (SAIPA) has opened applications for its fully funded Scholarship Programme, available nationwide from 10 December 2025 until 15 January 2026, for matriculants and university students who are unable to begin or continue their accountancy studies due to financial constraints. This transformative programme aims to ensure that brightest, most driven, and high-achieving students are not excluded from higher education because of financial hardship.

Access to higher education remains a significant challenge for many highly academically strong students from low-income households. When students are forced to abandon their studies, South Africa loses future accountancy professionals who could contribute to ethical financial management and economic growth.

The SAIPA Scholarship Programme addresses this challenge by providing comprehensive financial support to students studying towards a BCom Accounting degree at selected public universities. The scholarship covers tuition fees, prescribed textbooks, a monthly allowance, and accommodation where required.

One of the scholarships will be awarded in honour of the late Professor Rashied Small, recognising his lasting contribution to the accountancy profession and his commitment to expanding access to education.

Eligibility Criteria

Applicants must:

- Be South African citizens.
- Must have completed matric within the past two years or be registered university students who can no longer continue their studies due to financial constraints.

- Be studying or intending to study full-time towards a BCom Accounting degree at a South African public university.
- Must have achieved a minimum academic average of 70% in Mathematics and English in matric.
- Demonstrate financial need, with household income not exceeding R350,000 per year, or R600,000 for students with disabilities.

Applicants will complete a scholarship assessment which will be aligned with the National Benchmark Test (NBT) and participate in interviews to assess academic potential and commitment.

Participating Universities

The scholarship applies to students accepted at recognised South African public universities, including the University of Johannesburg, University of Pretoria, University of Cape Town, Stellenbosch University, University of KwaZulu-Natal, and others.

Application Timeline and Process

Applications open on 10 December 2025 and close on 15 January 2026.

Interviews will take place on 20–21 January 2026, with successful applicants notified by 30th January 2026.

Applications must be submitted online at: <http://bit.ly/4ppclMM>

For scholarship enquiries or further information, email: scholarship@saipa.co.za

The South African Institute of Professional Accountants (SAIPA) is a recognised professional accountancy body of choice with more than 40 years of history. SAIPA is committed to developing ethical, competent accounting professionals who contribute meaningfully to South Africa's economy.

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