



ASSA Scholarship info for 2012

The Astronomical Society of South Africa Scholarship for 2012 is announced.

The purpose of the ASSA Scholarship is to encourage the study of astronomy. The Scholarship is available in support of 2nd and 3rd year undergraduate studies (and, in exceptional cases, Honours) in astronomy subjects only, at any Southern African university, including those which offer astronomy courses to part-time students in distance-learning mode.

Criteria are a demonstrated interest in astronomy and a good academic record. Preference will be given to members of ASSA as well as to previous holders of the Scholarship who have made good progress in their studies. Preference will also be given to applicants who are not in receipt of other scholarships or similar funding. The scholarship will cover academic fees for astronomy subjects only, as well as a contribution towards the cost of prescribed books for these subjects, and is valid for one year. Payment of academic fees will be made directly to the university concerned. The scholarship shall be awarded based on an evaluation of the applications and the recommendations of the relevant university department. Applicants may be required to be interviewed at an ASSA Centre convenient to them.

Applications must be received by the below by 22 January 2012. Late applications may be considered. There is no standard application form, and the following items must be submitted:

- A covering letter by the applicant, including CV.
- A statement of the applicant's intended course of study (full details of subjects and modules, and their costs) for 2012, and if possible and relevant, for the remaining years of undergraduate study.
- A statement that the applicant either has no other bursary or scholarship, or where the applicant has a scholarship or bursary, the amount, source and conditions.
- A copy of the applicant's final official results, from the previous year of study (this will be 2011, unless there are unusual circumstances).
- A recent letter of support from the applicant's lecturer or teacher.
- Full contact details, including e-mail, postal address, cellphone and landline numbers.

Applications and queries may be addressed by e-mail (preferred) to [scholarships@assa.saa.ac.za] or in writing to: Astronomical Society of Southern Africa, Scholarships, PO Box 9, Observatory, 7935.