



## ASSA Scholarship information for 2017

The Astronomical Society of South Africa Scholarship for 2017 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 submitted to the below no later than 1 February 2017. There is no standard application form, and **only** the following items **must** be submitted (incomplete applications will not be considered). The filename of each document sent by e-mail as an attachment **must start** with the applicant's surname.

- A covering letter by the applicant, including CV, and a statement of interest in Astronomy, giving reasons.
- A statement of the applicant's intended course of study (full details of subjects and modules, and their costs) for 2017, 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 2016, unless there are unusual circumstances).
- A recent (2016) letter of support from a lecturer.
- Additional recent letter(s) of support, if relevant.
- Full contact details, including e-mail, residential and postal addresses, cellphone and landline numbers.

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

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