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BACKGROUND

Prof Hayman Russel Botman, rector and vice-chancellor of Stellenbosch University from 2007 to 2014, established the Russel Botman Bursary Fund (RBBF) in celebration of his sixtieth birthday on 18 October 2013. Guests at the celebratory reception, as well as guests and speakers at the symposium on *Thought leadership in theology and the public life of Prof H Russel Botman*, organised by the Faculty of Theology, Stellenbosch University, contributed to the foundation of the RBBF.

AIM

The aim of the RBBF is to provide financial support in the form of bursaries for study fees to needy undergraduate and postgraduate students who comply with the academic requirements of Stellenbosch University.

DETAILS

1. BASIC CONDITIONS

The names of financially needy students who also are academically deserving will be submitted to the Bursary Committee of the RBBF each year for consideration and approval. The candidates must follow a full academic load and meet the minimum academic requirements for their relevant academic programme. Furthermore, evidence of proven community involvement and leadership, South African citizenship and exceptional perseverance and success achieved should also be submitted. Bursaries may be awarded to the same bursary holder in subsequent years, provided that the bursary holder meets the minimum requirements for admission to the University.

2. APPLICATION PROCESS

Potential candidate will apply to the RBBF committee. All applications must be accompanied by a motivation with regard to the candidate's neediness (financial circumstances) and academic deservingness. The financial neediness of a candidate will be calculated in terms of the NSFAS means test.

Once the list of students who qualify for a bursary is approved by the RBBF committee, the Bursaries and Loans Division will handle the further administration.

VALUE OF BURSARIES

The value of the bursaries can vary depending on each student's financial neediness, as determined by a means test.





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APPLICATIONS

Application forms for the RBBF can be obtained from the Bursaries and Loans Division and the Office for Postgraduate Funding.

Please note: Continuations are not automatic and all awards for a particular year are once-off. An application and/or nomination for continuation will be considered in a following year on merit.

CLOSING DATE

Applications close on 31 October of the preceding academic year.

COMPOSITION OF THE BURSARY COMMITTEE

The committee comprises three members, namely a member or representative of the Botman family; a member appointed by the Faculty of Theology; and a young SU alumnus nominated by the first two members.

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