



The NEHAWU Bheki Mkhize Bursary Fund

Introduction

Bheki Mkhize was an active trade unionist for many years. In the 1970's he moved to Johannesburg from KwaZulu Natal and found a job at Wits University as a security guard. While he worked he studied and attained his matric through a correspondence course. He became a shop steward for the CCAWU and later the SACCAWU and later joined GAWU in 1983 where he played a leading role. Due to his militancy, Wits University sacked him. The workers came out on strike in his support calling on Wits to appoint for an independent arbitrator. He was reinstated when the findings declared his dismissal to be unfair. He was active in the SA Youth Congress and the UDF. When GAWU and SA Workers union merged in 1983 to form NEHAWU, Bheki was elected its founding leader. In 1995 he was deployed to parliament as an ANC MP and served on many committees, including the portfolio on labour and public enterprise.

The NEHAWU Bheki Mkhize Bursary Fund celebrates the life of a humble, passionate and dedicated giant of the labour movement. His life reflects his character - an organizer, mobiliser, disciplined and dedicated achiever. His commitment and contribution to the workers' struggle for freedom and democracy is a shining example of servant leadership, altruism and fearless determination; the pursuit of truth and justice.

In the spirit of keeping the memory of this shining example alive, NEHAWU take pride in offering this education bursary scheme to aspiring Bheki Mkhize's who strive to work for the future of a bright and hopeful South Africa. It is intended for the upliftment of the NEHAWU family; its members and their children. To this end, the bursary scheme will extend the reach and the opportunities for its membership.

Students wishing to get a tertiary education will be assisted by the scheme, focused on first year students who wish to pursue careers in public healthcare, human resource development, law and social sciences. In this inaugural year, the bursary scheme will focus on studies at the University of the Witwatersrand, offering nine first year bursaries (one allocation per province). This list will be expanded in future years.

The NEHAWU Bheki Mkhize Bursary Fund at a glance:

The Bursary Scheme has the following features and conditions:

- All bursaries are non-repayable.
- NEHAWU members, their husbands or wives, their children and legally adopted children can apply for a bursary. A valid NEHAWU membership number must be provided and verified to qualify for the bursary.
- The bursary is paid directly to the educational institution.
- The educational institution must be registered with the National Department of Higher Education.
- Each bursary awarded is for the full duration of the first degree. On condition that the successful applicant meets the university requirements for the second and third years of study.
- Should the applicant not be successful in any year of study, the scheme reserves the right to withdraw the award for subsequent years.
- All applicants must have a valid South African ID number.
- The successful applicant and/or NEHAWU legal guardian will be required to agree to the legal terms and conditions of the scheme.
- Final academic reports must resemble the results submitted at the time of the application.

During the application evaluation, it may be necessary for an applicant interview with an interview panel. Further documents may be requested after application due date during final evaluation stage.

NEHAWU takes pride in awarding these bursaries to applicants who embody the spirit of Bheki Mkhize; a drive and determination to succeed against the odds, to excel within existing circumstances and to exhibit community leadership at a time when the youth have an increasing social and environmental responsibility. The NEHAWU Bheki Mkhize Bursary Fund is administered by the Tshedza Trust, a NEHAWU Member Benefits Trust.

Applications to be posted to

The NEHAWU Bheki Mkhize Bursary
c/o Tshedza Trust
Private Bag X22
Suite 7
Benmore
2010

Closing Date

PLEASE NOTE THAT APPLICATIONS FOR 2011 ARE CLOSED

NEHAWU Bheki Mkhize Bursary Fund – Application Form

Notes for Applicants

1. Please complete all information requested on the application form.
2. Write clearly and legibly. Please PRINT.
3. Please ensure that all documents requested are certified copies and are submitted promptly.
4. Please ensure that the correspondence address provided is the address that you will receive your mail.
Please inform us of any change in address.
5. The decision of the NEHAWU Bheki Mkhize Bursary Scheme is final and no correspondence will be entered into.
6. Where there is a difference in surname between student and union member, please provide either:
 - An affidavit by the NEHAWU member stating that you are the biological parent (full name and identity number) of the applicant (full name and identity number) or
 - An affidavit by member (as above) and marriage certificate and certified copy of both parents' identity documents or
 - Valid letter of guardianship from Department of Social Development.

NEHAWU MEMBER DETAILS

				<i>For official use</i>
Surname				
First names				
NEHAWU Membership No.		Number of years as NEHAWU member		
Occupation				
Employer				
Relationship to applicant				

STUDENT DETAILS

Surname			
First names			
Identity Number			
Gender			
Race			
Marital Status			
Date of Birth			
Age			
Home address			
Contact details	Home :	Cell :	
	Email:		

PROPOSED STUDY DETAILS

							<i>For official use</i>
Course							
Duration of full course							
What year of study are you applying for?	first	second	third	fourth	fifth	sixth	
Commencement date of study							
Institution and Campus							
Tuition fees for year of study							
Have you received any bursaries previously? If yes, please provide details of year, sponsor and amounts received.							

CORRESPONDENCE DETAILS

Daytime contact name and number		
Correspondence address (please ensure this is where you receive your mail)		
Email address		

We, _____, as the NEHAWU Member and _____, as the student applicant hereby confirm that the information furnished above is accurate. We grant the union the right to render an enquiry to verify the information provided.

Signature of NEHAWU Member

Date

Signature of Student

Date

Checklist – to be completed by the Applicant

The following documents must be submitted with this application.

		Submitted (please tick)	Official use
1	Certified copy of the student's identified document		
2	Certified copy of the NEHAWU member's identity document		
3	ID size photo of applicant and NEHAWU member		
4	Latest copy of NEHAWU member's payslip		
5	Certified copy of grade 11 and latest matric mid year results (first year applicants)		
6	Certified copy of matric results and academic transcripts of previous years (for all other applicants)		
7	Motivation letter by applicant		
8	Academic reference letter		
9	Community service reference letter		
10	Any other support documentation to strengthen your application		

For special circumstances

11	Proof of difference in surname. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> An affidavit by the NEHAWU member stating that you are the biological parent (full name and identity number) of the applicant (full name and identity number). An affidavit by member (as above) and marriage certificate and certified copy of both parents' identity documents. Valid letter of guardianship from Department of Social Development. 		
12	Affidavit from member re status of employment (if member has been retrenched).		