



THE EDUCATION TRUST

OF THE SOUTH AFRICAN SOCIETY OF PHYSIOTHERAPY

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In November 2011 the Education Trust of the South African Society of Physiotherapy was established and registered with SARS as Public Benefit Organisation and approved under section 18A(1)(a) of the income tax act. The primary purpose is to financially assist disadvantaged physiotherapy students to continue their studies at university.

The Trust is currently funded only by donations from members of the SASP, private trusts and other individuals.

The **primary objectives** of the Trust are:

1. Supporting physiotherapy education at undergraduate level.
2. Education of physiotherapy technicians.

Secondary objectives:

1. Supporting post graduate education.
2. Administration of legacy funds.

The Trust administers the **SASP Marjorie Catt bursaries** which are funded by dividends from the SASP share portfolio.

During the six years of the Trust's existence, Education Trust bursaries to the value of R360 000 have been awarded and bursaries to the value of R1.145 million have been administered on behalf of the SASP and the South Gauteng Marjorie Catt bursary funds and the PhysioFocus physiotherapy group. More than 100 students from universities across South Africa have benefited from these bursaries.

Bursary recipients are monitored with regards to mid and final year performance, are required to be members of our professional society and to be involved in events or committees of the SASP

once they qualify. It is also expected that they act as mentors for fellow bursary recipients at their training institutions.

Applicants can complete the user friendly online application form and then submit the required supporting documents to the Trust administrator via e-mail. The closing date for submissions is **30 September** for the following year.

The Education Trust endeavours to foster a supportive role with the university physiotherapy departments. To this end applicants are requested to nominate a lecturer in the relevant department to write a letter of support for their application.

In future, if available funding permits, the Trust would like to expand its financial support to include post graduate education, and its administrative support to include legacy funds.