MASAKH' ISIZWE
CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE

PRIORITY SKILLS BURSARIES 2008

South Africa is undergoing an unprecedented growth phase and the government is committed to ensuring that all South Africans benefit from this growth. It has a vision of halving poverty and unemployment levels by 2014. To achieve this goal it has launched the ASGISA strategy and to support this strategy the Joint Initiative for Priority Skills Acquisition (JIPSA). The Department of Transport and Public Works is calling on young people to help to make this vision a reality by studying for a degree or diploma in one of the following fields.

Civil Engineering: Mechanical Engineering: Architecture: Electrical Engineering: Land Surveying: Geomatics: Town and Regional Planning: Construction Management: Quantity Surveying: Transport Economics

The vision of the Masakh' iSizwe Centre of Excellence is to make available to the province, the country and the African continent cohorts of professionals in the engineering and built environment fields critical for the growth of the economy. These professionals will be characterised by excellence in learning, citizenship and service.

The purpose of the bursary scheme is to provide selected South African citizens with sufficient financial aid to obtain skills and qualifications in the above-mentioned fields of study, through full-time study at one of the Universities in the Western Cape. Bursaries are available from, but not limited to, the first year of study. Costs that may be covered include: academic fees, registration fees, examination fees, the cost of prescribed study material that apply at the various accredited Higher Education Institutions and, in exceptional cases, reasonable accommodation or transport expenses.

Preference will be given to residents of the Western Cape who are:

a) Financially disadvantaged
b) Women
c) Persons who permanently reside in rural areas

The successful candidates will be required to enter into legally binding agreements with the Department which require service commitments during, and upon completion of, their studies.

APPLICATION:
Bursary application forms are available at the Higher Education Institutions of the Western Cape, or may be obtained by written or telephonic request to:

The Bursary Manager
Masakh' iSizwe Centre of Excellence
Department of Transport and Public Works
Private Bag X9185
Cape Town, 8000
or to e-mail: masakhisizwe@pgwc.gov.za,
telephone (021) 483 5851 or
facsimile (021) 483 7198
or download from our website
www.capegateway.gov.za/masakh

Completed application forms should be directed to the above-mentioned address by no later than Wednesday, 7 November 2007. No late applications will be considered. Prospective students must be available on short notice for an interview should it be deemed necessary.

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