

MEDIA STATEMENT

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20 October 2026

NSFAS RECORDS 868,626 APPLICATIONS FOR THE 2027 FUNDING CYCLE

The National Student Financial Aid Scheme (NSFAS) has recorded 868,626 applications for the 2027 funding cycle, according to the latest application dashboard dated 19 October 2027.

NSFAS thanks all prospective students who have applied and urges those who have not yet done so to submit their applications before the closing date of 31 October 2026. There will be no extensions.

APPLICATION BREAKDOWN

- Total applications: 868,626
- Female applicants: 616,558 (70.98%)
- Male applicants: 252,068 (29.02%)
- University applicants: 800,382
- TVET college applicants: 68,244
- SASSA applicants: 653,778
- Non-SASSA applicants: 214,848

Applications can be submitted through the official NSFAS website at www.nsfas.org.za or via the official NSFAS mobile application.

Applicants must ensure that their information is accurate and complete and that all required supporting documentation is submitted.

NSFAS cautions applicants against fraudulent social media accounts and unauthorised individuals demanding payment for application assistance or promising guaranteed funding. These platforms are not authorised by NSFAS, and applicants are urged to exercise caution, protect their personal information and never pay individuals or organisations claiming to facilitate or guarantee an NSFAS application or funding outcome.

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NSFAS applications must be submitted through official platforms, and no one can guarantee a funding outcome. Suspected fraud can be reported anonymously to the NSFAS Fraud and Corruption Hotline at speakup@nsfas.org.za.

NSFAS encourages all prospective applicants to apply before the **deadline and consult official communication platforms for updates and guidance.**

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