

ASCENDIS HEALTH LIMITED

BURSARY PROGRAM

Ascendis is very pleased to have launched its bursary program in 2014 as it is of the strong view that promoting education in our country should be at the forefront of our priorities as good South African and corporate citizens. As such, in response to the need for further tertiary education in South Africa, Ascendis decided to assist the families of its employees by affording their children an opportunity to further their studies of choice. Ascendis views this bursary scheme as a long term investment as it forms a vital part of Ascendis' commitment towards contributing meaningfully in the field of corporate social responsibility.

Throughout Johannesburg, Durban and Cape Town, a total of 11 candidates were short-listed in order to participate in a series of interviews conducted by an independent panel. The candidates were assessed on a broad range of criteria, including but not limited to academic track record and leadership potential. Throughout the selection process preference was also granted to those applicants who required financial assistance as well as who were BEE candidates.

Of the 11 short-listed candidates, 4 candidates were selected as the winners of the Ascendis bursary for the remaining duration of their tertiary studies starting in 2015. "We were very impressed with the high quality of the applications received and furthermore the enthusiasm and passion displayed by those candidates whom we met during the interview process. We wish all of the applicants well in their endeavours towards completing their studies" remarked the judges. "It was a difficult decision, but the bursaries have been awarded to 4 excellent and very worthy candidates."



GEORGIA STUART

“My name is Georgia Stuart and I am a recipient of the Ascendis Health Bursary. I am passionate about accounting and so I am currently enrolled at the University of Johannesburg, in my second year of studies, and am studying towards a Bachelor’s degree in Accounting with the hopes of becoming a chartered accountant.

“I am ever so grateful to Ascendis Health management for believing in me and giving me this opportunity to fulfill my dreams, aspirations and goals”

Receiving the bursary is a great honour and has been one of my greatest achievements thus far. Not only has it eased the financial burden on my parents (who were responsible for paying my fees), but it has also given me peace of mind as I know I am fully equipped to tackle my studies without having to worry and stress about financial matters.

This will go a long way in helping me to become a member of the South African Institute of Chartered Accountants and has put me that one step closer to achieving my goals. I trust this will lead to a long, fruitful and rewarding future.“

KAYLENE DOURIES



"I am a third year F.E.T: Specialisation education student at Cape Peninsular University of Technology as I progress towards becoming a future teacher within my community.

"Ascendis Health bursary will allow me to fully focus on both my studies and my extra curricular commitments by offering me financial security. Also by receiving this bursary it reduced my need for a part time job, as the bursary is helping me by funding my daily expenses such as traveling allowance."

The fun part of being a specialisation student is that it gives you the benefit of electing your own subjects that you would want to teach one day. My majors are life science and mathematical literacy because I love doing practicals and fieldwork and I'm good at working with figures. By now, being aware of what is expected of me as a student and how subjects are taught can make a big difference as I can make the most of all opportunities and in this way create a successful university career for myself.

Furthermore, I will be able to purchase items to advance my studies and career, such as textbooks and stationery. The Ascendis health bursary has really lightened my financial burden and by doing so the bursary allows me to focus on my main priority which is learning and excelling in my academics."



LEIGHTON JAMES

“I’m doing a 4 year degree at the University of Kwazulu-Natal , with my field of study being that of Bsc Applied Chemistry. By pursuing this I will achieve my goal to create medical advancements and discoveries.

The Ascendis bursary has kick-started my goals and aims for my future by not only funding my dream but also by allowing me to be a productive citizen in this cut-throat world.

This year I will embark on doing my 1st year in Bsc Applied chemistry”.

LWAZI MSIPHA



“My name is Lwazi Msipha and I am currently studying animation at the Animation School in Rosebank. Basically all the animated movies, games and adverts that play on TV are what I am studying in order for me to be able to produce it myself. After my graduation I will be equipped with the knowledge and skills of creating computer generated animation which plays a very important part in business these days. As I write this, I am currently doing my 1st year, ending in July 2015.

I honestly cannot be more grateful to Ascendis Health Bursary for making this happen for me. Just like in the movies that I'll be producing in a few years, they became the hero that saves you when you feel like all hope is lost, when you least expect it. Where do I start? Not only will they be paying for my studies but, cherry on top, they are also providing me with a living allowance! They are like parents to me.

Thanks to Ascendis Health Bursary, not only will I be a certified animator but I will own my own animation company, and guess who my first client will be? The one and only Ascendis Health and it will be on the house (free). The Ascendis Health Bursary will allow me to be able to save a lot of money - the money that I will need to start my company while I acquire the knowledge to run it. So not only is Ascendis empowering education but they are also indirectly empowering small businesses through me, wow. Thank you Ascendis Health Bursary”

The bursaries will cover full tuition fees for the duration of their respective studies, a textbook allowance and a living allowance. After completing their studies, the four winners are not obliged to render services to Ascendis Health.

Chief Executive Officer of Ascendis, Dr. Karsten Wellner, congratulated the winners and wished them all the best in their respective studies and reminded them of the significant

role education plays in society. “As the profits of Ascendis increase, we will award more bursaries to worthy and qualifying candidates every year and parents and or the students/learners are urged to apply. The dates for the next application process will be communicated shortly.”

