



THE BABETTE TAUTE TRUST

Sanlam Trust

27/07/2026

TO: THE HEAD OF STUDENT FINANCIAL AID AND THE ENGLISH DEPARTMENT

Dear Colleague

On behalf of the Trustees of the Babette Taute Trust, I enclose an application and information material for the Babette Taute Honours Scholarships for the study of English. A number of Honours scholarships worth **R50 000** each will be offered for the 2027 academic year.

Kindly ensure that the scholarships are advertised, and that application material is available from the Financial Aid office and at the Department of English. Please also circulate the softcopy of the application on relevant email lists.

Formal queries, completed entries and references should be sent to Ms **Lauren Smidt** of SANLAM Trust: (lauren.smidt@sanlamtrust.co.za) AND cc **Naaznien Parker** (naaznien.parker@sanlamtrust.co.za).

All correspondence should carry the subject line: "Babette Taute 2027 Application/Query: (Surname of Author)"

Every good wish

Yours sincerely

Lauren Smidt
Trust Administrator of Babette Taute Trust

Attached:

- Advertisement
 - Application form
 - Copy of letter to referees
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Please circulate on relevant mailing lists and post on third year and postgraduate notice boards

BABETTE TAUTE HONOURS SCHOLARSHIPS

for students of English 2027 academic year

The late Babette Taute left a major part of her estate to establish a bursary trust for students of English at South African universities.

Applicants must be South African citizens or have Permanent Resident status in South Africa.

A number of Honours scholarships of R50 000 each will be available for full-time students in a one-year Honours programme. Students of any branch of English language and literature study, including applied language studies, are eligible for the scholarships.

Awards are made on merit, broadly interpreted. A fine academic record is a requirement for an award. However, the trustees are also interested in other indices of merit. These might include leadership in cultural or social areas, quality of writing and publications, and excellence as a teacher of English or a translator.

Babette Taute Scholarship holders may accept other awards, provided that the total value of awards held does not exceed R120 000. The Babette Taute Scholarship may be reduced in value to bring it in line with this requirement.

Application forms are obtainable from the Department of English, the financial aid office at this university, or from The Babette Taute Trust, C/O Ms Lauren Smidt at lauren.smidt@sanlamtrust.co.za. AND cc Naaznien Parker at naaznien.parker@sanlamtrust.co.za

The closing date for receipt of applications by the Trustees is 20 November 2026. Applicants will be informed of the outcome of the selection process early in December 2026.





All correspondence should carry the subject line:

“Babette Taute 2027 Application/Query: (Surname of Author)”





BABETTE TAUTE HONOURS SCHOLARSHIPS

APPLICATION FORM FOR THE 2027 ACADEMIC YEAR

Closing date: 20 November 2026

Submit application to: Ms Lauren Smidt at lauren.smidt@sanlamtrust.co.za
And cc Naaznien Parker at naaznien.parker@sanlamtrust.co.za

Note that incomplete applications will not be considered. Make sure that references are submitted by the deadline. Please ask your referee to send you an email confirmation of submission. References must remain confidential from the applicant.

All correspondence should carry the subject line: "Babette Taute 2027 Application/Query: (Surname of Author)" Applications will not be processed if the subject line of the email does not have the proper information.

Surname

Title (Mr/Ms/Mrs . . .)

First Names

South African Identity Number

Candidates must be South African citizens or have Permanent Resident status. Please submit a scan of your ID or proof of permanent residence.

Current University:

Student number of Current University:

Home Address

Telephone number (Current university):

Telephone number (home):

Cell phone:

Email: (Current university)





Alternative email address:

Will you be a full-time student (completing the degree in one year)?

Have you applied for or been granted any other bursary, scholarship or fellowship for next year? If so, what total amount have you been granted? Give names of funding sources and amounts.

(Please note that it is an express condition of the award of a Babette Taute scholarship that the awardee should not receive grants totalling more than R120 000. Should you be awarded a Babette Taute scholarship and then receive further financial grants, you will be required to inform the Trustees of the Babette Taute Trust immediately, indicating the total amount you will be receiving in bursaries.)

Provide a brief outline of the Honours course for which you intend registering in 2027 and how it complies with The Babette Taute Scholarship's focus on English (not more than 100 words):

University at which you will be studying (If you are awarded a scholarship, it will be paid to you through this university)

New University Student number (if received already):

DOCUMENTS AND INFORMATION THAT MUST ACCOMPANY THIS APPLICATION:

- 1. A brief (1-2 page) curriculum vitae, highlighting your academic and other achievements and activities over the past two or three years.** (The committee is interested in your academic excellence, your intellectual range, and your initiative or leadership in social and cultural activities.)
 - 2. A piece of writing of any length (but not more than 500 words) in any genre that best captures your outstanding talents.** You could compose a short poem, a narrative or any other form of creative writing that will give the selection panel an idea of what makes you exceptional. This may include previous works/assignments done. (Do not rewrite your CV.)
 - 3. An up-to-date official transcript of your academic record at university or a certified copy of such a transcript.** (The committee needs the most up to date official information. A certificate from your faculty or department giving results not yet
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in the transcript may be added.)

4. **Any other evidence of your suitability as a candidate.** (This may include evidence of merit awards or of your excellence as a teacher, translator, interpreter, scriptwriter or other language practitioner.)
5. **The contact particulars of two academic referees who are qualified to comment on how good you are as a university student of English and who are prepared to support your application.** You should approach the referees and ask for their support before submitting their names. You must give each referee a copy of the attached letter with your particulars filled in. Please ask referees to confirm by email that they have sent the reference, but the reference itself should remain confidential. Referees are asked to send their confidential reports directly to the Babette Taute Trust. (Email Ms Lauren Smidt at lauren.smidt@sanlamtrust.co.za and cc Naaznien Parker at naaznien.parker@sanlamtrust.co.za)

Advise referees that the subject line of the email to Sanlam should read: "Babette Taute 2026 Reference: (Your Surname)".

6. **Please send your final results by 30 November 2026.** If you have a transcript of final results by 30 November 2026, please send it. If official results are not yet available, please send at least your final grade for English, endorsed by the Course Convenor or Head of Department. Where no results are available, please inform Sanlam Trust by email. The selection panel prefers to see full results where available, but your application will not be prejudiced if final marks have not been released. (All results should be sent to lauren.smidt@sanlamtrust.co.za and cc naaznien.parker@sanlamtrust.co.za with the subject line: "Babette Taute 2026 Final Results: Surname")

INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS ARE NOT CONSIDERED. ALL APPLICATIONS MUST INCLUDE THE REFEREES LETTERS.

7. Should your application be successful, the Babette Taute Trust and Selection Panel would like you to send your midyear and final results for the 2026 study year, together with a short cover letter informing us of your progress and plans.

Name of referee:

Telephone:

Email:

Name of referee:

Telephone:



Email:

[Applicant to enter name and contact details below and give this letter to referees.]

THE BABETTE TAUTE TRUST

27 July 2026

Dear Colleague

We are most grateful for your comments as to the suitability of the following candidate for a Babette Taute 2027 Honours Scholarship.

Applicant's name:

Applicant's email address and telephone/mobile number:

The late Babette Taute left a major part of her estate to establish a bursary trust for students of English at South African universities who are South African citizens or permanent residents. The trustees have decided to award a number of Honours scholarships for full-time study in the 2027 academic year. Each scholarship will be worth R50 000. Students of any branch of English language and literature study, including applied language studies, are eligible

Scholarships are awarded on merit, broadly interpreted. A fine academic record is a requirement for an award. The committee will have a transcript of this candidate's record available to it but would value your interpretation of his/her intellectual quality and achievements. The committee is also interested in your comments on other indices of the candidate's merit. These might include leadership in cultural or social areas, quality of writing and publications, and excellence as a teacher of English or a translator.

Please email your confidential reference to Ms Lauren Smidt and Ms Naaznien Parker at: lauren.smidt@sanlamtrust.co.za and cc naaznien.parker@sanlamtrust.co.za

Use the subject line: "Babette Taute 2027 Reference: Surname of Applicant".

The deadline for applications and references is 20 November 2026. Do not copy the applicant in the correspondence with the Trustees, but please supply the applicant with an email confirmation that the reference has been submitted. References should remain confidential. We appreciate your time.

Yours sincerely

Lauren Smidt
Trust Administrator: Babette Taute Trust

