JOHN DAVIDSON EDUCATIONAL TRUST (JDET) 2027 BURSARY APPLICATION FORM

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE JOHN DAVIDSON EDUCATIONAL TRUST FUNDS POST GRADUATE ACCOUNTING & ENGINEERING TUITION FEES ONLY FOR ONE ACADEMIC YEAR OF STUDY

SECTION ONE: CHECKLIST

PRINT, COMPLETE AND SEND WITH APPLICATION

Ensure you have included all the documents in the checklist below

Item Number	Description	Attached Yes	Attached No	
1	The completed application form			
2	Your **signed** Declaration and Consent (Page 12)			
3	Your Letter of Motivation (LOM)			
4	**Full** degree/s transcript/s (UG / PG)			
5	Your CV **(one page only)**			
6	**Formal fee estimation for your course from your university.** See section 5.1 (pg7)			

NAME : _____

PG QUALIFICATION YOU WANT TO STUDY IN 2027:

_____

2027 TUITION COST : _____

STUDENT NUMBER : _____

NOTE
Print pg 1, and pgs 6 - 12 of the application form and complete, sign and return to the post graduate funding office at your university.

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SECTION TWO: CONTEXTUAL INFORMATION

What is the John Davidson Educational Trust (JDET)?

John Davidson was born in Johannesburg in 1913. He matriculated from St John's College, obtained an MA from Cambridge and later qualified as a Chartered Accountant. His education was interrupted by World War Two and he was a Prisoner of War for nearly four years in Italy and later Germany. John was the General Manager of the family firm, Boksburg Brick and Fireclay Ltd. He hated injustice and firmly believed that education was vital to enable anyone to have an opportunity in life and to begin to achieve their potential. He helped many young people during his life; subsequent to his death, the John Davidson Educational Trust (JDET) was established to continue his vision.

Who are the current trustees?

The family representative on the JDET holds an MA and a Diploma in Financial Management. She is a rural and community development consultant who has run her own business for over 30 years. Her educational experience spans working and mentoring people from preschool to post-doctoral level. She has been a trustee since JDET started in 1996.

The compliance specialist of JDET is a qualified attorney, notary and conveyancer who has worked mostly as a corporate and commercial lawyer in Johannesburg, and also in Luxembourg and London. Furthermore, she has work experience in legal, compliance and company secretarial positions in the financial services industry. She is also an experienced trustee of NGOs and trusts. She has served on three other educational trusts.

The educational trustee specialises in how vernacular languages and English, as the language of learning and teaching, intersect with other sociological factors to enable, or constrain, student achievement in traditional 'Western' education environments. She has extensive teaching and curriculum development experience in multilingual and multicultural situations locally and globally. She also has an interest in the impact of digitisation on student achievement. She holds a PhD in Education and Development from the University of Kwazulu-Natal.

The fourth trustee is a senior executive in the private sector. She holds a Chemical Engineering degree from the University of the Witwatersrand and a MBA from Harvard.

How are decisions made about who gets funding?

There is a system of processes which the trustees follow exactly. They have to obey many finance and other laws as part of the process.
These steps are:

1. Send out the call for JDET funding applications to the: University of Cape Town; University of Witwatersrand; University of KwaZulu-Natal and Rhodes University
2. University sends applications to Hay & Scott by **22 January 2027. THIS IS THE FINAL DEADLINE**
3. Review each single application to check that it is complete and is an area of study the JDET can fund
4. **Only** fees are funded
5. Students are informed **via email from their university** if their application has been successful
6. The JDET does not communicate directly with students. All communication is done through the relevant university's post-graduate funding office
7. Applicants who are successful will have to write two Monitoring Reports. This is to assure the Trustees that the funds are being used as intended.
    a. Monitoring reports are due in July and December.
    b. The reports will be submitted to the JDET via the University's post-graduate office.
    c. The Monitoring reports must include a printout of your fees for the period 1 Jan 2027 – 30 June 2027 and 01 July 2027 to 15 Dec 2027. The December 2027 report must also include a transcript of your studies for 2027 from your university.

What are some of the most important things I need to know if I want to apply?

Here is a list:

1. **There is a deadline which must be met.**
    a. If you miss the deadline, you cannot apply for funding from the JDET for this year.
2. **Your application must be 100% complete.**
    a. You have to follow the rules exactly as they are given for each section.
    b. If information is missing, your application will not be progressed to the next stage.

What do I need to apply, to be **eligible,** for consideration for funding from the JDET?

There are three criteria that make you eligible to apply. In order of importance, they are:

1. The **type of qualification** you intend to study for (see below)
2. Your **academic ability: your undergraduate degree average in your final year must be 60% or above.**
3. Your **financial need**

You can apply if you plan to continue your studies in one of the specialisations listed below:

EITHER

- **Engineering**

OR

- **Accounting**

AND

You **must** be enrolling for **a Post Graduate qualification** in either Engineering OR Accounting:

- Diploma
- Honours
- Masters

How long is the bursary for?

The bursary is for **one academic year only**. If your application is successful, it **cannot** be rolled over to the following year.

How do I apply?

1. Contact your university's Post Graduate Financial Aid Department
2. Write an **original Letter of Motivation**. This document gives the Trustees a sense of who you are. (*See below for further information and guidelines*.)
3. Provide an **up-to-date one-page Curriculum Vitae (CV).** There are many online guides as to how to do this.
4. **Complete Sections 3-7** with information that is accurate and truthful.
5. Send your form to the Post Graduate Financial Aid Department of your University by **15 January 2027.**
6. Upload your form and all the required attachments.
7. Save and submit your application to your University's Post Graduate Financial Aid Department.

Is there a Checklist of supporting documents I must provide?

Yes.

- See **Section 1, Page 1** at the front of this form. **Print form.**
- Complete and send the checklist with your application.
- **You must personally sign** where required in the relevant documents.
- Double check that the documents you say you have included **are actually included** with your application form. Make sure that all of the pages are in the correct order.

END OF SECTION TWO

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PRINT AND COMPLETE ALL QUESTIONS FROM SECTION THREE TO SECTION SEVEN

SECTION THREE: PERSONAL INFORMATION

- *We need to know who you are. Please fill in **ALL** the information in the table below.*
- *Please answer all 23 questions. If something does not apply to you, please write N/A.*
- *The Trustees require certified copies of some of the documents: **please check the checklist in Section One and ensure you attach all documents required***

Info No.	Information Needed	Your answer
1	Your family and/or clan surname(s)	
2	Your good and/or preferred first name	
3	Your other first names	
4	Your preferred pronoun (highlight your choice)	He / Him | She / Her | They / Theirs
5	Your preferred title (highlight your choice)	Mr / Ms / Mrs / Miss / Rev
6	Your preferred email address	
7	Your back up email address	
8	Your cell phone number	
9	The address where you usually live while attending University	
10	Your family home address if different from (9)	
11	What post graduate degree / certificate / diploma course are you applying for?	
12	Your nationality	
13	If South African, your SA ID number	
14	If not South African, please provide your passport number	
14.1	If not South African, please provide your study permit number and date of expiry	
15	2027 Student number	
16	Are your parents / guardians deceased / divorced : provide a certified copy of the death certificate / divorce decree	
17	Are your parents / guardians working : provide the most recent pay slip for each person	
18	Are your parents / guardians unemployed : provide a sworn affidavit, signed, by the unemployed in front of a commissioner of oaths	
19	Is your spouse / live-in partner working : provide their most recent pay slip	
20	Are you given fully paid study leave : provide your most recent pay slip	
22	Are you self-supporting : provide proof of income for the year of study	
23	Do you have dependents : provide proof thereof	

SECTION FOUR: PREVIOUS AND CURRENT STUDIES

*It is helpful for the Trustees to see your study pathway to date. Please fill in the table below with the relevant information. Attach your **complete** University transcript to date. If you have outstanding fees from your previous year of study your application will **NOT** be considered.*

Qualification you enrolled for	Name of University or other Higher Education institution	Date you first enrolled	Date you graduated	SAQA accredited

SECTION FIVE: FINANCIAL INFORMATION

This section is very important to help the Trustees get an overall understanding of your need. They also understand that in South Africa, many people are living with their families. Sometimes the family provides for them and many others too. The Trustees need to understand the true extent of how receiving funding from the JDET is linked or not to overall financial needs in your family. Please fill in each subsection very carefully.

Subsection 5.1 Total funding you need to live and study for one year

Info No.	Need for one year	Total in South African Rands
1	Tuition fees: please attach a quotation from the university. The quote must show the **fees for each module** of your chosen post graduate qualification.	
2	Living costs (food; transport; data; cell phone; medical; etc)	
3	Accommodation (rent; water; electricity; WiFi)	
4	Textbooks and other learning materials (photocopying; stationery; laboratory materials; copyright fee; etc)	
5	Other: please write details here	

Subsection 5.2: Information about "The Paying Person"

The Paying Person is the person paying **your** living and studying costs, even if it is yourself. The Trustees are aware that you may well be supported by several people and sources, such as SASSA grant, hawking or savings.

*The Trustees need to know as much information about the financial situation of the person paying your fees, other study costs and your living costs. They call this **'The Paying Person'.** This person - whether it is you or a family member – has the following financial information that is needed:*

1. **Personal** information
2. **Income**: all the ways The Paying Person gets money
3. **Assets**: all the ways The Paying Person saves or invests money
4. **Liabilities:** all the ways The Paying Person has to spend their money
5. **Dependents**: all the people that The Paying Person also has to spend their money on

Table 5.2.1: Who is The Paying Person?

Info No.	Question	Answer
1	Who will pay your tuition fees? (Highlight the correct one)	Myself | Parent | Guardian |Spouse | Life partner | Other : specify:
2	Who will pay your living costs? (Highlight the correct one)	Myself | Parent | Guardian |Spouse | Life partner | Other : specify:

** If parent/guardian, provide details of assets and liabilities of the whole family (additional information may be requested).*
***If you are self-supporting, you will have to provide proof of being independent of your parents/guardian. Proof can be in the form of salary slips or a bank statement/proof that you have sufficient funds (such as interest from investments or savings), which can be used towards your year of study.*

House	Rented		Monthly Rental			
House	Own		Value		Monthly Bond Repayments	

Car		Value		Monthly Repayments	

Gross Income per month	Father/Guardian Monthly salary ***(Provide pay slip)***	Initials & Surname	R	Job description	ID Number
	Mother/Guardian Monthly salary ***(Provide pay slip)***	Initials & Surname	R	Job description	ID Number
	Spouse/Live in partner ***(Provide pay slip)***	Initials & surname	R	Job description	ID Number
	You, the applicant ***(Provide pay slip)***	Initials & surname	R	Job description	ID Number
	Total		R		

Table 5.2.2: Student Loans / Financial Aid you received during your undergraduate degree.

Bank/Person/Institution	Year	Value	Current Balance
	Total		

Table 5.2.3: Funding, awards, bursaries and scholarships applied for in 2027 and which you have been awarded.

Name	Year	Value	Awarded Yes/No
	Total		

Table 5.2.4: Other financial information that you would like the Trustees to consider

Table 5.2.5. Who else will contribute towards paying your university expenses in 2027?

	Relationship : parent, guardian, husband/wife, partner or other	Source of income : salary, SASSA grant, formal/informal sector	Average per month in South African Rands
1			
2			
3			
4			
5			

Table 5.2.6. Previous JDET Funding

Have you ever received funding from the John Davidson Educational Trust?		If Yes, in which year did you receive it?	If Yes, how much did you receive?	If Yes, did it enable you to complete your studies in the year you received it?	
Yes	No			Yes	No

If you answered 'No' to the last question in Table 5.2.6., please give a short explanation as to why you did not complete your studies.

SECTION SIX : LETTER OF MOTIVATION AND CV

How do I write a good Letter of Motivation (LOM)?

In your LOM, the Trustees want to get a sense of who you are and what your hopes and dreams are for your life pathway. They will especially want to know what you have done until now to achieve your goals. And they will be most interested in your thinking about how you plan to use your post-graduate study to achieve your goals, and what your thoughts are about using your education to help others in our country or to fill a skills gap. For example, if you are studying Electrical Engineering, they might want to know how you imagine making a difference to our current electricity crisis. Or, if you are studying Accounting, they might be interested in your ideas around entrepreneurship and job creation.
Below are some checkpoints for your Letter of Motivation:

1. You must be the **original author** of the Letter of Motivation
    - no copying either from an online source or paper-based source
    - no hiring of other people to write for you
    - if you use ChatGTP or other AI tools to **generate** your Letter's content, list this as a reference at the end of your LOM
    - the tone of your letter needs to be respectful and relatively formal
2. You **must use** proof reading tools (so that there are **no tricky English grammar or spelling mistakes** in your LOM. For example, Grammarly and the MS Word spelling and grammar check are helpful.
3. You must **stick to the 300-word count**: the Trustees receive hundreds of applications.
4. Here are some suggested guidelines for the content of your Letter:
    - Briefly describe what is unique about you that has enabled you to **accomplish** what you have up until this point in your life
    - Explain, with some supporting detail, why you **have chosen** the post-graduate qualification you have
    - Outline how you think receiving the JDET funding could help you **get to the next step** in your study pathway
    - Describe what **your vision** is for your life after studying: the next five years or so
    - In a few short sentences, describe how your individual success **might contribute** to the good of South African society.
    - Give **an overview of your financial situation** that helps the trustees see that your hopes and dreams can only be achieved with the funding from the John Davidson Educational Trust.

What must I do with my CV? And must it have a photo of me?

Add it to your overall application as an attachment, together with your Letter of Motivation. If you use a photo, make sure it is clear and appropriate: no social-media type poses. An example of a CV is printed on page 13. CV must be **ONE** page only.

How is my personal information used and protected by the JDET?

The JDET and its Trustees are fully compliant with POPIA regulations. All personal information is destroyed once it is no longer needed.

SEE NEXT PAGE FOR VERY IMPORTANT PAGE FOR YOU TO SIGN: DECLARATION AND CONSENT

SECTION SEVEN: DECLARATION AND CONSENT

This section is very important. You must sign that all the information you have given is, to the best of your knowledge, correct, and that you – and no one else – has filled in this form. If you do not fill in and submit this Section 7 Declaration (check it on your Checklist), your application will automatically be excluded from consideration. Please complete and sign as indicated.

I *(write your full names in the space provided)* ……

have completed this application to the John Davidson Educational Trust (JDET) myself. The information I have given is, to the best of my knowledge, complete, true and correct.

I understand that if, in the course of the application process, any information is found to have been copied from another source (plagiarised), left out, or found to be incorrect, disciplinary action may be taken against me by the University.

If this happens, my application to the JDET will automatically be disqualified. Also, if after the JDET has decided to give me a bursary, it is found that information is copied, inaccurate, incomplete or missing, the offer of a bursary will be withdrawn. I will not be allowed to apply again.

The approval and allocation of bursaries is at the sole discretion of the Trustees: only they decide who qualifies for funding from the JDET. No appeals or objections will be considered once the Trustees have made their final decision on who the recipients are.

CONSENT TO USE OF PERSONAL INFORMATION

I hereby consent to the Trustees and the University to which I am applying, or to which I have already been granted admission and accepted to study my chosen qualification, as well as any authorised and relevant third parties acting on their behalf to process my personal information for all purposes necessary for this application for a JDET bursary. Further, I understand that, and give consent for, my personal information being processed in the administration of the bursary.

I further agree to and give my consent for the University sharing my fee statements and other academic and disciplinary information with the Trustees and their duly appointed agents.

I understand that the Trustees will ensure that my personal information, which is collected by the Trustees, or by an authorised third party on their behalf, will be processed in accordance with applicable legislation, including the Promotion of Access to Information Act and the Protection of Personal Information Act as covered in the Trust's privacy manual. A copy of the Trust's privacy manual is available on request to the Information Officer of the Trust. The Officer's details are as follows:

Information Officer Name	*Mr Simon Rory Pennefather*
Physical address	*Hay and Scott Attorneys*

Your signature as the Applicant (must be a wet signature) ……

Your name (printed) ……

Date ……