



BURSARY FOR TRANSLATION OR INTERPRETING STUDIES OR LANGUAGE PRACTICE

Call for applications

Background

The South African Translators' Institute (SATI) is a body that was established in 1956 with the aim of promoting the interests of the translation profession in South Africa. In the context of contemporary South Africa with its 11 official languages, SATI is now also working towards the establishment of a culture of multilingualism and the development of a tradition of translation and interpreting in the South African languages.

Giving practical expression to the idea of multilingualism, however, requires the use of competent and properly trained language workers such as translators and interpreters. Because SATI is concerned about the inadequate numbers of trained language workers in South Africa, it was decided to collect funds and make assistance available to a deserving translation and/or interpreting student, particularly in the previously marginalised languages.

Awards for 2021

In 2021, the Institute will make one bursary of R10 000 available.

Who is eligible for a SATI bursary?

The SATI bursary is only available to students who are in financial need. **Second-, third- and fourth-year students** are eligible for the SATI bursary. Successful applicants must submit an affidavit affirming that they have not been granted other bursaries or funding to cover the same expenses as those for which the SATI bursary is awarded. They will also have to prove that they have access to other funding to cover the rest of their expenses and fees for the year.



In addition to the above, bursary applicants must:

- Be enrolled at a South African tertiary institution for formal training in translation, interpreting and/or other aspects of language practice.
- Be in the second, third or fourth year of an undergraduate qualification in translation, interpreting and/or language practice.
- Have obtained an average mark of at least 65% for all subjects in language practice in their studies in 2020.
- Be South African citizens.
- Work in combinations of the official languages.

How is the bursary allocated?

Since SATI funding for bursaries is limited, it is important that it is allocated to students with a high chance of success in their studies and who are likely to make a positive contribution to the profession upon completion of their qualification. For this reason, although financial need is the primary criterion, applicants are also assessed on the basis of their marks to date. Other factors that may be taken into account are previous SATI awards, professional engagement and languages combinations. SATI is not in a position to offer bursaries to cover the full costs of a course of study, therefore making an award to a student who has no means of covering the remaining costs would be futile. As mentioned above, the Institute will thus require any successful applicant to prove that with the SATI bursary they will be in a position to pay the total amounts related to their course for the year prior to the bursary being awarded. They are also required to disclose details of any other awards that they have received or expect to receive.

Note that should an award be made, the bursary will be paid out only once proof of registration for the course concerned for that year has been submitted. The bursary is paid out in two tranches: 50% at the beginning of the year and the remaining 50% in the second semester upon submission of the student's first-semester results showing an average mark for all subjects in language practice of **more than 65%**. If the **student fails any of the subjects** that he/she enrolled for, the bursary **will not be paid out**.

Application procedure

The bursary application form can be downloaded from the SATI website. Applications must be submitted by 31 March 2021.

The application is sent to: sati2assist@translators.org.za.