



THE EDUCATION TRUST

OF THE SOUTH AFRICAN SOCIETY OF PHYSIOTHERAPY

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Education Trust Update – January 2016

Since 2001 the Education Committee of the SASP has awarded grants to financially assist disadvantaged physiotherapy students to continue their studies at university. These Marjorie Catt awards are named after the member who bequeathed a share portfolio to the SASP. The Society has used the annual dividend to fund these grants. By early 2011 R290,000 had been distributed.

In November 2011 the Education Trust of the South African Society of Physiotherapy was registered with SARS as Public Benefit Organisation and approved under 18A(1)(a) of the Income Tax Act.

The Primary objectives of the Trust are:

1. Supporting Physiotherapy Education at Undergraduate level.
2. Education of Physiotherapy Technicians.

Secondary objectives

1. Supporting Post Graduate education
2. Administration of legacy funds

In 2012 the Trust was responsible for the allocation of R60,000 in bursaries. A student competition to design the Trust logo was won by a Wits student, Nicole Comninellis. The logo has been integrated in all our documentation. The Trust also contributed R20,000 to a nationwide Education workshop arranged by the SASP.

Between 2012 and 2015 the Education Trust, the SASP Marjorie Catt and the South Gauteng Marjorie Catt has awarded bursaries worth R717,000.

We will be following these students with regards to mid and final year performance and their general involvement in the physiotherapy community.

In 2010 there were 17 bursary applicants. We have noted a significant increase in the number of applicants over the years. The intention of the bursaries at present is to limit the financial stress on disadvantaged students (and their families!), who are committed to entering the physiotherapy profession. In 2016 there were 56 applicants

The Education Trust is endeavouring to foster a supportive role with the university physiotherapy departments. To this end we request the applicants to nominate a mentor/lecturer in the relevant department who co-signs their application to the Trust.

The Trustees also believe that it important to develop relationships with businesses that are involved with the physiotherapy profession by inviting them to lend a hand (or a rand!) to assist the physiotherapists of the future. The Trust has received two generous and much appreciated donations from private trusts.

From 2016 the Trust got in line with other student bursary trusts/foundations by sending out the request for new applications in September for the following year. This process will enable us to pay out the bursaries at the beginning of the academic year.

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