



RUSTENBURG

GIRLS' JUNIOR SCHOOL

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RGJS Bursary Programme

Rustenburg Girls' Junior School (RGJS) is a school leading the way in preparing girls to embrace the challenges of the present confidently and courageously and to excel in a continuously changing world.

We believe learning is important and that the ability to benefit from education is highly dependent on a quality and holistic environment. The knowledge and skills learnt in the classroom are linked to the life lessons learnt during sport, music, cultural and community service activities. A bursary programme has been running for a number of years, but in 2019, the School Governing Body initiated and formalised a Grade R Bursary Programme to assist and enable learners who are in financial need. Partnering with the parents/guardians of the learner to support this Programme provides learners, who would otherwise not have the opportunity, access to such education.

The RGJS Bursary Programme is managed by the School Governing Body, School Finance Office, Marketing and Fundraising Office and the Principal of the School. Learners who are eligible for consideration are children and their families who are applying for Grade R where the main criteria is financial need. RGJS wishes to partner with families who are able to collaborate with us to contribute towards the school life of the successful learner.

DESCRIPTION | THE RGJS BURSARY PROGRAMME

The Bursary Programme aims to cover two Grade R learners per year from Grade R to Grade 7. All Bursary Programme recipients will be reviewed annually.

The Bursary Programme covers the following:

- School Fees (including stationery)
- Uniform (including school extra mural equipment)
- Aftercare
- School learning and counselling support

The School may consider awarding a Bursary to a Learner in another grade if they meet the selection criteria and the School has sufficient Bursary funds.

CRITERIA AND APPLICATION | THE RGJS BURSARY PROGRAMME

The RGJS Bursary Programme is intended to further our Inclusivity, Diversity and Transformation objectives. The RGJS Bursary Programme and those who manage it, are committed to working in partnership with the guardians of the recipient to jointly meet the financial requirements, engage meaningfully and in good faith, and to always have the best interests of the learner at heart. The successful learner should strive to learn and participate and have an enthusiastic attitude towards school academics and activities. The RGJS Bursary Programme strictly aligns to the RGJS Admission Policy where RGJS acknowledges that it has been entrusted with a public resource which must be managed not only in the interests of those who are learners and parents at the time, but also in the interests of the broader community in which the school is located, and in the light of the values of our Constitution. Please refer to the Admissions Policy here: www.rgjs.co.za/admission-procedure



The RGJS Bursary Programme applicants will be selected according to:

- Financial need - guardians' joint household income of R20 000 a month or less. To validate the joint household income, the RGJS Bursary Programme will require the following from both Parents a six-month bank statement, 6 months proof of salary advice/employment, SARS ITA34 Notice of Assessment (recent copies).
- Proof of Early childhood development (ECD) or evidence of home schooling and prior development
- Reference letter or Testimonial

MENTORSHIP : THE RGJS BURSARY PROGRAMME

Apart from financial support, RGJS offers its counselling services to the Bursary Recipient. The School Counsellor will be available to meet with the Recipient on a regular basis to assist them. The girl's academic, social and emotional well-being will be monitored on a continuous basis by:

- RGJS Learning Support | The learning support department partners with parents, teachers, and therapists to ensure that our girls are given the support that they need; enabling them to be happy, contributing members of our school community.
- Bug Buddies: each girl is a member of a family group, consisting of a girl in each grade from Grade R to Grade 7. This provides opportunities for leadership to the older girls, as well as fostering a caring community in the school. Fun projects help the girls get to know each other.
- The Recipient will be expected to adhere to the RGJS Code of Conduct for Learners as well as the Grade expectations. Her academic and emotional progress will be evaluated termly.

FUNDS | THE RGJS BURSARY PROGRAMME

Bursaries will be funded through a combination of school income and additional contributions and donations. These contributions start from as little as R100 per month and may be sourced from:

- Rustenburg Alumnae (Rustenburg Past Learner Groups - senior and junior schools)
- Support of the PTA, Marketing and Fundraising
- Grade 7 Farewell | It is a tradition for Grade 7 learners to provide the school with a parting gift. It is recommended that contributing to the Bursary Programme leaves a legacy for future brave Rusty bugs
- My School Card Programme : All Parents and Friends of the School are encouraged to list RGJS as a Beneficiary
- Rustenburg Community
- Parents of current and past learners
- Private and Corporate donors



DONATIONS | THE RGJS BURSARY PROGRAMME

Individuals, Groups, Corporates, Services, and Organisations can contribute to the RGJS Bursary Programme via monthly, quarterly, annually or once-off donations. The Finance Office prefers to only accept payment via DEBIT ORDER, EFT and CREDIT/DEBIT CARD. Payment by CASH is not advised. Parents can request a section 18A Donation Tax Certificate when making a donation towards the Bursary and Capital Development fund. Parents may also use the Karri App to make safe, quick and convenient payments towards the Bursary Programme.

BANK DETAILS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

Rustenburg Girls' Junior School
Standard Bank, Rondebosch
Branch Code: 025009
Current Account
Account: 071483640
Reference: Initial+Surname+Bursary
Please send proof of payment to Lynn Cornelius : fees@rgjs.org.za

PROCESS | THE RGJS BURSARY PROGRAMME

The process is as follows:

- A Bursary Application Form can be downloaded from the school website
- The completed Bursary Application Form should include the ECD evidence, proof of financials, Affidavit if single parent and reference letter.
- Bursary Application Forms need to be submitted by 16th of August 2024
- Candidates will be shortlisted and interviews will take place during the third term
- Successful candidates will be selected and informed by 17th of September 2024

EDUCATION BEYOND RGJS | THE RGJS BURSARY PROGRAMME

Acceptance into any High School cannot be guaranteed. However, through a collaborative and cooperative process, all efforts will be made to enable continued education.

CONTACT DETAILS | THE RGJS BURSARY PROGRAMME

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