

# PEF

## Presbyterian Educational Fund

A Nominating Fund of the  
United Presbyterian Church in Southern Africa

### 1. WHAT IS THE PEF?

The Presbyterian Educational Fund was established in 1977 by the General Assembly of the then PCSA when the denomination celebrated its 75<sup>th</sup> birthday.

Initial funds were raised by as many members as possible donating amounts equivalent to an hour's income.

Income continues to come in from congregations, individuals and the church's associations, seminars, books and gifts in memory of loved ones.

Grants from certain Trusts were also used and the capital was increased **when the Women's Association's educational fund was merged** with the PEF.

The Fund is run by a trust team reporting to the Education and Training Committee appointed by the General Assembly of the UPCA.

The cost of the administration of the Fund is carried by the UPCA through assessment income.

This means that all income (from interest and donations received) goes directly towards the bursaries awarded.

The Fund is part of the Christian outreach of the UPCA.

## CELEBRATING

our 40 YEARS



## EMPOWERMENT through EDUCATION

### 1. WHAT IS A PEF BURSARY?

It is a contribution towards fees (never full payment) of fees made on behalf of someone (who makes the choice to be helped, who does not have the financial means to fund further post-secondary study).

i.e. the Fund aims to help those members of the UPCA who would otherwise not have the opportunity to finish their schooling or continue with further training after finishing their schooling, because they cannot afford it. Contributions are granted and may be as little as 50% of fees.

High school learners are given priority.

### 2. WHO MAY APPLY FOR A BURSARY?

a) A **MEMBER** of the UPCA who is under 25 years of age and is in good standing in the constituent members of the UPCA, whether resident in South Africa, Zimbabwe or Lesotho. ☐

b) A **MEMBER** of a member of the UPCA who will be in high school or at a post-secondary institution of learning (a college, university, university of technology, etc.) in the year in which s/he will receive assistance from the fund.

### 3. WHO IS NOT ELIGIBLE FOR AN AWARD?

a) Any child entering high school.

(Bursaries are **not** granted for primary school years, but a child currently in Grade 7 may apply for a bursary for the following year when s/he will be in high school.) ☐

b) Anyone who is already 25 years of age or turning 25 in the year in which s/he would be studying. (Bursaries are **not** available to adults.)

### 4. WHAT ACADEMIC STANDARDS ARE REQUIRED?

**Bursaries** must equal or exceed the standard required by the fund:

- ▶ Applying for bursary for **Grade 8, 11 (arts)** average over all subjects of **60% or more**
- ▶ Applying for bursary for **Grade 8, 11 (scs)** average over all subjects of **60% or more**

Applying for university / college **after** final year at school, but before any post school study, requires an overall average of **no less than 60%** in the final school exams.

Bursary time **cannot** be awarded on a term by term (semester by semester) basis, at the discretion of the Trust Team, but assistance falls away immediately the learner/student fails to achieve, and then maintain, the required 60% average. Continued assistance is dependent on the submission of every school (term) / college (semester) report, showing that the requirements have been met before subsequent payment is made. Alternatively, a smaller amount may be awarded.