



Licensed Financial Services Provider



Confidential Application for Accounting Bursary

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A. PERSONAL DETAILS

Title:	RSA Citizen (✓): Yes No
Surname:	Date of birth:
First name(s):	ID no.:
Postal address:	Phone number (Home):
	Father's work phone number:
Residential address:	
	Mother's work phone number:
Parents' names and occupations:	
Father:	Fax number:
	E-mail address:
Mother:	
	Race (for EE legislation purposes):

B. EDUCATION

Name of school attended: _____

What are/were your favourite subjects? _____

Why did you find your favourite subject interesting? _____

What subjects did you enjoy the least? (Give your reasons) _____

In what school activities did you participate? _____

What did you personally gain from these school activities? _____

Were you a school prefect or in a similar position? _____

What other positions of leadership did you hold? _____

What did you learn from these leadership positions? _____

Do you believe you have leadership potential? (Give reasons) _____

In what ways do you feel that you contributed to your school? _____

What would you regard as your main achievements at school? _____

What are your hobbies/interests? _____

What personal satisfaction do you gain from your hobbies? _____

Any special features relating to this application that you would like to bring to our attention? (Give details)

C. BURSARY DETAILS (to be completed by school-leavers)

1. If you are successful in your application for an Old Mutual TOPP Accounting Bursary:
 - (a) Which university will you attend? _____
 - (b) When will you start? _____
 - (c) Which degree will you take? _____
 - (d) Which subjects will you take? _____
 - (e) What extramural activities do you plan to get involved in and why? _____

2. If you are not successful with your application, what will you do? _____

NOTE: Application for university acceptance and residence is your responsibility and should be done timeously. It should not be regarded as a step that is only taken once the bursary is awarded.

D. UNIVERSITY STUDIES (to be completed by applicants already at university)

1. What is your student number? _____
2. If you applied previously for an Old Mutual TOPP Accounting Bursary, please state the year.

Y	Y	Y	Y
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 - (a) Name of university you are attending _____
 - (b) Date of registration _____
 - (c) For which degree are you studying? _____
 - (d) Current year of study

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 - (e) Have you ever changed your majors/degrees since enrolment? _____

 - (f) Do you have any contractual financial obligations for your studies at present? If so, please provide details _____

 - (g) Do you intend staying at this university next year? **Yes** **No**
 - (h) What subjects have you passed?

 - (i) Give details of the remaining subjects you intend to study to complete your degree.

3. What extramural activities have you participated in while at university?

4. Have you found that your interests have changed substantially since your school-days? If so, in what manner and why do you think this has happened?

Please attach certified copies of your school and university results (including mid-year) to your application.

E. FUTURE CAREER

What does it mean to do training outside of public practice as opposed to doing training inside public practice?

What is your alternative career choice? _____

Write an essay in your own handwriting (of not less than 300 words) weighing up the relative merits of an accounting career and your alternative choice; give your reasons for choosing to do articles via TOPP, state what special strengths you think you possess and how they will help you to become a successful Chartered Accountant. **Attach the essay to your application.**

After carefully considering the Financial Accounting syllabus, which subject do you think will be the most interesting? (Give your reasons.)

Write a short autobiography in your own handwriting (approximately 300 words) highlighting your pleasant (and not-so-pleasant) memories, your family, your friends, schooling and extramural activities. **Attach the autobiography to your application.**

E1. Please INTERPRET the captions using one or two sentences to describe what this means to YOU.

When I was six . . . _____

This time last year . . . _____

Today . . . _____

This time next year . . . _____

My role model . . . _____

Who's smiling now? _____

My first pay cheque . . . _____

How partnering with Old Mutual will work for me . . . _____

How I see my place in the world as a fully qualified professional . . . _____

How my qualification will serve me in the years to come . . . _____

In the next 15 years I will be . . . _____

I'll tell my grandchildren a story about . . . _____

F. GENERAL

Why are you applying specifically for an Old Mutual bursary? _____

For what other bursaries have you applied? _____

How did you hear about the Old Mutual TOPP Accounting Bursary Programme? _____

When did you first become interested in a career as a Chartered Accountant? _____
Who introduced you to the career and how? Why? _____

Have you spoken to (indicate with a ✓):

An accounting student?	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>
An articled clerk?	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>
A qualified Chartered Accountant?	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>

If **Yes**, how did this enhance your understanding of the accounting profession? _____

Indicate (with a ✓) what other sources you have used to obtain information:

OM Website	<input type="checkbox"/>
SAICA	<input type="checkbox"/>
Career books	<input type="checkbox"/>
Career exhibitions	<input type="checkbox"/>
School referral	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

G. BURSARY CONDITIONS

If the bursary is awarded, it will be made subject to you entering into Old Mutual's standard bursary contract which includes the following conditions:

1. A contract of service with Old Mutual (South Africa) in Pinelands, Western Cape.
2. The bursary may be withdrawn at the discretion of Old Mutual in the event of unsatisfactory progress.
3. Withdrawal of the bursary or failure to fulfil the service contract will result in all bursary monies, together with interest at a rate to be determined by Old Mutual, being repayable immediately.
4. Meeting Old Mutual security requirements and consenting to Old Mutual making enquiries to verify information disclosed and/or obtaining information concerning yourself to other sources.
5. Please attach a copy of your ID to the application.

If your application is unsuccessful, Nedbank has a DeSign student account and a competitive loan offering that is ideal for high calibre students like yourself. Please select whether you would like Nedbank to contact you in this regard.

Yes No

I hereby certify that the information provided on this form is correct.

Signature of applicant

Date

Signature of legal guardian

Date

This completed application must be returned to:

THE CO-ORDINATOR
ACCOUNTING BURSARY APPLICATIONS
GROUP FINANCE HR (4C)
OLD MUTUAL
PO BOX 66
CAPE TOWN
8000

TELEPHONE 021 509 2656

**APPLICATIONS MUST REACH OLD MUTUAL BY THE 15th OF JULY.
(Applications received after this date will not be considered.)**

SECTIONS H AND I TO BE COMPLETED BY THE HEADMASTER/HEADMISTRESS.

Your comments will be treated as strictly confidential. Please provide all the requested information.

Name of applicant _____

Name of school _____

Address _____

Telephone _____

Signature

Date

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H. ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS

School subjects	Percentage obtained (not symbols)			Usual position in Grade for each subject	Number of students in Grade
	Specify whether 1st or 2nd Language	Grade 10	Grade 11		

What academic or other special recognition has the applicant received? _____

In your opinion, what special attributes indicate that the applicant is suited to a career as a Chartered Accountant? _____

What would you consider to be the applicant's:

Major strengths? _____

Weaknesses? _____

Other comments _____

If June results are not available, application forms can still be submitted. Results can be sent upon availability.

I. PERSONAL CHARACTERISTICS

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	Below Average	Average	Above Average	Excellent	Comments
Attendance Record					
Ability:					
Aptitude for learning					
Verbal communication					
Written communication					
Industriousness					
Initiative					
Leadership					
Overcoming obstacles					
Making things happen					
Personality/Character:					
Emotional maturity					
Dependability					
Self-confidence					
Self-motivation					
Ability to get along with others:					
With teachers					
With friends					