



TRUST NEWS

Summer 2018

Trust gives help to 12 needy students amid shake-up in funding rules

The Trust is providing assistance for 12 needy students in 2018, geared to new circumstances following an expansion of state aid for students.

In the past, the Trust's bursaries met some or all of the cost of tuition fees for needy undergraduates. But now the National Student Financial Aid Scheme (NSFAS) is covering fees for many such students. After consultation with the University, the Trustees opted to provide some bursaries for needy students studying for honours degrees and to use the rest of the available funding to provide needy undergraduates with top-up grants for the purchase of textbooks and meals.



This decision means that in 2018 the Margaret Thomas Scholarship has been awarded to a BA (Honours) student, Thando Masiko, while Trust bursaries have been given to four other honours students in the fields of computer science, environmental science and microbiology.



Textbook and meal grants are being provided for seven undergraduate students across a range of disciplines including medicine and engineering. All the students receiving help are from families with gross household incomes below R122,000 (below about £7,200) per annum. ->

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Trust's help for students...

-> While the new state aid has made a difference, the level of hardship experienced by many poorer students remains a significant problem.



The University has assured the Trustees of the continuing need for the Trust's support – particularly for a group defined as the "missing middle", those students who do not qualify for NSFAS funding but are unable to afford higher education owing such factors as large family size relative to household income or coming from a single-parent family.

The University says there are thousands of students from poor households in need of top-up funding for textbooks, meals and accommodation. But the Trust is only able to provide such help for just seven students this year.

To enable the Trust's valuable work to continue, the Trustees urge alumni and supporters in the UK once again to give as generously as you can. Even the smallest contribution can make a difference.

Please consider a one-off donation or a regular standing order, using the giving form enclosed with this newsletter. Remember gift aid can boost your donation if you are a UK taxpayer.

You may also wish to consider other ways of giving, such as through a legacy. See the Donate page on the Trust's website at www.ukznuktrust.org for further information.

Connect with the Trust on social media



Find us on Facebook at: www.facebook.com/UKZNUKTrust

Trust Chair Roger Smith welcomes contacts from UK alumni and supporters via **LinkedIn**. See: www.linkedin.com/in/rogersmithuksa

Note the UKZN Alumni Relations team also has a presence on Facebook and LinkedIn.

For the latest news about the Trust, as well as information for donors, go to the charity's website at: www.ukznuktrust.org

Trust bids to comply with new data protection laws

The Government has made clear that there is no exemption for small charities such as the Trust when it comes to compliance with new data protection laws. This has placed an onerous regulatory burden on these bodies and the unpaid volunteers who give their time and effort to run them.

Nevertheless, preservation of your privacy is important to the Trust and we are committed to letting you know how we use your personal information and to making only responsible use of your data.



To this end, we would like to draw your attention to the Privacy Statement and Terms & Conditions pages that have been added in the About section of the Trust's website at www.ukznuktrust.org

Please be aware that the Trust needs to hold the data of alumni and supporters who have made donations to the Trust – specifically: name, address, email address and, in the case of donations by standing order or by bank transfer, bank details. This applies particularly where a donation has been gift aided.

To avoid any doubt, we have added a tick-box on the Trust's giving form so you can provide explicit permission for us to hold this personal data. *Please make sure you tick this box when making a donation using the form.*

Please make permission explicit in any email communication with us, particularly if it relates to a donation by bank transfer. If making a donation using Virgin Money Giving, their privacy policy applies: see www.virginmoneygiving.com

We always have asked in our newsletters that you should make sure the Alumni Relations Office and the Trust have your up-to-date contact details. This is now more important than ever. Remember to email alumni@ukzn.ac.za and info@ukznuktrust.org to advise of changes.

You have the right to request access to the personal data we hold about you in our records. We will be glad to meet any such request.

Please contact us if you have any queries.

APOLOGY: UNSTAMPED MAIL

The Trustees regret that a batch of about 30 newsletters and giving forms posted out in November were sent without 2nd class stamps on the envelopes. As a result, the recipients concerned were faced with Royal Mail surcharges.

We apologise unreservedly for the error.

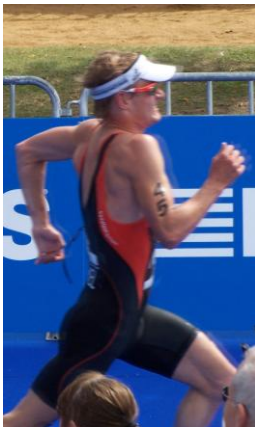
The Trust is a small, independent charity which does not have offices or employ staff. All the work is done by a small group of volunteers, mainly the Trustees.

Trust mailings are produced by this group of volunteers who get together to stuff the envelopes, add the address labels and stick on the stamps before posting. Unfortunately, owing to an oversight during this manual task for the November mailing, stamps were not affixed to a small batch of envelopes and this was not spotted before they were posted out.

The Trustees will take steps to ensure such an error does not reoccur.

If anyone has been left out of pocket after having paid the Royal Mail surcharge to receive the November mailing, please email info@ukznuktrust.org with the details and we will aim to reimburse you.

Can you raise money for the Trust?



Virgin Money Giving allows you to create your own online sponsorship pages in aid of charities including the Trust.

We urge you to bring in donations through sponsored activities or events. Marathon runs are a popular choice but birthday or other appeals can help.



Simply set up your page following the instructions at www.virginmoneygiving.com and let friends, family and other potential sponsors know, as well as the Trust. We will be glad to assist.