The National Department of Housing invites applications from exceptionally performing matriculants who wish to further their studies and pursue careers within the broader housing related field with studies commencing in the academic year 2009.

Applications are invited from interested matriculants nationwide.

**Eligibility Criteria**
- South African citizenship
- Matric exemption
- Good performance at the interview
- Needy financial background (student will not be able to study without financial assistance)
- Youth and undergraduate
- Previously disadvantaged individuals
- Housing and construction related studies
- Proof of acceptance from your chosen tertiary institution if any

**Objectives**
The National Housing Scholarship programme is aimed at addressing skills development and acquisition through sponsoring well performing students from previously disadvantaged groups in designated and prioritised fields of housing and construction related studies.

This initiative is in line with and supports the objectives of both the National Skills Development Strategy as well as ASGISA. The outcome of the programme is to produce a cadre of highly competent housing practitioners and professionals.

The prioritised undergraduate fields of study could include but are not limited to areas focusing on:

- Civil Engineering
- Town and Regional Planning
- Architecture
- Architectural Technology
- Construction Management
- Project Management
- Surveying
- Property Economics
- Quantity Surveying
- Landscape Technology
- Urban and Rural Studies
- Construction Science
- Building Surveying
- Development Planning
- Land Surveying
- Landscape Architecture
- Environmental Studies.

The following will be required:
- A completed application form
- Proof of your financial status (salary slip from your parents/proof of unemployment or sworn affidavit)
- Short CV with at least two referees (include the referees’ telephone numbers)
- Certified copy of June/December Matric results
- Certified copy of Identity Document
- A stamped/signed recommendation letter from your school

Successful candidates will be expected to enter into a scholarship agreement entailing participation in vocational work during studies and, a service contract after the completion of studies. The National Department of Housing reserves the right to award the scholarship, publish the names of successful candidates in newspapers, its website and newsletters. The scholarship covers all projected expenses within the scholarship agreement.

Interested students should respond to the National Department of Housing Scholarship advertisement. The prioritised undergraduate fields of study could include but, are not limited to areas focusing on:

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Interested students should please forward their applications by post complying with all requirements set herein before 31 October 2008 to: The Director General, National Department of Housing, Private Bag X644, Pretoria, 0001 for attention Mr Monwabisi Maclean. The Department of Housing will provide equal opportunity to all undergraduates. It is our intention to promote representivity (race, gender & disability).

Application forms can be obtained at 240 Walker Street, Govan Mbeki House, Sunnyside, Pretoria/Provincial Housing offices/ National government website. All enquiries should be directed to the National Department of Housing, Capacity Development, tel: (012) 421 1394/1465/1488/Toll free: 08001 46873 or via e-mail: Duduzile@housing.gov.za/Muzi@housing.gov.za/Sindi@housing.gov.za

Correspondence will be limited to successful candidates only. If you have not been contacted within 3 months after the closing date of this advertisement, please accept that your application was unsuccessful.

The closing date for all applications is 31 October 2008.