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Motivational Letter

Dear AGSA/Solarpop Bursary Selection Committee,

I am writing to apply for the AGSA/Solarpop Bursary to support my studies towards a Bachelor of Commerce in Economics and Econometrics (EXT). The financial assistance I am seeking is to settle the approximately twenty-eight thousand rand (R28 000) in outstanding fees and secure my opportunity to continue studying without placing further pressure on my family. This qualification represents more than a degree- it becomes a step forward for my professional growth, financial independence and the ability to contribute to both my family and the community.

My academic journey reflects my determination to complete my degree and further my studies. In 2023, I faced a setback that almost crushed my dream entirely when I achieved a Level Three in Mathematics for my National Senior Certificate. While struggling with this reality, I found a rewrite programme in 2024 under MasterMaths, where I discovered my passion for mathematics. This experience elevated my mark to a Level Six -a year for which I am very grateful. During that year, I developed a high interest in Economics, and this has reflected in my dedication to maintaining high marks and earning distinctions in "Mathematics and Applications in Economics and Business", "Financial Recording Analysis and Management" and "Mastering Academic and Professional Skills" while maintaining a distinction for the academic year 2025 at seventy-five percent for the whole year average. This experience taught me that progress is possible when I remain committed to improvement and take responsibility for my circumstances

My motivation to continue is also rooted in my family circumstances involving my blended family. Growing up with my mother during her divorce was tough, and it unfortunately almost severed my ties with my other siblings and my father. Luckily, they became more civil as I grew, and I chose to stay with him-as the middle child of five children-living with my stepmother and him. It has been tough to witness the immense pressure my father faced as the breadwinner of the family before losing his job and struggling to ensure we still attended school. This has made it hard to cover educational expenses, and has resulted in me hunting for part-time work which has limited time that I devote to my studies and personal growth. However, these hardships have taught me how I could allow everything around me to define what I want my life to look like, but I chose the opposite-I am deeply eager to create a stable, impactful future that can benefit the community I grew up in at Waverly, Edenvale, and across the country.

AGSA's commitment to empowerment, Ubuntu and development, resonates with me. I believe education should equip people with the skills and confidence to improve their lives and, in turn, help others do the same. My interest and joy for

Mathematics has given me a particular desire to help children who struggle with the subject. Having experienced academic difficulty myself, I understand how a terrible mark can affect a learner's confidence and I want to encourage children to persevere, develop their abilities and recognise that setbacks do not determine their future. To me, this is a practical expression of Ubuntu: using personal experiences and knowledge to support the growth of others.

My studies in Economics and Econometrics help me to develop an analytical and interpersonal personality to understand how financial decisions influence people's minds. In the future, I hope to pursue a career in the investment sector, to help apply these skills into the economic growth of South Africa. I see education as ongoing research and development and I am committed to making the most of opportunities available to me

Receiving this bursary would help me address my outstanding university fees and continue my studies with no stress over financial stability. I would approach this opportunity with gratitude, discipline and a strong sense of responsibility. I am determined to turn the support I receive into academic high mark maintenance and a lasting contribution towards my studies.

Thank you for considering into my studies and ensuring that students can start every fresh new year without debt troubles. I would be grateful for this opportunity to continue my studies with your support,

Sincerely

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