



ADVERTISEMENT FOR THE MAURITIUS–AFRICA SCHOLARSHIPS SCHEME – 2026 ACADEMIC YEAR

The Higher Education Loans and Scholarships Board (HELSB) invites suitably qualified Zambian nationals to apply for fifteen (15) scholarships under the Mauritius–Africa Scholarships Scheme (MASS) for the 2026 academic year. Scholarships are available in the following categories: Undergraduate Diploma, Undergraduate Degree, MPhil, MPhil/PhD, and PhD programmes.

1. ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Undergraduate (Diploma and Degree)

- Applicants must be above 18 years and below 26 years of age by 1st January 2027.
- Must have successfully completed Grade 12 (School Certificate) with:
 - o Diploma programmes: Grades 1–5 in English, Mathematics, and subjects relevant to the intended field of study.
 - o Undergraduate degree programmes: At least 21 points at A-Level in three principal subjects (A+ = 10, A = 9, B = 8, C = 7, D = 6), or an equivalent average of 60% (12/20).
- Candidates already holding an undergraduate degree are not eligible.
- Proof of English Language proficiency (IELTS/TOEFL) is required if the previous qualification was not taught in English.

MPhil, MPhil/PhD and PhD

- Applicants must be below 40 years of age by 1st January 2027.
- Must hold a recognized undergraduate degree with at least a Merit or Upper Second Class ($\geq 60\%$), and for PhD applicants, a Master’s degree.
- MPhil and PhD applicants must include a research proposal/plan and a written acceptance from a potential supervisor in Mauritius.

2. SCHOLARSHIP COVERAGE

The scholarship covers:

- Tuition fees and a monthly living allowance.
- A return air ticket (Zambia–Mauritius–Zambia) by the most economical route upon completion of studies.

Note:

Successful candidates will be responsible for:

- Travel expenses to and from the airport; and
- Any other costs not covered by the scholarship.

3. STUDY DURATION

Programme		Maximum Duration
Undergraduate Diploma	-	3 years
Undergraduate Degree	-	4 years
MPhil	-	2 years + 6 months for thesis defence
MPhil/PhD	-	3 years + 6 months for transfer approval + 1 year 6 months for thesis defence
PhD	-	3 years + 6 months for thesis defence

4. APPLICATION PROCEDURE

1. Apply for a full-time, on-campus programme at a public Higher Education Institution in Mauritius listed in Section 8 of the Guidelines for Applicants (available on the Mauritius Ministry of Tertiary Education website).
2. Complete the official Mauritius–Africa Scholarship Application Form electronically before printing: <https://tertiaryeducation.govmu.org/te/index.php/mass/>
3. Attach the following supporting documents:
 - o A typed application letter clearly stating the field of study, age, and active mobile phone number.
 - o Certified Copy of Applicant’s Birth Certificate
 - o A Curriculum Vitae, photocopies of educational certificates, transcripts/statements of results, and NRC.
 - o A study plan or synopsis explaining how the intended course of study will contribute to Zambia’s development:
 - 200 words (Undergraduate)
 - 400 words (Master’s)
 - 600 words (PhD)
 - o Employer’s recommendation (for Master’s/PhD applicants in employment).
 - o Supporting statement from a named supervisor (for MPhil/PhD applicants).
4. Pay a non-refundable application fee of ZMW 100 at any NATSAVE branch and attach a copy of the deposit slip.
 - o Note: No cash payments will be accepted at HELSB offices.
5. Submit the completed application and all supporting documents through HELSB.

5. SUBMISSION OF APPLICATIONS

Applications should be addressed to:	or	Hand delivered to:
The Chief Executive Officer Higher Education Loans and Scholarships Board P.O. Box 320298, LUSAKA		The Reception Higher Education Loans and Scholarships Board 2nd Floor United Church House, No. 8 Mosi-oa- Tunya Road, Woodlands, LUSAKA. Or The Higher Education Loans and Scholarships Board, C4 Copperbelt University Riverside Campus, Kitwe. Or The Higher Education Loans and Scholarships Board, Mulungushi University, P.O Box 80415, Town campus, Kabwe. Or The Higher Education Loans and Scholarships Board, Stand No 6711 Mberere Road Olympia Park Extension, Lusaka.

6. DEADLINE

Closing date for applications: Friday, 16th January 2026

7. CONTACT DETAILS

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- Higher Education Loans and Scholarships Board
- HELSB-Zambia

IMPORTANT NOTES

- Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted.
- Applicants not contacted by Friday, 13th February 2026 should consider their application unsuccessful.
- Students currently on HELSB sponsorship (locally or abroad) are not eligible to apply.
- Late or incomplete applications will not be considered.
- Candidates who withdraw after nomination will be blacklisted from future consideration.
- Nomination by HELSB does not guarantee award; final selection is by the Ministry of Tertiary Education, Science and Research of Mauritius.

John Machayi (Dr.)

Chief Executive Officer
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