



HartRAO-ASSA Scholarships information for 2018

The Hartebeesthoek Radio Astronomy Observatory-Astronomical Society of South Africa (HartRAO-ASSA) Scholarships for 2018 are announced.

The purpose of a HartRAO-ASSA Scholarship is to encourage current or intending undergraduates (i.e. 1st, 2nd or 3rd year) studying for a B.Sc. degree at a university in South Africa, who have an interest in astronomy, to prepare for furthering their interest. Applicants must be resident in South Africa.

The maximum value of each HartRAO-ASSA Scholarship for 2018 is sixteen thousand rand, which is generously provided by HartRAO. Three quarters of the amount awarded is a contribution towards study fees; the balance will be paid to the scholarship holder to assist with expenses and prescribed book purchases. On re-application, the holder will be considered for the HartRAO-ASSA Scholarship in future years, until completion of the B.Sc. degree, subject to good progress being made. Scholarship holders may be considered for vacation jobs at HartRAO.

There is no standard application form, and **only** the following items **must** be submitted (incomplete applications will not be considered). The filename of each document sent by e-mail as an attachment **must start** with the applicant's surname.

- A covering letter, outlining your career plans and explaining your interest in astronomy.
- Curriculum vitae.
- A statement of your intended course of study (full details of subjects and modules, and their costs) for 2018, and if possible and relevant, for the remaining years of undergraduate study.
- A statement that you either have no other bursary or scholarship, or where you do have a scholarship or bursary, the amount, source and conditions.
- A copy of your final **official** results, whether matric or university, from the previous year of study (this will be 2017, unless there are unusual circumstances).
- A recent letter of support from a lecturer or, in the case of a first-time student, a teacher.
- Additional recent letter(s) of support, if relevant.
- Full contact details, including e-mail, residential and postal addresses, and phone numbers.

Applications and queries may be submitted:

- by e-mail (**preferred**) to scholarships@assa.sao.ac.za, or
- in writing to: Astronomical Society of Southern Africa, Scholarships, c/o PO Box 9, Observatory, 7935.

Applications should reach us by 2 February 2018.