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TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION COMMISSION BASIC AND HIGHER STUDY ASSISTANCE PROGRAMMES INSPIRE A HOPE

In keeping with the recommendations of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission (TRC), the Department of Justice and Constitutional Development invites persons who have been declared as TRC identified victims to apply for Basic and Higher Education Study Assistance programmes.

Other persons who stand to benefit from these programmes are parents of a victim or persons who exercise or exercised parental control over the victim, persons married to a victim under any law, a child of the victim irrespective whether the child was born by unmarried parents or adopted and persons whom the victim had legal or customary duty to support such as a grandchild of the victim.

TRC identified victims or their relatives will only qualify for the programmes on condition that their household gross income doesn't amount to more than R 209, 468.00 per annum or in cases where the family has been declared a vulnerable household. Assistance is at this stage only limited for grade 1 – 12 in respect of basic education and attainment of an Undergraduate Qualifications in respect of higher education.

Persons who meet the qualifying criteria will be able to obtain application forms for basic education study assistance programme on the website of the Department of Justice and Constitutional Development which is www.justice.gov.za.

Application forms for higher education study assistance programme may be obtained on the website of the Department of Justice and Constitutional

Development which is www.justice.gov.za as well as the Department of Higher Education website which is www.dhet.gov.za. Additional avenues where applications for higher education study assistance programme may sought are the offices of the dedicated official, the administrator or the funds administrators. The closing date for applications is 30 November 2021.

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