## Person specification Paralegal Assistant/Trainee

# HABandBF

#### Hillcrest Advice Bureau and Bursary Fund

| Criteria       | Essential   | Desirable  | Method of<br>Assessment                     |
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| Qualifications | <ul> <li>Assistant Post</li> <li>Tertiary level Paralegal qualification or Tertiary<br/>Level Legal qualification</li> <li>Trainee Post</li> <li>Matric with minimum L3 in Maths or L4 in Maths<br/>Lit, English and at least 2 other subjects</li> </ul>   | • Basic counselling certificate  | Application                                 |
| Skills         | <ul> <li>Ability to maintain clients' full confidence</li> <li>Ability to enable clients to share their story of distress and need</li> <li>Fluency in isiZulu</li> <li>Fluency in English</li> <li>Assistant Post</li> <li>Ability to separate clients' needs which the Advice Bureau can help with and to refer clients to other services relevant to any other needs</li> <li>Excellent verbal communication suitable to different environments: including client counselling, advocacy to entities such as SASSA and businesses</li> <li>Excellent written communication including emails to partner organisations, reports for the Board, letters on behalf of clients to other service providers.</li> <li>Manual record keeping and filing</li> <li>Adherence to financial procedures, records and audit trail requirements</li> </ul> | <ul> <li>Competency in Microsoft<br/>Word and Excel</li> <li>Trainee Post</li> <li>Ability to separate clients'<br/>needs which the Advice<br/>Bureau can help with and<br/>to refer clients to other<br/>services relevant to any<br/>other needs</li> <li>Excellent verbal<br/>communication suitable to<br/>different environments:<br/>including client counselling,<br/>advocacy to entities such as<br/>SASSA and businesses</li> <li>Excellent written<br/>communication including<br/>emails to partner<br/>organisations, reports for<br/>the Board, letters on behalf</li> </ul> | Application,<br>Interview and<br>References |



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|                        |  | of clients to other service<br>providers.<br>• Manual record keeping and<br>filing<br>• Adherence to financial<br>procedures, records and<br>audit trail requirements |   |
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| Experience             | • Experience within disadvantaged rural communities, the challenges faced within those communities and the appropriate cultural etiquette  | <ul> <li>Experience within the NPO sector</li> <li>Paralegal or legal work /volunteer experience</li> </ul>   | Application,<br>Interview and<br>References |
| Personal<br>attributes | <ul> <li>Value alignment with those of HABandBF:<br/>kindness, empathy, a belief in a hand up not a<br/>hand out to break the cycle of poverty</li> <li>Emotional fortitude</li> <li>Ability to work professionally with volunteers</li> <li>Trustworthiness</li> <li>Excellent timekeeping</li> </ul> |   | Interview &<br>References                   |
| Availability           | <ul> <li>Every Wednesday 9am-12.30pm at Qadi</li> <li>Willingness to work additional hours on an ad hoc basis</li> <li>Attendance at AGM and Board meetings</li> </ul>   |   | Interview                                   |

