

THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE BURSARY AWARDS FOR 2026

The Department of Agriculture (DoA) intends to award comprehensive bursaries to qualifying applicants pursuing and/or intending to further their studies in identified careers in the agriculture sector for the 2026 academic year. The bursary will cover tuition, accommodation, books, meals and a monthly allowance. The bursary awards target the previously disadvantaged and impoverished persons from poverty-stricken and rural communities.

Persons with disability are encouraged to apply. 

Closing date for all applications: 30 September 2025

Fields of study	Minimum requirements (National Senior Certificate)	Enquiries
1. BSc Eng. Agricultural (Bioresource) Engineering 2. Bachelor of Veterinary Science (BVSc.)	Mathematics and Physical Science: 6 (70-79)	Ms Silindelo Dlomo Tel: (012) 319 7848 Ms Bongiwe Shabalala Tel: (012) 319 7136 Mr Sifiso Nkuna Tel: (012) 319 7201
3. BSc Agric. Entomology 4. BSc Agric. Food Science 5. BSc Agric. Animal Science 6. BSc Agric. Plant Pathology 7. BSc Agric. Soil Science 8. BSc Agric. Agronomy 9. BSc Agric. Viticulture and Oenology	Mathematics and Physical Science: 5 (60-69)	
10. BAS Food Science and Technology 11. Diploma in Food Technology	Mathematics and Physical Science: 4 (50-59)	
12. Advance Diploma in agriculture related fields		

NOTES

- Applicants must be South African citizens.
- Applicants must complete the relevant bursary application forms available from the website address: www.nda.gov.za (Click on vacancies).
- Applicants who apply for fields of study that are not listed above will not be considered.
- Please note that communication will be limited to successful applicants only. If you have not received any communication from the department within **14 days after the release of Grade 12 results**, and after the National Bursary Committee has finalised the selection process, consider your application unsuccessful.
- Applicants who are not in possession of their university acceptance letter or results can submit their application while waiting for the said documents. However, these documents must be submitted within three **(3) days after the release of Grade 12 results in January 2026**.
- No late application forms will be considered.
- The Department of Agriculture (DoA) reserves the right to determine the total number of bursary allocations for the academic year based on the total budget available.
- All completed bursary application forms together with all supporting documents should be sent to the below email address **(Affidavits will not be accepted)**:

APPLICATIONS EMAIL ADDRESS

Email address: Externalbursaries@dalrrd.gov.za

Closing date: 30 September 2025



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Annexure B1 • 2026

BURSARY APPLICATION FORM

-Undergraduate studies-

Instructions to applicants

- Closing date: **30 September 2025**;
- Use block letters to complete the form;
- Give concise answers and, where applicable, mark with an **X**;
- This form may only be used by persons who are not staff members of the department;
- Attach a recent copy of your ID, academic record and copies of qualification/certificates; affidavits will not be accepted;
- Incomplete or late applications will not be considered; and
- Forward your completed application together with supporting documents to the email address below:

Email address: Externalbursaries@dalrrd.gov.za

A. Particulars of applicant

Title:..... Surname:.....

First names:.....

Male		Female	
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Identity Number														
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African		Coloured		Indian		White	
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Nationality:.....

Province:.....

Municipality:.....

Area:.....

Disability	Yes		No	
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If YES, state nature of disability:.....

Marital status:.....

Home language:.....

Postal address

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Postal code

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E-mail:.....

Tel no. (h):.....

Tel no. (w):.....

Fax no.:.....

Residential address

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Postal code

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Cellphone:.....

Code:

Code:.....

Code:.....

B. High school information (Compulsory for all applicants)

Name of the school:

Type of school	Public		Private	
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If PUBLIC, Indicate quantile rating	1	2	3	4	5
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Highest grade passed	Grade 11		Grade 12	
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Subjects (list them)

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Principal's signature

SCHOOL STAMP

NB: Principal's signature and school stamp is only applicable to current grade 12 learners

Fields of study	Cross ONLY one field of study [X]	
1. BSc Eng. Agricultural (Bioresource) Engineering		
2. Bachelor of Veterinary Science (BVSc.)		
3. BSc Agric. Entomology		
4. BSc Agric. Food Science		
5. BSc Agric. Animal Science		
6. BSc Agric. Plant Pathology		
7. BSc Agric. Soil Science		
8. BSc Agric. Agronomy		
9. BSc Agric. Viticulture and Oenology		
10. BAS Food Science and Technology		
11. Diploma in Food Technology		
12. Advance Diploma in Agriculture related fields	Plant Production	
	Animal Production/Science	
	Agriculture Management	
	Agricultural Extension	
	Food Science and Technology	
	Other (Specify)	

Mark the academic year of study for which you are applying

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C. Other bursaries/study loans

Are you at present studying with a bursary or study loan?

Yes		No	
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If yes, name of the bursary/study loan:.....

Annual value of the bursary/study loan:.....

D. Income Status (Compulsory for all applicants)

Father's occupation:.....

Mother's occupation:.....

Guardian's occupation:.....

Are you/Were you a SASSA child support recipient? :

No	Yes and it is active	Yes but it lapsed due to age
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If yes, please attach proof from SASSA

Mark your combined parents or guardians income (R)

Below 120 000	120 001 – 240 000	240 000 – 350 000	350 000 – 600 000	Above 600 000	Attach proof of income for both parents and/ or proof of income from SASSA NB: No affidavit

E. Details of parents/guardian/next of kin

Title: Surname:

Initials: Full name:

Identity Number													
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Relationship

Mother

Father

Other, specify

Postal address

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Postal code				
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Residential address

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Postal code				
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E-mail:

Tel no. (h):

Tel no. (w):

Fax no.:

Cellphone no:

Code:

Code:

Code:

F. Documentation

Please attach certified copies of the following

- Identity document (**Applicant**)
- Identity document (**Parents/Guardian**)
- Death certificates (**If applicable**)
- Certified copies of qualifications
- Academic Record/Grade 12 Results and University acceptance letter
- Family income (**Salary advice not older than 3 months**)
- SASSA confirmation letter (**If applicable**)
- Proof of unemployment obtainable from the Department of Labour (**If applicable**)

G. Declaration

I certify that the information supplied in this application is correct and that, if I am awarded a bursary, I will abide by the regulations applicable.

Signature:.....

Date:

If still a minor, signature of parents/guardian

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Date:.....

CHECKLIST

To be completed by Applicant	(Mark with an X)	
	Yes	No
Identity document (Applicant)		
Identity document (Parents/Guardian)		
Death certificates (If applicable)		
Academic Record/Grade 12 Results and University acceptance letter		
SASSA confirmation letter (If applicable)		
Proof of income (Salary advice not older than 3 months)		
Proof of unemployment obtainable from the Department of Labour (If applicable)		

Important notes for applicants

- Applicants who are not in possession of their University acceptance letter or final results can submit their application while waiting for the said documents.
- No faxed applications forms will be considered
- No late applications will be considered

