

# 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)	<b>Ms Silindelo Dlomo</b> Tel: (012) 319 7848  <b>Ms Bongiwe Shabalala</b> Tel: (012) 319 7136  <b>Mr Sifiso Nkuna</b> 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

1. Applicants must be South African citizens.
2. Applicants must complete the relevant bursary application forms available from the website address: [www.nda.gov.za](http://www.nda.gov.za) (Click on vacancies).
3. Applicants who apply for fields of study that are not listed above will not be considered.
4. 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.
5. 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**.
6. No late application forms will be considered.
7. 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.
8. 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](mailto:Externalbursaries@dalrrd.gov.za)

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