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Agbiz Centenary Bursary

Terms and Conditions

- The Agricultural Business Chamber (Agbiz) is making an annual bursary available to a South African student registered for a master's or Ph.D. degree in agribusiness management-related fields, at any recognised South African university.

Minimum requirements and conditions

- Applicants must be citizens of the Republic of South Africa.
- Applicants should have registered or qualified for admission to a master's or Ph.D. degree in an agribusiness management-related field at a recognised South African university.
- Applicants should have successfully completed a relevant undergraduate programme, or degree, or be in the final year studying towards an undergraduate qualification.
- Applicants should have received a minimum of 60% for major subjects.
- The applicant needs to submit a letter of recommendation from his/her academic supervisor, or the head of the department (strictly no longer than one page).
- The applicant should submit a personal motivation stating why he/she needs the bursary and what it will be used for (strictly no longer than one page).
- The applicant should ensure that his/her academic supervisor, or head of the department, provides biannual progress reports (in the second and last term of the year) to Thapelo Machaba of Agbiz (policy@agbiz.co.za) to enable Agbiz to evaluate the student's progress. If Agbiz receives no progress reports and has no means of establishing progress, unsatisfactory progress will be assumed.
- If the student no longer continues the year of studying or in the event of the student showing unsatisfactory progress according to the academic supervisor, or the head of the department and Agbiz's assessment, Agbiz reserves the right to cancel the agreement and terminate payment of the bursary. In such an event, the student shall be obliged to reimburse the amount of the bursary already paid, as well as interest on the amount from the date of disbursement up to the time that the student repays the amount required. Such an amount must be paid to Agbiz within two months of the cancellation of the agreement.
- The student will be required to sign a formal agreement after the awarding of the bursary.
- The bursary may be awarded to a student who is already benefiting from another bursary, scholarship, or sponsoring programme. Applicants benefiting from other programmes HAVE TO DECLARE it to Agbiz, in their application or no later than at the time of accepting the contract and confirm that the requirements and conditions of the Agbiz bursary programme are prioritised. In the event of not declaring it, the student will immediately be disqualified.

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Evaluation

- The bursary is awarded on merit, based on the study record to date, as well as the relevance and contribution of the field of research to agribusiness.
- Students with the most relevant field of study, or proposed field of study, will be favoured. Agbiz will also favour students willing to be guided by Agbiz in formulating the topic of their research.
- Subject to meeting the requirements above, preference may be given to beneficiaries from a previously disadvantaged group, females and disabled candidates.
- Application for the bursary for a specific purpose, and sufficient motivation, therefore, can also favour the student.

The bursary funds will be paid in February 2027.

- Payments will preferably be made into the student's university account and only if otherwise agreed, into the relevant department, or another account.
- In the case of an altered agreement, Agbiz may make direct payments for specific purposes as agreed upon.
- The allocation of a bursary to a particular student is not regarded as a guarantee that the bursary will be allocated to the student again the following year, considering that the student applies again. However, the student may, in case of sufficient progress, be favoured for the allocation of the bursary in the following year.

Closing date and selection notification

- Applications, complete with a completed application form and the required documentation, should reach Agbiz via email by no later than 6 December 2026.
- Confirmation of receipt will be sent electronically to the applicant's stated email address as soon as the application is received. It is the applicant's own responsibility to ensure the successful delivery of documentation
- Incomplete applications may be rejected without notification.
- No late application will be considered.
- The selected student will be contacted by the middle of January 2027. If you have not heard anything regarding your application by that time, your application was unsuccessful.

The decision by Agbiz regarding the awarding of the bursary is final.

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