



**INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE EXTERNAL DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVES (EDI) BURSARY SCHEME**

\* The Western Cape Department of Agriculture awards bursaries to students studying full-time at a registered tertiary institute towards obtaining a SAQA accredited qualification in the agricultural critical and scarce skills. Preference will be given to applicants of the designated groups, based on their socio economic status.

Persons with Disabilities and Female candidates are encouraged to apply.

OPPORTUNITIES	WHO SHOULD APPLY?	NO OF BENEFICIARIES
<p>EDI BURSARIES</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A candidate who is conditionally accepted or registered with a registered Institution of Higher Education in an Agricultural field of study.</li> <li>The bursary will be awarded for the minimum numbers of years to obtain the qualification.</li> <li>The bursary will cover registration fees, tuition fees, and where applicable, accommodation and meals.</li> <li>Each student will sign a bursary agreement and serve back one calendar year for each respective year the bursary was awarded.</li> </ul>	<p>A Student registered for full-time studies on a relevant Undergraduate to a Master's Programme in the listed agricultural fields</p> <p>Candidates must have the ability to complete the programme and have a desire to pursue a career in Agriculture.</p>	10

RELEVANT SCARCE AND CRITICAL FIELDS OF STUDIES:	NO. OF BENEFICIARIES
<p>AGRICULTURAL SCIENCES:</p> <p>Agronomy, Research into GIS/Remote Sensing/Crop Modelling; Soil science; Horticulture; Viticulture and oenology; Food science and technology; Microbiology Statistics Weed biocontrol science; Engineering</p>	6
<p>AGRICULTURAL ECONOMICS:</p> <p>Resource Economists, Policy Analysis economic modelling, Econometrician, Production economics, Statisticians, Agribusiness: Investment economists, Agricultural Economics and Food processing</p>	4

Requirements:

- All applicants must be South African citizens.
- Applicants must have a conditional acceptance or be currently registered with a Higher Educational Institution completing a qualification in the scarce and critical agricultural fields.
- Applicants must be unemployed youth not in receipt of **any financial assistance**.
- Successful candidates will be expected to enter into a bursary agreement.
- Applicants must complete the relevant forms which is available on our website: [www.elsenburg.gov.za](http://www.elsenburg.gov.za).
- All completed application forms together with all requested documentation must be posted to:

<p>The Acting Director: Ms L Cox Directorate: Operational Support Services Western Cape Department of Agriculture Private Bag X 1 ELSENBURG 7607</p>	<p>For further enquiries on the External Development Initiatives bursary scheme please contact: Mr John Constable on 021-808 5044 or email <a href="mailto:johnconstable@elsenburg.com">johnconstable@elsenburg.com</a></p>
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If you do not hear from us within two months after the closing date of this advertisement, consider your application to be unsuccessful.

NB: (i) Preference will be given to candidates of the Western Cape.

Closing date for all applications to reach our office is by **30 September 2017**