



SUGAR INDUSTRY TRUST FUND FOR EDUCATION (SITFE)

BURSARIES 2026

The Sugar Industry Trust Fund for Education (SITFE) was launched in 1965 as a private sector initiative and is regarded as one of the oldest Trust Funds in South Africa. The mission of SITFE is to support, promote and advance sustainable, quality education in South African sugarcane growing areas.

In its long history, SITFE has provided bursaries to over 10 300 students, financed school building projects, provided financial assistance to tertiary institutions and has worked closely with educational organisations to improve the overall education standard in the sugarcane growing provinces, namely KwaZulu-Natal and Mpumalanga.

SITFE supports a wide range of programmes ranging from the school support programme; study assistance programme; in-whole school support programme; early childhood development programme; and an education centre development programme.

The Study Assistance Programme is regarded as the sugar industry's flagship programme and key mechanism to assist government to redress inequalities in the field of science, agriculture and engineering.

SITFE 2026 Bursaries are only available for studies at:

- Owen Sithole College of Agriculture,
- Cedara College of Agriculture
- University of Mpumalanga (Diploma in Agriculture)

Applicants must have been accepted or have applied to study towards a Diploma in Agriculture at a College of Agriculture or University of Mpumalanga.

Children of the sugarcane farmworkers, disadvantaged applicants and first years from sugarcane growing areas, where mills and sugar industry administrative infrastructure are located, receive preference.

APPLICATION FORMS

Application forms are available on the SITFE website. Please visit www.sitfe.co.za for application forms.

SITFE ALUMNI

We would like to reconnect with old SITFE alumni. If you were once sponsored by a SITFE bursary and you would like to get in touch, please forward your contact details along with information about your current employment to: Sitfe.Alumni@sasa.org.za



CLOSING DATE
FRIDAY, 21 NOVEMBER 2025