



General Bursary Policy-2022

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1. Introduction

Macadamias South Africa NPC or generally referred to as “SAMAC” was established in 2018 as a commodity organisation overseeing the macadamia industry in South Africa. SAMAC is a dynamic organisation, funded by a statutory levy and voluntary membership contributions and directed by macadamia industry participants who have the orderly growth and development of the industry at heart.

SAMAC’s vision is to provide inspirational and innovative leadership to an all-inclusive and aligned South African Macadamia Industry, which through the power of the collective, is built on broad based research, market development and stakeholders engagements.

2. Definitions

- 2.1 Bursary – A bursary is a monetary award made available to an institution or individuals who cannot afford to pay full fees of tuition.
- 2.2 Academic record - An academic record (or transcript) details all subjects studied and results, per academic year and / or semester.
- 2.3 Agriculture - the science, art, or practice of cultivating the soil, producing crops and in varying degrees the preparation and marketing of the resulting products.
- 2.4 Horticulture - the science and art of growing fruits, vegetables, flowers, or ornamental plants

3. Purpose

- 3.1 The purpose of this policy is to provide the general requirements which needs to be fulfilled in order to apply for SAMAC’s general bursary scheme.

4. General

- 4.1 SAMAC’s general bursary scheme is open to students looking to further their studies in the Agricultural or Horticultural faculties with preference to the field of macadamias.
- 4.2 The bursary is intended for the academically gifted students who wish to make a difference in the field of agriculture but lack the funding that is required to further their studies.
- 4.3 The bursary funds can be used towards 1) tuition fees, 2) prescribed textbooks and 3) student accommodation.
- 4.4 Bursaries awarded will represent the demographics of the country.
- 4.5 Preference will be given to students whose family is working in the macadamia industry.

5. Eligibility requirements

- 5.1 Applicants must satisfy the following minimum criteria before applying:
 - 5.1.1 Must be a South African Citizen
 - 5.1.2 Must have a valid completed matric certificate or currently in matric
 - 5.1.3 Studying or intent on studying towards an agriculture degree or diploma.
 - 5.1.4 Studying or have been accepted to study at a recognised tertiary institution in South Africa

- 5.1.5 Excellent academic performance
- 5.1.6 Proven financial need
- 5.1.7 Postgraduate studies should be in a field that will benefit the macadamia industry, such as but not limited to: Entomology, Microbiology, Plant Science, Plant Pathology, Crop Science, Agronomy, Plant Physiology, Soil Science and Crop Protection. Annexure B must be completed.

6. Application for the bursary

- 6.1 Students who meet the above eligibility criteria can apply by completing Annexure A (undergraduate studies) or Annexure B (postgraduate studies) and must submit clear copies of the following supporting documentation:
 - 6.1.1 Valid RSA ID document
 - 6.1.2 Matric certificate or latest academic record if currently in matric
 - 6.1.3 Proof of tertiary admission or acceptance
 - 6.1.4 Parents or guardians' proof of income (latest salary slip if employed / affidavit if unemployed / proof of SASSA grants or other government grants)
 - 6.1.5 Motivational letter to support application
 - 6.1.6 Other as specified in the application form
- 6.2 All other financial assistance, bursaries, loans, etc. currently being received must be declared.
- 6.3 The bursary will be annually renewable subjected to the results of the bursar being acceptable to SAMAC.
- 6.4 This bursary will be reviewed upon submission of examination results, semesterly. Failure to maintain good academic standing might result in cancellation of the bursary award and requires the full repayment of the bursary award.
- 6.5 SAMAC reserves the right to discontinue the bursary.
- 6.6 The student will be required to refund the bursary if he/she stops studying for more than 6 months and do not complete the degree or diploma.
- 6.7 Parents or guardians will be required to sign a surety agreement.
- 6.8 Applications must be submitted electronically via email to: office@samac.org.za

7. Closing Date

The closing date for submissions are 30 September 2022. Applications submitted after this date will not be accepted.

8. Funding of bursaries

Bursaries can be funded from SAMAC's membership income, transformation or research budget, depending on the field of study. A maximum of 5 bursaries may be awarded annually and will represent the demographics of the country.

9. Review of applications and approval

Management will recommend to the Board for final approval.

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