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AGRICULTURAL STUDENTS TO BENEFIT FROM A BURSARY SCHEME FUNDED BY THE KWAZULU-NATAL GOVERNMENT

Students who are enrolled for agricultural studies at tertiary institutions in KwaZulu-Natal will benefit from the educational funding set aside by Premier Senzo Mchunu to assist financially struggling families.

All eligible students from across the province will benefit from the R17.5 million which has been allocated by the KwaZulu-Natal Government to aid financially disadvantaged students this year.

Since 2005, about 13 906 students who were pursuing various careers, including degrees and national diplomas in the field of agriculture, have received funding worth well over R1 billion from the province.

Students who are already beneficiaries of the KwaZulu-Natal Government Bursary Scheme are enrolled at the University of KwaZulu-Natal, Durban University of Technology, Mangosuthu University of Technology, University of Zululand and Unisa.

The selection is based on an above-average performance in matric.

Agricultural teachers are urged to assist students in selecting the appropriate studies which are of high demand in the agricultural sector.

Mr Cyril Xaba, MEC for Agriculture and Rural Development in KwaZulu-Natal, encouraged students to take advantage of this funding and enrol for agricultural courses to assist in multiplying the numbers of emerging farmers who are equipped with skills that make a meaningful difference in the sector.

This year, about 266 undergraduate students will benefit from the funding.



Premier of the Province of KwaZulu-Natal Mr Senzo Mchunu, MEC for Agriculture and Rural Development in KwaZulu-Natal Mr Cyril Xaba, MEC for Education Mrs Peggy Nkonyeni, MEC for Social Development Mrs Weziwe Thusi and MEC for Arts, Culture, Sport and Recreation Mrs Ntombikayise Sibhidla-Saphetha at the Launch of the KZN Bursary Holder's Alumni Association where a R17,5 million cheque was handed over to undergraduate students