

Seriti Bursaries 2026 Apply Now

Introduction

Seriti invites South African students to apply for the **Seriti Bursary Programme 2026**. If you are studying a mining-related discipline—like Electrical, Mechanical or Mining Engineering, Geology, Mine Surveying, Environmental Studies or VOHE—this bursary could cover your full tuition and provide living support for the 2026 academic year. The application **closing date is 22 December 2025**, and successful candidates may also be considered for vacation work and post-study work-back opportunities with Seriti.

Use this guide to confirm eligibility, gather required documents, and submit a strong application for Reference **VAR121/25GS**.

Why apply to the Seriti Bursary Programme?

The Seriti bursary is aimed at supporting high-performing students at recognised South African public universities and universities of technology. This is more than just tuition support — it's a pathway into the mining industry with practical exposure opportunities and potential employment after graduation, subject to business needs. If you want financial peace of mind for the 2026 academic year and a chance to gain industry experience, this bursary is worth applying for.

Who should apply?

Seriti is looking for South African citizens who meet the following core eligibility criteria:

- Registered full-time for a degree or diploma (NQF 7) at a recognised SA tertiary institution.
- In their **2nd, 3rd or 4th year** of study during 2026. (Note: first-year and bridging/foundation students are not eligible.)
- Honours students may apply only in **Geology** or **Environmental** disciplines.
- Minimum academic average of **60%**.
- A basic understanding of South African Mining Legislation (including the Mine Health and Safety Act).
- Not currently receiving another bursary or sponsorship.

If you meet the above, proceed — but make sure you are not a 1st-year student or in a bridging programme and that you are not already funded by another sponsor.

Fields of study covered

Seriti funds studies in the following mining-related fields:

- Electrical Engineering
- Mechanical Engineering
- Environmental Studies
- Geology (including Honours)
- Mine Surveying
- Mining Engineering
- VOHE (Ventilation & Occupational Hygiene Engineering)

These fields are strategically important to the mining sector and are priorities for workforce development.

What the bursary covers

The Seriti Bursary Programme provides comprehensive financial support, designed to reduce the financial burden on students:

- **Full tuition fees** for 2026 (note: excludes previously failed modules or outstanding fees).
- **Accommodation and meals** where applicable.
- **Pocket money allowance** for living expenses.
- **Book allowance** to cover learning materials.
- **Once-off laptop allowance** to support academic work.

This package supports both academic costs and day-to-day living, making it easier to focus on studies.

Terms & conditions — what to expect

Before applying, note these important terms:

- Final award is subject to official 2026 registration and verification of **2025 academic results**.
- Vacation work and post-study work-back obligations **may apply** depending on Seriti's needs.
- Preference is given to applicants from **local Seriti communities** where possible.
- All supporting documents must be **certified within the last 3 months**.
- Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted. If you don't receive feedback **within 30 days** after the closing date, consider your application unsuccessful.

Required documents — prepare these before you apply

You must attach the following as a single PDF or multiple attachments (ensure files are clear and certified where required):

- CV (comprehensive and up-to-date)
- Certified copy of South African ID
- Certified copies of qualifications (if applicable)

- Latest academic record / results (2025 results where applicable)
- Proof of registration or letter of acceptance for 2026
- Proof of residence
- Any other relevant supporting documents (e.g., community letters, curriculum vitae of leadership roles)

Important: Use Google Chrome when applying to ensure smooth document uploads.

How to apply — step-by-step

1. Gather the required documents and ensure all certified copies are dated within the last 3 months.
2. Prepare a clear, professional CV that highlights academic achievements, relevant projects, and any work or leadership experience.
3. Ensure your latest academic record meets the minimum average of 60%.
4. Follow the official Seriti application link and complete the online application form. (Replace any placeholder links with the official Seriti application page if provided.)
5. Upload your documents as a single PDF or as multiple attachments as instructed.
6. Submit before **22 December 2025**. Late applications are generally not considered.

Click here to apply for Seriti Bursary VAR121/25GS (use the official Seriti application link provided in the original vacancy announcement).

Tips for a strong application

- Start early and check academic records carefully. Missing or late documents disqualify many applicants.
- Have your ID and proof of residence certified and dated within three months prior to application.
- Tailor your CV to highlight coursework, projects, or practical experience relevant to mining disciplines.
- Write a concise personal statement (if required) explaining why you chose your field and how a Seriti bursary would help your career goals.
- If you are from a local Seriti community, include supporting documents showing your ties to the area.

FAQs (Frequently Asked Questions)

Q1: What is the closing date for the Seriti Bursary 2026?

A: The application closing date is **22 December 2025**. Ensure your application and certified documents are submitted before this date.

Q2: Can first-year students apply?

A: No. The bursary is open to students who will be in their **2nd, 3rd or 4th year** in 2026. First-year and bridging/foundation students are not eligible.

Q3: Can I apply if I already have another bursary?

A: No. Applicants who are already receiving another bursary or sponsorship are **not eligible**.

Q4: What if my average is below 60%?

A: The minimum required average is **60%**. Applicants below this threshold are unlikely to be considered.

Q5: Do I have to work for Seriti after graduation?

A: Vacation work and post-study work-back obligations **may apply**, depending on business needs. This will be clear in the award letter if applicable.

Q6: How will I know if I'm shortlisted?

A: Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted. If you receive **no feedback within 30 days** after the closing date, consider your application unsuccessful.

Q7: Are Honours students eligible?

A: Yes — but only for **Geology or Environmental** disciplines.

Q8: What documents must be certified?

A: Certified copies of ID, qualifications, and proof of residence must be certified within the last three months.

Conclusion

The **Seriti Bursary Programme 2026 (VAR121/25GS)** is an excellent opportunity for South African students in mining-related fields to secure comprehensive financial support and industry exposure. If you meet the eligibility criteria — especially the 60% minimum average and study-year requirements — gather your certified documents and apply before **22 December 2025**. This bursary not only funds tuition and living costs but can also open doors to practical industry experience and potential career opportunities at Seriti.

Good luck — prepare carefully, submit a complete application, and put your best foot forward!