

BRYAN MONTGOMERY BURSARY FUND (BMBF) – INFORMATION AND CRITERIA

APPLICATIONS OPEN ON 17 December 2025

APPLICATIONS CLOSE 7 FEBRUARY 2026

The South African Chefs Association, thanks to the support of its generous sponsors, can offer a structured bursary fund for a young trainee studying to become a chef.

This bursary fund offers financial support* toward the tuition fees of the current year of study at any SA Chefs Skills Development Provider SDP (Training Provider) member: **NOTE: Campus that student is studying at must be a member, not just the umbrella institution (e.g. Student studies at Blue Academy Rosebank, and this campus holds its own SDP Membership, not just Blue Academy)**

Exact amount to be made available early 2026

The Bryan Montgomery Bursary Fund does not award cash directly to the student; this money goes directly to the SDP (Training Provider) to contribute towards the tuition fees.

Please note that funds are allocated to worthy candidates according to a formal application approval system.

Candidates applying for assistance from the Bryan Montgomery Bursary Fund must comply with the following criteria:

- Be between the ages of 18 and 25.
- Be in possession of a Grade 12 pass or recognized equivalent.
- Be enrolled in an existing, recognised, nationally accredited, culinary training program to pursue a career in professional cookery, preference will be given to enrolment in the Occupational Qualifications, Cook and Chef.
- Be or become a SA Chefs Member once enrolled at the culinary school.
- The course of study must be undertaken at a SA Chefs Skills Development Provider Member institution.
- The course of study should be a minimum duration of 12 months.
- Be a South African citizen residing permanently in South Africa.

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- Submit a motivation letter to substantiate the application.
- Successful candidates must be prepared to make themselves available to SA Chefs and sponsors for PR purposes.

Applications are reviewed by the Bryan Montgomery Bursary Fund selection panel and successful candidates will be notified in writing within 1 month of the closing date. The decision of the selection panel is final, and no correspondence will be entered into.

Supporting documents required:

- Certified copy of your SA ID Document
- Curriculum Vitae
- Acceptance letter from the Culinary Institution – Campus specific
- SA Chefs SDP Membership Number – Campus specific if institution has multiple campuses
- Motivation letter from Principal/Lecturer

Please submit your application form with all supporting documentation via email to:

The South African Chefs Association

Attention: Elsu Gericke

Email: elsu@sachefs.co.za

Closing date: 7 February 2026

Please Note:

1. Only entries that contain all the correct supporting documents will be considered
2. Please send all documents in one application email. SA Chefs will not take responsibility for multiple email entries
3. Please scan all your supporting documents into one pdf file so that nothing gets lost due to technology
4. Please use BMB- Name of Applicant -Institution name as the reference for your email

