



Junior Certificate Course in Sugarcane Agriculture

APPLICATION FORM

26 March – 13 April 2012

FIRST NAMES (PLEASE PRINT)

SURNAME MR/MRS/MISS

ADDRESS

..... POSTAL CODE

I.D. NO TELEPHONE (Code) (No.)

..... CELL

E-mail FAX (Code) (No.)

QUALIFICATIONS (minimum Grade 12)/EXPERIENCE (attach copies of certificates).....

NAME OF EMPLOYER (if applicable)

CONTACT PERSON

ADDRESS OF EMPLOYER

..... POSTAL CODE

EMPLOYER'S TELEPHONE (Code) (No.)

E-mail FAX (Code)(No.)

GROWER CODE ORDER NUMBER.....VAT NUMBER (S A applicants only):

DATE: SIGNED:

IMPORTANT: GENERAL INFORMATION

1. Closing date for applications is 4 January 2012.
2. Limited seats are available, and all applicants will be notified on their acceptance.
3. FULL PAYMENT of course fees must be made in advance. Students who have not paid in advance will not be allowed to attend the course. Closing date for payment is 2 March 2012.
4. Students are responsible for making their own arrangements for accommodation, transport and meals.
5. Completed applications and accompanying documents must be returned to:

Course Administrator,
 South African Sugarcane Research Institute,
 Private Bag X02, Mount Edgecombe, 4300 RSA.

Tel: +27(0)31 508 7400
 Fax: +27(0)31 508 7597
 E-mail: educane@sugar.org.za

Course Fee: South African Sugar Industry applicants:
 All other applicants:
 Applicants outside South Africa:

R3445.00 + Vat = R3927.30
 R3960.00 + Vat = R4514.40
 R3960.00 No VAT required

Please indicate your method of payment:

- Cheque
- Direct Deposit

Banking Details:

Payment to: South African Sugar Association
 STANDARD BANK, KINGSMEAD
 Branch Code: 040026
 Account Number: 050160079



JUNIOR CERTIFICATE COURSE IN SUGARCANE AGRICULTURE

GENERAL INFORMATION FOR STUDENTS

The Junior Certificate Course is held in the Education Centre, Kwa-Shukela Building of the South African Sugar Association (SASA), Mount Edgecombe. The course is administered by the Knowledge Management Department at SASRI and is of three weeks duration. It is held each year, usually in March.

Entry Requirements

The minimum entry requirement is Std 10 (Grade 12). **Students who wish to enrol for the course and who have passed Std 8 (Grade 10) may be allowed access, following an assessment and interview.** Since the course is delivered in English and all assessment is carried out in English, students must be able to read and write English.

Course Structure

The duration of the course is three weeks and comprises both lectures and practicals. Each day commences at 08:00 and finishes at approximately 15:30. Guest lectures covering a variety of topics of special interest, are also given.

Course Content

All components of the course are compulsory and include:

- **Botany**
- **Varieties**
 - Agronomics
 - Breeding
 - Identification
 - Choice
- **Land Preparation**
 - Planting
 - Ratoon management
 - Drainage
- **Pests and Diseases**
- **Weed control**
- **Soils and Nutrition**
- **Harvesting**
 - Cane quality
 - Cane estimates
 - Harvesting management
- **Irrigation**
- **Mechanization**
 - Calibration of equipment
- **Farm Planning**
- **Environmental Management**
- **Farm Management**

Course Assessment

Tests are written after completion of each subject. Duration of tests is approximately two hours. Certificates are awarded in three categories, namely:

1. Honours	80% and above
2. Merit	65 – 79%
3. Pass	45 – 64%

Students who fail more than three subjects or achieve an aggregate below 45% will fail the Junior Certificate Course.

A student who has a matric (Grade 12) and passes the Junior Certificate Course with a Merit Pass will be entitled to enroll for the Senior Certificate Course.

Administration Matters

1. **Timetable:** Lectures begin at 08:00. All students must be seated before lectures start. There are 10 minute intervals between lectures and a mid-morning tea break of 20 minutes. Tea and coffee are provided. Lunch is from 13:00-13:30.

2. **Accommodation and transport:** Students must arrange their own accommodation. Many students stay at the Shukela Training Centre (STC) +27(31) 508 7700. SASRI offers no accommodation.

Students must arrange their own transport from their point of arrival in South Africa to their place of accommodation. Neither SASRI nor the STC provide a shuttle service. SASRI does offer a daily shuttle service between STC residences & the course venue.

3. **Catering:** Canteen facilities are available for light lunches, snacks and cool drinks.

4. **Costs:** The cost of the Junior Certificate Course for:

- South African Sugar Industry applicants is R3445.00 + Vat = R3927.30 (includes files, notes and stationery). Students must supply their own pens, pencils, rulers, eraser, sharpeners and calculators.
- All other applicants is R3960.00 + Vat = R4514.40 (includes files, notes and stationery). Students must supply their own pens, pencils, rulers, eraser, sharpeners and calculators.
- Applicants outside South Africa do not pay VAT on the fees (R3960.00).

5. **Conditions:** Upon acceptance, full payment of course fees must be made in advance. Students who have not paid in advance will not be allowed to attend the course.