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### **SOUTH AFRICAN NATIONAL DEFENCE FORCE EDUCATION TRUST: AWARD OF BURSARIES FOR THE 2016 ACADEMIC YEAR**

The Board of Trustees of the SANDF Education Trust has announced that the Trustees have awarded fifty nine bursaries to the value of R855 318 for the 2016 academic year to the dependents of deceased/severely injured SANDF members – both Regular and Reserve Force - who have died or were severely injured in the execution of their duties, subsequent to 27 April, 1994.

These awards were made to thirty three Primary School, twenty Secondary School and six Tertiary Learners who are from all nine Provinces. One recipient who excelled by obtaining seven distinctions in matric last year, has been accepted by Wits Medical School.

Since the establishment of the Trust in October 2013, bursaries to the value of R2 175 024 have been awarded to eighty four individual learners.

The Trustees are expected to announce further awards in the near future in cases where assistance is still being provided to the guardians of applicants with the finalisation of application forms.

The Board of Trustees expressed their appreciation to the business men and women and members of the public who have, since the announcement of the establishment of the Trust, generously contributed nearly R 11 000 000 to this worthy cause.

The Trust received a generous contribution of bursaries from the Jacob Zuma Foundation on Friday 15 January 2016 in the amount of R500 000. The contribution from the Jacob Zuma Foundation enables the SANDF Education Trust to support worthy students in obtaining much needed tertiary education.

Chief of the SANDF, General Solly Shoke, congratulated all concerned and encouraged potential donors to contribute to this important endeavour.

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