

# CALL FOR APPLICATION



**VHEMBE DISTRICT**

# YOUTH IN BUSINESS COMPETITION 2026

Vhembe District Municipality in partnership with NYDA, SEDFA, UNIVEN, Department of Agriculture Vhembe District and all four Local Municipalities invites the youth entrepreneurs to enter for the youth in business competition.

**OPENING DATE: 02 MARCH 2026**

**CLOSING DATE: 24 APRIL 2026**

## CATEGORIES



**AGRICULTURE**



**BEST  
DISABILITY  
ENTITY**



**TOURISM**



**BEST  
COOPERATIVE  
ENTITY**



**ENTERPRISE  
(SMME)**

### FORMS AVAILABLE AT:

- VDM Head Office security desk
- NYDA Office - Thohoyandou
- NYDA Website
- VDM website: [www.vhembe.gov.za](http://www.vhembe.gov.za)
- All local municipalities LED offices
- VDM Post Office security desk
- Univen Institute for Rural Development security desk
- SEDFA – Vhembe Office
- Ledeth website: [www.ledeth.gov.za](http://www.ledeth.gov.za)
- Agriculture Makwarela
- Univen website: [www.univen.ac.za](http://www.univen.ac.za)
- Application forms to be strictly returned/submitted at Vhembe District Registry office, Thohoyandou

## FOR FURTHER DETAILS:

**Agriculture:** Makhavhu. N: 067 203 0224

**Tourism:** Marivate. CT: 067 620 6649

**Enterprise:** Mushaphi. M: 061 437 9445

**Cooperatives & Disability:** Sikheto Mlambo – 076 605 9334



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**SEDFA**  
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Creating Future Leaders



# VHEMBE DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY

## 2026 AGRICULTURE YOUTH IN BUSINESS COMPETITION

### ENTRY FORM

SURNAME		TITLE	
FIRST NAMES		GENDER	
POSTAL ADDRESS			
PHYSICAL ADDRESS			
ID. NO			
DATE OF BIRTH			
AGE			
WHEN STARTED OPERATING (YEAR)			
HAVE YOU EVER ENTERED THIS COMPETITION BEFORE? (YES/NO)			
IF YES, DID YOU WON ANY PRIZE? (e.g. POSITION 1, 2, 3, etc)			
SIZE OF THE FARM (HA)			
TYPE OF CROP PLANTED (e.g. MAIZE)			
TYPE OF LIVESTOCK (e.g. POULTRY)			
NUMBER OF LIVESTOCK			
LOCAL MUNICIPALITY			
VILLAGE/LOCATION			
TYPE OWNERSHIP (e.g. P.T.O)			
TYPE OF LEGAL/BUSINESS ENTITY (e.g. COOPERATIVE)			
TEL NO.		CELL NO.	
E-MAIL ADDRESS			

**RULES OF THE COMPETITION:**

1. The candidate/Applicant must be 35 years of age or younger on the day that entries for the competition closes.
2. The enterprise must be a registered entity and in full operation for a minimum of 12 Months; in the event of the enterprise/entity, it must be owned by young people 100%.
3. The candidate's business/farm must be within Vhembe District.
4. The candidate/Applicant must be a South African citizen.
5. The competition is open for all Agricultural commodities.
6. Candidates/Applicant who have participated and won in this competition previously are not allowed to re-enter this competition again (i.e., getting either position 1, 2 ,3 etc.).
7. A panel of judges will visit all Enterprises/farms of finalists/shortlisted candidates/Applicants.
8. The decision of the panel of judges will always be final.
9. Winners must be prepared to be photographed.
10. Participants should be operating in the following Agricultural minimum scales
  - 10.1 Crop production – 1ha and above
  - 10.2 Broiler production – 500 chicks per batch and above
  - 10.3 Large Stock (Cattle production) – 20 heads of cattle and above
  - 10.4 Small Stock (Goats/Sheep Production) – 50 heads of Goats/Sheep and Above

### **SECTION:03: ATTACHMENTS**

#### **11. THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENTS MUST BE ATTACHED TO THE COMPLETED ENTRY FORM:**

- 11.1 Original tax certificate
- 11.2 Copy of a company/business registered certificate
- 11.3 Company Financial statement
- 11.4 P.T.O or Lease agreement and or a letter  
From the local chief which confirms the ownership status of the Farm / enterprise.
- 11.5 company profile.
- 11.6 Certified South African ID copy.
- 11.7 Clear and Visible pictures of the Products.
- 11.8 Proof of Residence (Local Chief/Local Municipality etc.)

### **SECTION:04: GENERAL INFORMATION**

- 12. Participation in this Competition constitutes acceptance of these rules without exceptions.
- 13. Closing date for the entry forms is the **24 APRIL 2026 @ 16h00**
- 14. Entry forms can be collected from all Local Municipality LED Offices i.e., Thulamela, Collins Chabane, Musina, Makhado, Vhembe Municipality LED offices, Department of Agriculture Offices, NYDA office in Thohoyandou and SEDA Vhembe Office, University of Venda (IRD offices), Vhembe website, NYDA website.
- 15. The completed Entry forms must be **HAND DELIVERED/ SUBMITTED/RE-TURNED TO THE REGISTRY OFFICE OF VHEMBE DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY OFFICE IN THOHOYANDOU ONLY** and no form will be received after the due date.
- 16. To Enter this competition is for free.
- 17. For further information please contact Makhavhu N at 067 203 0224 / (015) 964 4615 /067 203 0224 [makhavhu13@gmail.com](mailto:makhavhu13@gmail.com) / [makhavhun@vhembe.gov.za](mailto:makhavhun@vhembe.gov.za) or Mphigalale NL @ 067 233 8485 ( 015) 960 3527

I certify that all the information given is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I realise that any deliberate misstatement / omission shall render my entry in this competition null and void.

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SIGNATURE

\_\_\_\_\_  
DATE

# VHEMBE DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY



## 2026 SMME YOUTH IN BUSINESS COMPETITION ENTRY FORM

SURNAME		TITLE	
FIRST NAMES		GENDER	
POSTAL ADDRESS			
PHYSICAL ADDRESS			
ID. NO			
AGE			
SECTOR			
PRODUCT			
WHEN STARTED OPERATING			
HAVE YOU EVER ENTERED THIS COMPETITION BEFORE?			
IF YES, DID YOU WIN ANY PRIZE?			
LOCAL MUNICIPALITY			
VILLAGE/LOCATION			
TYPE OF OWNERSHIP			
TYPE OF LEGAL/BUSINESS ENTITY			
TEL NO.		CELL NO.	
E-MAIL ADDRESS			

**I certify that all the information given is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I realise that any deliberate misstatement / omission shall render my entry in this competition null and void.**

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**SIGNATURE**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**DATE**

## STANDARD BUSINESS PROFILE FOR 2026 VHEMBE YOUTH IN BUSINESS AWARDS

	SECTOR: _____
Company Trading Name	
Business physical address	
Postal Address	Code: _____
Coordinates	
Contact person (surname & initials)	
Contact Number	
Email address	
Business registration number	
Type of business (e.g farm/ art...	
Income tax number: _____	Tax Clearance expiry date: _____
Types of products / service	
Annual turnover	R _____
Financial statement period (dates)	From _____ to _____
Years of operation (years & months)	
Number of employees hired	Permanent: _____
	Temporary: _____
Target market	Formal: _____
	Informal: _____
	Social media handles: _____

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of participant

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**Rules of the competition:**

- 1. The candidate must not be above 35 years on the day that entries for the competition close.**
- 2. The candidate's business must be within the Vhembe District Municipality.**
- 3. The candidate must be a South African citizen.**
- 4. The business must be in operation for at least a year.**
- 5. The competition is open to all Small Medium and Macro Enterprise Businesses.**
- 6. Candidates who have won in the competition previously are not allowed to re-enter this competition again (Positions 1, 2,3 & 4).**
- 7. A panel of judges will visit all finalists on their business sites.**
- 8. The decision of the panel of judges is final.**
- 9. Winners must be prepared to be photographed.**
- 10. Closing date for submission of entry forms is **24 April 2026****
- 11. Entry forms are obtainable from Thulamela, Collins Chabane local Municipality, Musina local municipality, Makhado Local Municipality; Vhembe District Municipality Tourism offices; LEDA; Seda; LEDET, Musina Tourism Information Centre; Makhado Visitor Information Centre, Thulamela and Collins Chabane Visitor Information Centres, NYDA Website, VDM Website, LEDET Website, university of Venda and university of Venda Website.**
- 12. The completed Entry forms must **be SUBMITTED/RE-TURNED TO THE REGISTRY OFFICE OF VHEMBE DISTRICT OFFICE IN THOHOYANDOU ONLY** no form will be received after the due date.**
- 13. Entry is free.**
- 14. The following must be attached to the entry form:**
  - 14.1. Registration Certificate, original tax certificate, company profile and a certified ID copy.**
  - 14.2. Company 12-month financial statement and 12 months bank statement.**
  - 14.3. Proof of Residence (Local Chief/Local Municipality etc.)**
- 15. For further information please contact Mr Mushaphi Mukundi at 061 437 9445 / 082 926 6230 / (015) 960 3507 /mushaphim@vhembe.gov.za**

# VHEMBE DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY



## 2026 BEST DISABILITY ENTITY ENTRY FORM

SURNAME		TITLE	
FIRST NAMES		GENDER	
POSTAL ADDRESS			
PHYSICAL ADDRESS			
ID. NO			
AGE			
SECTOR			
PRODUCT			
WHEN STARTED OPERATING IF OPERATING			
HAVE YOU EVER ENTERED THIS COMPETITION BEFORE?			
IF YES, DID YOU WIN ANY PRIZE?			
LOCAL MUNICIPALITY			
VILLAGE/LOCATION			
TYPE OF OWNERSHIP			
TYPE OF LEGAL/BUSINESS ENTITY			
TEL NO.		CELL NO.	
E-MAIL ADDRESS			

**I certify that all the information given is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I realise that any deliberate misstatement / omission shall render my entry in this competition null and void.**

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**SIGNATURE**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**DATE**

# NYDA BUSINESS PROFILE FOR 2026 VHEMBE YOUTH IN BUSINESS AWARDS

	SECTOR: _____
Company Trading Name	
Business physical address	
Postal Address	Code: _____
Coordinates	
Contact person (surname & initials)	
Contact Number	
Email address	
Business registration number	
Type of business (e.g farm/ art...	
Income tax number: _____	Tax Clearance expiry date: _____
Types of products / service	
Annual turnover not exceeding R750 000	R _____
3 Months Personal and Business account bank statements	From _____ to _____
Target market	Formal: _____
	Informal: _____
	Social media handles: _____

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of participant

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**Rules of the competition:**

1. The candidate must be 34 plus 9 months and years and below on the day that entries for the competition close.
2. The enterprise must be a registered entity, it must be owned by young people 100%.
3. The candidate's business must be within the Vhembe District Municipality.
4. The candidate must be a South African citizen.
5. The business can be a start up or operational
6. The competition is open to all Sectors (e.g Agriculture, Tourism, etc)
7. Candidates who have won in the competition previously are not allowed to re-enter this competition again (Positions 1, 2,3 & 4).
8. A panel of judges will visit all finalists on their business sites.
9. The decision of the panel of judges is final.
10. Winners must be prepared to be photographed.
11. Closing date for submission of entry forms is 24 April 2026.
12. Entry forms are obtainable from Thulamela, Collins Chabane local Municipality, Musina local municipality, Makhado Local Municipality; Vhembe District Municipality Tourism offices; LEDA; Seda; LEDET, Musina Tourism Information Centre; Makhado Visitor Information Centre, Thulamela and Collins Chabane Visitor Information Centres, NYDA Offices and VDM Website.
13. Entry forms must be **submitted at the Registry Office of Vhembe District Office in Thohoyandou only** or via email at [youthinbusiness@vhembe.gov.za](mailto:youthinbusiness@vhembe.gov.za) no form will be received after the due date.
14. Entry is free.
15. **The following must be attached to the entry form:**
  - 15.1. Registration Certificate, original tax certificate, company profile and a certified ID copy.
  - 15.2. Lease Agreement (Address for the business where you will be operating)
  - 15.3. Proof of Residence (Local Chief/Local Municipality etc.)
  - 15.4. Supplier quotation not exceeding R50 000 (Telephone, Banking details and Company Registration)
16. For further information please contact Mr Sikheto Mlambo or Jeffrey Khosa at 072 605 9334 /072 331 8514 /087 158 7613 /087 158 7616  
[/Sikheto.mlambo@nyda.gov.za](mailto:Sikheto.mlambo@nyda.gov.za) /[Jeffrey.khosa@nyda.gov.za](mailto:Jeffrey.khosa@nyda.gov.za)

# VHEMBE DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY



## 2026 BEST COOPERATIVE ENTITY ENTRY FORM

SURNAME		TITLE	
FIRST NAMES		GENDER	
POSTAL ADDRESS			
PHYSICAL ADDRESS			
ID. NO			
AGE			
SECTOR			
PRODUCT			
WHEN STARTED OPERATING IF OPERATING			
HAVE YOU EVER ENTERED THIS COMPETITION BEFORE?			
IF YES, DID YOU WIN ANY PRIZE?			
LOCAL MUNICIPALITY			
VILLAGE/LOCATION			
TYPE OF OWNERSHIP			
TYPE OF LEGAL/BUSINESS ENTITY			
TEL NO.		CELL NO.	
E-MAIL ADDRESS			

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**SIGNATURE**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**DATE**

# NYDA BUSINESS PROFILE FOR 2026 VHEMBE YOUTH IN BUSINESS AWARDS

	SECTOR: _____
Company Trading Name	
Business physical address	
Postal Address	Code: _____
Coordinates	
Contact person (surname & initials)	
Contact Number	
Email address	
Business registration number	
Type of business (e.g farm/ art...	
Income tax number: _____	Tax Clearance expiry date: _____
Types of products / service	
Annual turnover not exceeding R750 000	R _____
3 Months Personal and Business account bank statements	From _____ to _____
Target market	Formal: _____
	Informal: _____
	Social media handles: _____

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of participant

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**Rules of the competition:**

1. The candidate must be 34 plus 9 months and years and below on the day that entries for the competition close.
2. The enterprise must be a registered entity, it must be owned by young people 100%.
3. The candidate's business must be within the Vhembe District Municipality.
4. The candidate must be a South African citizen.
5. The business can be a start up or operational
6. The competition is open to all Sectors (e.g Agriculture, Tourism, etc)
7. Candidates who have won in the competition previously are not allowed to re-enter this competition again (Positions 1, 2,3 & 4).
8. A panel of judges will visit all finalists on their business sites.
9. The decision of the panel of judges is final.
10. Winners must be prepared to be photographed.
11. Closing date for submission of entry forms is 24 April 2026.
12. Entry forms are obtainable from Thulamela, Collins Chabane local Municipality, Musina local municipality, Makhado Local Municipality; Vhembe District Municipality Tourism offices; LEDA; Seda; LEDET, Musina Tourism Information Centre; Makhado Visitor Information Centre, Thulamela and Collins Chabane Visitor Information Centres, NYDA Offices and VDM Website.
13. Entry forms must be **submitted at the Registry Office of Vhembe District Office in Thohoyandou only** or via email at [youthinbusiness@vhembe.gov.za](mailto:youthinbusiness@vhembe.gov.za) no form will be received after the due date.
14. Entry is free.
15. **The following must be attached to the entry form:**
  - 15.1. Registration Certificate, original tax certificate, company profile and a certified ID copy.
  - 15.2. Lease Agreement (Address for the business where you will be operating
  - 15.3. Proof of Residence (Local Chief/Local Municipality etc.)
  - 15.4. Supplier quotation not exceeding R45 000 (Telephone, Banking details and Company Registration)
16. For further information please contact Mr Sikheto Mlambo or Jeffrey Khosa at 072 605 9334 /072 331 8514 /087 158 7613 /087 158 7616  
[/Sikheto.mlambo@nyda.gov.za](mailto:Sikheto.mlambo@nyda.gov.za) [/Jeffrey.khosa@nyda.gov.za](mailto:Jeffrey.khosa@nyda.gov.za)

# VHEMBE DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY



## 2026 TOURISM YOUTH IN BUSINESS COMPETITION ENTRY FORM

SURNAME		TITLE	
FIRST NAMES		GENDER	
POSTAL ADDRESS			
PHYSICAL ADDRESS			
ID. NO			
AGE			
SECTOR e.g., (TOUR OPERATOR, ARTS, HUNTING, CULTURE, GUIDING, ROUTES, ADVENTURE, MEDICAL, PILGRIMAGE, MICE, SPA, GASTRONOMY, SPORT, ECO-TOURISM, EDUCATIONAL, GAMBLING, RESORT, AGRO-TOURISM, ACCOMMODATION, etc)			
WHEN STARTED OPERATING			
HAVE YOU EVER ENTERED THIS COMPETITION BEFORE?			
IF YES, DID YOU WIN ANY PRIZE?			
LOCAL MUNICIPALITY			
VILLAGE/LOCATION			
TYPE OF OWNERSHIP			
TYPE OF LEGAL/BUSINESS ENTITY			
TEL NO.		CELL NO.	
E-MAIL ADDRESS			

I certify that all the information given is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I realise that any deliberate misstatement / omission shall render my entry in this competition null and void.

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SIGNATURE

\_\_\_\_\_  
DATE

**Rules of the competition:**

1. The candidate must not be above 35 years on the day that entries for the competition close.
2. The candidate's business must be within the Vhembe District Municipality.
3. The candidate must be a South African citizen.
4. The business must be in operation for at least a year.
5. The competition is open to Accommodation, Agro-Tourism, Art and Crafts products, Adventure, Culture, Eco-Tourism, Educational, Event Management, Gambling, Gastronomy, Guiding, Hospitality, Hunting, Medical, Mice, Pilgrimage, Resort, Routes, Spa, Sport, Tour Operator, Tourism
6. Candidates who have won in the competition previously are not allowed to re-enter this competition again (Positions 1, 2, 3, 4 & 5).
7. A panel of judges will visit all finalists on their business sites.
8. The decision of the panel of judges is final.
9. Winners must be prepared to be photographed.
10. Closing date for submission of entry forms is 24 April 2026.
11. Entry forms are obtainable from Thulamela Local Municipality, Collins Chabane local Municipality, Musina local Municipality, Makhado Local Municipality, Vhembe District Municipality Tourism offices; LEDA; Sedfa; LEDET, Musina Tourism Information Centre; Makhado Visitor Information Centre, Thulamela and Collins Chabane Visitor Information Centres, NYDA offices and VDM Website.
12. The completed Entry forms must be SUBMITTED OR RETURNED TO THE REGISTRY OFFICE OF VHEMBE DISTRICT OFFICE IN THOHOYANDOU ONLY. No form will be received after the due date.
13. Entry is free.
14. The following documents must be attached:
  - 14.1. Business Registration Certificate, original Tax Certificate, Company Profile and a certified ID copy.
  - 14.2. Company 12-month financial statement and 12-month bank statement.
  - 14.3. Proof of Residence (Local Chief/Local Municipality etc.)
15. For further information please contact Mr Cuthbert Tiyani Marivate at 072 449 5948 / (015) 964 4614/  
[marivatec@vhembe.gov.za](mailto:marivatec@vhembe.gov.za); / [marivatec@gmail.com](mailto:marivatec@gmail.com) or Ms Nkhangwe Dzivhani at 076 931 0625 /  
067 203 3131 (015) 964 4625 / [dzivhanin@vhembe.gov.za](mailto:dzivhanin@vhembe.gov.za); / [hangwe2000@gmail.com](mailto:hangwe2000@gmail.com)