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SCHOLARSHIP REQUIRED FOR: **FALL** **WINTER** 20 _____



THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE BAHAMAS
MINISTRY OF EDUCATION, SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY
SCHOLARSHIP & EDUCATIONAL LOAN DIVISION

NATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMME

APPLICATION FORM

PLEASE INDICATE THE AWARD YOU ARE SEEKING

- NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARSHIP**
(Up to \$25,000/annum)
- NATIONAL ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIP**
(Up to \$10,000/annum for specific courses of study)
- NATIONAL TECHNICAL SCHOLARSHIP**
(Up to \$10,000/annum for specific courses of study)
- NATIONAL GRANT**
(ONE (1) YEAR ONLY award of up to \$7,500 to COMPLETE
a course of study currently being pursued)

The Commonwealth of The Bahamas is committed to providing scholarships for as many of its citizens as possible in disciplines based on our country's labour and development needs. Awards recipients are selected on the basis of academic success at the high school or college level, AND financial need.

NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARSHIP

The **National Merit Scholarships** to be awarded annually to Bahamian candidates who have completed an approved secondary education curriculum or syllabus in The Bahamas AND/OR have completed at least one year of post-secondary education in The Bahamas at an approved local tertiary institution. The scholarship will be given for a maximum of four (4) years of undergraduate study tenable at approved local tertiary institutions, and accredited Universities or Colleges abroad. Each scholarship award will have a maximum value of up to \$25,000.00* per annum. The recipient must maintain a 3.00 G.P.A for the first year and subsequent years of study. Upon completion, the recipient of the National Merit Scholarship will be expected to return to The Bahamas and serve in the area for which he/she was trained.

NATIONAL ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIP

The **National Academic Scholarship** is awarded annually to Bahamian students who have completed secondary education in The Bahamas and who wish to pursue professional or academic training. Recipients of the National Academic Scholarship award must maintain an overall grade point average (G.P.A.) of at least 3.0 out of a possible 4.0 in each semester to retain the scholarship. Each award will have a maximum value of up to \$10,000.00* per annum and will be given for no more than four (4) years of study at approved local tertiary institutions, and at accredited Universities or Colleges abroad. Upon completion, the recipient of the National Academic Scholarship will be expected to return to The Bahamas and serve in the area for which he/she was trained.

NATIONAL TECHNICAL TRAINING SCHOLARSHIP

The **National Technical Training Scholarship** is awarded annually to Bahamian students who have completed secondary education in The Bahamas and who wish to pursue technical and vocational training. Each scholarship award will have a maximum value of up to \$10,000.00* per annum and will be given for no more than two (2) years at The Bahamas Technical and Vocational Institution (BTVI), or any approved accredited technical institution abroad. Scholarships will be awarded for programmes of not less than six months and no more than two (2) years. Recipients of the National Technical Training Scholarship will be required to maintain an overall grade point average (G.P.A.) of at least 2.5 out of a possible 4.0 in each semester to retain the scholarship. Upon completion, the recipient of the National Technical Training Scholarship will be expected to return to The Bahamas and serve in the area for which he/she was trained.

NATIONAL GRANT

The **National Grant** is awarded annually to Bahamian students and is intended to assist persons who are currently pursuing professional, technical, graduate or post graduate studies who require **ONE** or **TWO** years to **COMPLETE** the current course of studies or the current degree. Each grant will have a maximum value of up to \$7,500.00*. National Grants are awarded for **ONE (1) YEAR ONLY, however**, the award can be extended by the recipient upon the attainment of 3.0 GPA in each semester AND upon the approval of the National Scholarship Committee Board. National Grants are awarded to complete a course of study at accredited local and international universities, colleges, and technical and vocational institutions. Recipients of the National Grant for academic studies will be required to maintain a grade point average (G.P.A.) of 3.0 out of a possible 4.0 in each semester in order to retain the grant. Recipients of the National Grant for technical and vocational studies will be required to maintain a grade point average (G.P.A.) of 2.5 out of a possible 4.0 in each semester to retain the grant. Upon completion, the recipient of the National Grant will be expected to return to The Bahamas and serve in the area for which he/she was trained.

*Value of award subject to change without notice.

APPROVED PROGRAMMES

Merit Scholarships are awarded for any course of study approved by the National Scholarship Committee as they are based mainly on the academic achievements of the applicant. Academic, Technical and Grant Scholarships are awarded by the National Scholarship Committee for any approved course of study considered important for national development. (See **Approved course listing attached to this application form**)

SELECTION CRITERIA

The following criteria are used in selecting **Merit Scholarship** recipients:

- Bahamian citizen, between the ages of 16 and 25
- Completed an approved secondary education curriculum or syllabus in The Bahamas AND/OR have completed at least one year of post-secondary education in The Bahamas at an approved local tertiary institution.
- Cannot be the recipient of another major award offered through the Ministry of Education
- **Academic Merit** – based on grades, test scores, rigour of academic programme, honours, awards and recommendations.
- All applicants must possess a minimum High School grade point average 3.0, or equivalent, out of a possible 4.0 in order to qualify for this award and a minimum SAT score of 1700 out of 2400.
- Quality/ Reputation of College/University you plan to attend.
- Leadership/Contributions to the school, church, and community.
- **Acceptance** in an approved accredited institution pursuing an approved course of study.

The following criteria are used in selecting **Academic, Technical and Grant Scholarship** recipients:

- **Academic Merit:** Analysis of academic achievement- grades, awards, community and academic programme involvement, recommendation, etc.
- **Minimum required GPA** of 3.0 (or equivalent) for consideration for the **National Academic Scholarship**
- **Minimum required GPA** of 2.5 (or equivalent) for consideration for the **National Technical Scholarship**
- **Minimum required GPA** of 2.5 (or equivalent) for consideration of a **National Grant** to pursue technical and vocational studies OR 3.0 (or equivalent) for consideration of a **National Grant** to pursue academic studies.
- **Financial Need:** Analysis of family earned income, other awards, scholarships or loans
- Applicant must be a **Bahamian citizen**, resident in The Bahamas and of strong moral character.
- Exhibit good leadership qualities/contribution to school and community.
- **Acceptance** in an approved accredited institution pursuing an approved course of study.

SCHOLARSHIP RULES AND REQUIREMENTS

1. Application forms are available from the Scholarship and Educational Loan Division at the Ministry of Education, Shirley Street **OR** on-line at www.bahamaseducation.com.
2. Completed application forms with supporting materials must be submitted to The Scholarship & Educational Loan Division, Ministry of Education, Shirley Street by the deadline date written on this application form. Application forms are only accepted once during the year for both Fall and Winter semester enrollment.
3. **Incomplete application forms will NOT be considered.**
4. There is **NO GUARANTEE** that application forms received after the deadline date will be considered.
5. **Notification of Candidates:** The National Scholarship Committee will inform each applicant by telephone, e-mail or post of its decision. The decision of the Committee is FINAL.
6. **Continuation of Scholarship:** Scholarship recipients must submit college transcripts to the Scholarship and Educational Loan Division, The Ministry of Education, Shirley Street at the end of each semester. For continuation of the scholarship, candidates must earn the minimum grade point average required for their award in each semester.
7. **Reinstatement:** If a recipient must discontinue his or her education temporarily or fails to meet the required grade point average to maintain the award, he or she must submit, in writing to the National Scholarship Committee, a full explanation of the circumstances leading to the withdrawal, or fall in academic standing, supported by documentary evidence. These will be carefully weighed and considered before a decision is made regarding reinstatement.
8. National Merit, National Academic, National Technical Training Scholarships, and National Grants provide financial assistance only and **will NOT cover** the entire cost of your educational expenses. Recipients **MUST** show proof that they can cover the full cost of tuition and lodging **BEFORE** funds are granted.
9. All scholarships are for a **FULL-TIME COURSE LOAD** (at least 12 credit hours per semester) & recipients **MUST BE ENROLLED** at the time of the award.
10. **SCHOLARSHIPS CANNOT BE DEFERRED FOR MORE THAN ONE (1) SEMESTER**

The selection of scholarship and grant recipients is entirely in the hands of the National Scholarship Committee. However, if there are any questions as to the policy concerning the programme, or the selection process, they may be directed to The Chairman, National Scholarship Committee, and delivered to the Scholarship & Educational Loan Division, Ministry of Education, Shirley Street, Nassau, Bahamas.

In addition to this application, you MUST submit ALL of the following:

1. Copies of all academic certificates or scores (GCE, BGCSE, SAT, AGT)
2. Official up-to-date transcripts from high school(s), and/ or The College of The Bahamas or other institutions.
3. Two (2) letters of reference: one from your high school teacher/college lecturer professor or employer AND one from a community leader.
4. A recent copy of the relevant pages from your passport as proof of citizenship.
5. Copy of National Insurance card.
6. Letter of acceptance from the institution you plan to attend (can be submitted after application deadline)
7. Proof of Parent/Guardian income (letter of employment from both parents/guardians or salary slip)
8. A brief statement of no more than 150 words, your career plans, intention to return to The Bahamas, and the contribution you would like to make after completing your programme of professional, academic, or technical training.
9. Certificate of medical fitness (can be submitted after notification that you have received the award)

Submit application to: The Scholarship & Educational Loan Division
Ministry of Education, Science & Technology
Scholarship Building
Shirley Street
P.O. Box N-3913
Nassau, Bahamas

CONDITIONS OF ACCEPTANCE

1. I have additional resources available to cover all remaining expenses for my first year AND subsequent years of college including travel to and from college.
2. I agree that if at any time I obtain other awards or scholarships which cover my education cost, I will notify the Scholarship & Educational Loan Division immediately in writing.
3. If I am awarded a **NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARSHIP**, I understand and agree, that I must maintain at least a 3.00 GPA out of a possible 4.0 GPA (or equivalent) in the first semester AND in every subsequent semester throughout my studies in order for my scholarship to continue.
4. If I am awarded a **NATIONAL ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIP**, I understand and agree, that I must maintain at least a 3.0 GPA out of a possible 4.0 GPA in every semester throughout my studies in order to retain my scholarship.
5. If I am awarded a **NATIONAL TECHNICAL SCHOLARSHIP**, I understand and agree, that I must maintain at least a 2.50 GPA out of a possible 4.0 GPA in each semester throughout my training in order for my scholarship to continue.
6. If I am awarded a **NATIONAL GRANT**, I understand and agree, that this is for **ONE YEAR ONLY**, and I must maintain at least a 2.5 GPA out of a possible 4.0 (for Technical studies) and 3.0 GPA out of a possible 4.0 (for Academic programmes) in each semester in order to apply for a renewal of the award.
7. I understand and agree to submit to the Scholarship & Educational Loan Division an official transcript, from the institution in which I am attending, at the END of EACH semester.
8. I understand and agree that I must take a **FULL-TIME COURSE LOAD** (at least 12 credit hours per semester) & that I must be currently enrolled in order to receive funding from this programme.
9. I pledge to return to The Bahamas upon successful completion of my professional, technical and vocational training to assist with the development of my country.

I understand that if I fail to provide complete and true information, fail to promptly notify the Scholarship & Educational Loan Division of any changes in any information provided, or fail to comply with the rules, regulations, and obligations of the scholarship programme, my scholarship or grant can be cancelled or revoked immediately and legal action may be taken that may require me to repay any financial assistance that I received. I further understand that it is an offense to knowingly provide false information for the purposes of obtaining or receiving financial assistance.

Signature of Applicant _____ Date _____

Signature of Parent or Guardian _____ Date _____ (if applicant under 18)

* If **LETTER OF ACCEPTANCE** from a college or university or technical institution is not available at closing date for submission of this application, please **submit the application** with all required information before the deadline date. You can submit the acceptance letter at a later date. If you are selected, you will have to present the acceptance letter.

**THE NATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMME
is a FINANCIAL assistance programme and
is NOT intended to cover all of your
educational expenses**

**PLEASE FILL IN ALL INFORMATION
BEING REQUESTED**

**INCOMPLETE APPLICATION FORMS
MAY NOT BE CONSIDERED**

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>>>> MUST BE COMPLETED IN FULL <<<<

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Name Mr. Miss Mrs. _____
First Middle Family (Surname)

Street/ Area _____ P.O. Box _____ Island _____

Telephone _____ Place of Birth _____ Date of Birth ____/____/____
MM DD YY

Citizenship _____ E-mail Address _____

Passport Number: _____ Expiry Date: ____/____/____ NIB Number: _____
MM DD YY

Cellular _____ Place of Work _____ No. of Years _____

Work Address _____ Salary _____ Telephone _____

Marital Status _____ Number of Siblings _____ Number of Dependents _____

Do you have a disability? Y _____ N _____ Please explain _____

PARENTS/GUARDIANS

- Name _____ Number of Dependents _____
 Address (Home) _____ Telephone _____
 Occupation _____ Employer _____
 Telephone _____ Monthly Salary _____ Other Income _____
- Name _____ Number of Dependents _____
 Address (Home) _____ Telephone _____
 Occupation _____ Employer _____
 Telephone _____ Monthly Salary _____ Other Income _____
- Please indicate name and telephone number of person to contact in your absence:
 Name _____ Telephone _____

COLLEGE, UNIVERSITY OR OTHER INSTITUTION YOU ARE PLANNING TO ATTEND

- Name _____ Street Address _____
 City/State/Province _____ Country _____ Zip/Postal Code _____
 Tel: _____ Fax: _____ Have you been accepted: Y _____ N _____
 - Name _____ Street Address _____
 City/State/Province _____ Country _____ Zip/Postal Code _____
 Tel: _____ Fax: _____ Have you been accepted: Y _____ N _____
- Course of Study _____ Start Date _____ Graduation Date _____
(Programme/Major/Technical) MM DD YY MM DD YY
- Level of Study: Diploma Certificate AA or AS *BA or BS
 MA or MS PhD or Other _____
- Year of programme you are entering (1,2,etc.) ____ Total number of years in your programme (1,2,etc.) ____
- Is your programme of study through correspondence or distance education? Yes _____ No _____
- Will you be living: On-Campus Housing Relatives Apartment Other _____
- How do you plan to meet the remaining funds needed for your studies:
 Parents Relatives Personal Savings Other Scholarships Loans Other
 Financial Assistance from school you plan to attend Don't know

***NATIONAL TECHNICAL SCHOLARSHIPS ARE NOT FOR BACHELOR OR HIGHER LEVEL DEGREES**

HIGH SCHOOL INFORMATION

Name _____ Street Address _____

City/State/Province _____ Country _____ Zip/Postal Code _____

Tel: _____ Fax: _____ Start Date _____ End Date _____
MM DD YY MM DD YY

Level of Study Completed: Diploma Certificate Other _____

Graduation Date _____ Final Year GPA _____ Cum. GPA _____
MM DD YY

COLLEGE or UNIVERSITY YOU ARE CURRENTLY ATTENDING OR HAVE ATTENDED IN THE PAST

Name _____ Street Address _____

City/State/Province _____ Country _____ Zip/Postal Code _____

Tel: _____ Fax: _____

Course of Study _____ Start Date _____ End Date _____
(Programme/Major/Technical) MM DD YY MM DD YY

Level of Study: Diploma Certificate AA or AS *BA or BS
 MA or MS PhD or Other _____

Year of programme you are entering (1,2,etc.) _____ Total number of years in your programme (1,2,etc.) _____

Anticipated date of graduation _____ GPA in the last completed semester _____ Cum. GPA _____

ACADEMIC INFORMATION

List ALL institutions you have attended, starting with primary school and include any post secondary, vocational, apprenticeship or professional training programmes. Please provide copies of all transcripts, certificates, diplomas, etc.

NAME OF INSTITUTION	DATES OF ATTENDANCE	QUALIFICATIONS EARNED	GPA

EXAMINATION TEST SCORES

BGCSE/'O' Levels/'A' Levels

Subject	Year Taken	Grade	Subject	Year Taken	Grade
		A B C D E F G U			A B C D E F G U
		A B C D E F G U			A B C D E F G U
		A B C D E F G U			A B C D E F G U
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SAT II: Critical Reasoning _____ AP SCORE: _____ IB SCORE: _____ Other _____
 Math _____
 Writing _____

Awards/ Honours/ Extracurricular Activities/ Contributions to the Community/ Leadership:

WORK EXPERIENCE

EMPLOYER	DATES	JOB TITLE / SALARY

FINANCIAL COST AND RESOURCES

First Choice

Second Choice

Name of Institution	_____	_____
Cost of Attendance/year:		
Tuition & Fees	_____	_____
Room & Board	_____	_____
Health Insurance	_____	_____
Books & Supplies	_____	_____
Personal Expenses	_____	_____
Travel Costs	_____	_____
Miscellaneous	_____	_____
TOTAL	_____	_____

Please list any other financial Awards, Scholarships, Grants, from college/university, foundations, scholarship providers, agencies of the Government of The Bahamas, etc. Also list savings, loans, contribution from parents/guardians, or family members and any other form of financial assistance you intend to receive that is not included above.

1. _____ Amount: \$ _____
2. _____ Amount: \$ _____
3. _____ Amount: \$ _____
4. _____ Amount: \$ _____

IF YOU ARE AWARDED A SCHOLARSHIP, FUNDS CAN IMMEDIATELY BE TRANSFERRED TO YOUR DESIRED INSTITUTION BY INTERNETIONAL WIRE TRANSFER. THIS METHOD IS SIGNIFICANTLY FASTER THAN HAVING A CHECK, PAYABLE TO YOUR INSTITUTION, PREPARED. **PLEASE PROVIDE INTERNATIONAL WIRE TRANSFER INFORMATION FOR BOTH INSTITUTIONS IN THE SPACE PROVIDED BELOW & ATTACH PRINTOUT OF BANK WIRE INFORMATION WITH THIS APPLICATION FORM:**

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AREAS FOR CONSIDERATION

ACADEMIC AREAS

- Actuarial Science
- Agricultural Studies
- Airport Management
- Anthropology
- Architecture
- Archival Management
- Archival Materials Processing
- Conservation Management
- Construction Management
- Engineering
- Fine Arts
- Foreign Languages
- Geographic Information Systems
- Heritage Management
- Hospitality Studies
- Hotel Management
- Land Surveying
- Marine Studies
- Performing Arts
- Pharmacy
- Project Management
- Psychology - Post Graduate ONLY
- Quantity Surveying
- Social Work - Post Graduate ONLY
- Speech Pathology
- Tourism & Development
- Urban Development/Planning
- Water Management/Distribution

TECHNICAL AREAS

- Air Conditioning & Refrigeration
- Auto Mechanics
- Aviation Mechanics
- Aviation Studies
- Building Inspection
- Carpentry
- Construction Technology
- Dental Hygiene
- Diesel Mechanics
- Disaster Recovery
- Dry Wall
- Electronic Technology
- Emergency Medical Services
- Fire & Safety Protection / Management
- laboratory Technology
- Masonry
- Medical Equipment Repair & Maintenance
- Medical Technology
- Occupational Therapy
- Physical Therapy
- Plumbing
- Respiratory Technology
- Roofing
- Steel Fabrication
- Surgical Technology
- Tiling
- Welding

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