

# Short Guide to the Non-Traditional Student Award



Ministry of Education

## About

This guide was developed to help you apply for the Non-Traditional Student Award.

This award provides funding to non-traditional students, aged 25 or older who are pursuing full-time post-secondary studies, including online programmes at accredited institutions.

## Value

This scholarship is valued at up to \$20,000.

## Term

This award is tenable for up a single programme of study for up to 4 years.

## Eligibility

In order to apply, you must:

- i. Be 25 years of age or older by September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019
- ii. Have participated in extra-curricular and/or community service in school and/or the community
- iii. Be Bermudian
- iv. Have been educated in Bermuda for at least 5 years, and
- v. Demonstrate financial need.

## Application Checklist

	Required Documents
<input type="checkbox"/>	Transcripts
<input type="checkbox"/>	Personal reference letter
<input type="checkbox"/>	Academic reference letter
<input type="checkbox"/>	Evidence of extra-curricular or service activities in school and/or the community
<input type="checkbox"/>	Proof of Bermuda status
<input type="checkbox"/>	Proof of 5 years of Bermuda education
<input type="checkbox"/>	Completed essay questions
<input type="checkbox"/>	Acceptance letter (by time of interview, if shortlisted)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Completed financial need form
<input type="checkbox"/>	Letter from college stating estimated costs of tuition, room and board (for overseas education)
<input type="checkbox"/>	If pursuing online studies, submit programme and accreditation information under 'additional documents'

In its discretion, the Minister's Scholarships and Awards Committee or a representative of the Ministry of Education may ask you for additional documents to help support your application. If you do not submit the requested documents, you may be disqualified from consideration.

### Where to Find Scholarships and Awards

Use this link <https://bermudascholarships.com/SitePages/scholarship.aspx?sid=155> to find the Non-Traditional Student Award or use the search word 'Ministry' on [www.bermudascholarships.com](http://www.bermudascholarships.com) to find detailed descriptions and application requirements for all of our scholarships and awards.

### Application Requirements

Please carefully review scholarships and awards for eligibility and application requirements. To be considered, you must follow the application instructions and make sure that your application is complete and submitted by the deadline of April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2019. There is no guarantee that late or incomplete applications will be considered.

### Non-Traditional Student Award Application Questions

#### Instructions

1. Please read the instructions and questions carefully.
2. Your answers must be typed in a single Word document and uploaded as part of your application on Bermudascholarships.com. Each answer should be no more than 250 words in length.
3. You must ensure that your full name and the date are typed at the top of the page of your answers.
4. Please type each question and type each answer immediately below each question.

#### Questions

1. What difference will this scholarship make to you?
2. What difference will you make to Bermuda?

### Application Tips

You should:

- **Begin your application as soon as possible.** Don't wait until the last minute in case you have problems getting all of the documents or have computer problems.
- **Ask for help** so that someone else can help you review and proofread your application. They can make sure that you have all of the needed documents and read over your answers.
- **Ask people who will write good letters to be your references.** Ask them early enough to give them time to write strong letters of recommendation.
- **Read and reread the questions asked so that you understand what is being asked.**
- **Make sure that you answer the application questions asked,** rather than submit a personal essay.
- **Reflect on the questions.** Think about your experiences, accomplishments, challenges, how you have grown, successes, and what you are good at. You should also think about what you are going to study and how getting this award will help you achieve your goals.
- **Even if you have someone helping you, you should carefully review your own application.** Make sure that you edit your answers so that they are clear and don't have any mistakes. Be sure to check that you have all of the documents needed for your application.

### Questions

If you have any questions, contact the Ministry of Education at 278-3311 or at [scholarships@moed.bm](mailto:scholarships@moed.bm).