

Short Guide to the Teacher Education Scholarship



Ministry of Education and
Workforce Development

About

This guide was developed to help you apply for the Teacher Education Scholarship.

This award provides funding to persons pursuing teaching areas of need in Bermuda Public Schools. Successful recipients are required to teach in Bermuda Public Schools for the same period of time as their scholarship. For example a 2 year scholarship would require you to teach in Bermuda Public Schools for 2 years.

Value

This award is valued at \$20,000.

Term

This scholarship is tenable for 3 years.

Eligibility

In order to apply, you must:

- i. Have applied to a programme of initial teacher training (Bachelor of Education) in one of the identified content or specialist teaching areas of need in Bermuda Public Schools*
- ii. Demonstrate strong academic performance and have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0
- iii. Have sophomore standing (60 credits)
- iv. Demonstrate ongoing service and contributions to their school and/or the community
- v. Demonstrate evidence of leadership experiences
- vi. Be Bermudian
- vii. Have been educated in Bermuda for at least 5 years, and
- viii. Be able to effect a bond signed by two guarantors, both of whom must be Bermudian, over the age of 21 and not over the age of 70, and only one of whom may be a parent of the recipient

*Teaching Areas of Need in Bermuda Public Schools

The content and specialist teaching areas identified are:

Middle and Senior School

- English Language Arts
- Social Studies
- Geography
- History
- Mathematics

- Science
 - General
 - Biology
 - Physics
 - Chemistry
- Modern Foreign Languages
 - Spanish
 - French
- Design and Technology

All School Levels

- Reading
- Physical Education
- Music
- Special Education
 - Mild to moderate exceptionalities
 - Moderate to severe exceptionalities

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 (if demonstrating financial need)*
<input type="checkbox"/>	Letter from college stating estimated costs of tuition, room and board (for overseas education)

*Applications will be accepted from applicants with and without financial need. Applicants demonstrating financial need are required to upload the financial need form under ‘additional documents’ on www.Bermudascholarships.com.

In its discretion, the 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://www.bermudascholarships.com/SitePages/scholarship.aspx?sid=156> to find the Teacher Education Scholarship or use the search word ‘Ministry’ on 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 5th, 2018. There is no guarantee that late or incomplete applications will be considered.

Teacher Education Scholarship Application Questions

Instructions

1. Please read the instructions and the 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 400 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. Why do you want to be a teacher?
2. What does comprehensive education mean to you?
3. What contribution will you make to the Bermuda Public School System?

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 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, including why you want to be a teacher, the value of education for all children, and the kind of teacher you think you will be.** Think about your experiences, accomplishments, and any relevant challenges you have faced.
- **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 and Workforce Development at 278-3311 or at scholarships@moed.bm.