

Short Guide to the Minister's Technical and Vocational Award



Ministry of Education

About

This guide was developed to help you apply for the Minister's Technical and Vocational Award.

This award was designed to help promising public school students and public school alumni at Bermuda College who have a strong interest in technical and vocational areas attend local or overseas post-secondary education.

Value

This scholarship is valued at up to \$5,000 for local and up to \$25,000 for overseas education.

Term

The award is tenable for the length of your post-secondary programme of study for up to 4 years.

Application Requirements

Please carefully review scholarships and awards for eligibility and application requirements. To be considered, you must follow the application instructions and ensure that your application is complete and submitted by the deadline of April 8th, 2024. All applications must be submitted on [Bermudascholarships.com](https://bermudascholarships.com). Should you experience challenges with uploading documents, please refer to the HELP feature on the Bermuda Scholarships website. **Late or incomplete applications will not be considered.**

Eligibility

In order to apply, you must:

- i. Be pursuing technical and vocational fields of need in Bermuda*
- ii. Be a public school graduate
- iii. Be between the ages of 16 and 25 years as of September 1st, 2024
- iv. Have a minimum GPA of 2.0
- v. Have participated in extra-curricular and/or community service in school and/or the community
- vi. Be a Bermudian
- vii. Have been educated in Bermuda for at least 5 years, and
- viii. Demonstrate financial need.

*Technical and Vocational Areas Covered by this Award

Technical and vocational fields needed in Bermuda such as various trades, hospitality and nursing will be covered by this award. You should [review](#) the Department of Statistics' [The Bermuda Job](#)

[Market Employment Briefs'](#) for technical and vocational areas of need for Bermuda. Areas include, but are not limited to:

- Agriculture
- Applied Science Technology*
- Art and Design*
- Computer Information Systems*
- Computer Network Administration*
- Computer Network Technology*
- Construction
- Cosmetology
- Culinary Arts*
- Diving
- Electrical Wiring Technology*
- Emergency Medical Technician Programme*
- Food and Beverage Management*
- Hair Dressing*
- Heating Ventilation and Air Conditioning*
- Horticulture*
- Hospitality Management*
- Laboratory Technology
- Massage Therapy
- Motor Vehicle Technology*
- Nail Technology*
- Nursing*
- Personal Fitness Training*
- Plumbing Technology*
- Radiology
- Software Engineering
- Wood Technology*

*Programmes available at Bermuda College

Application Checklist

Required Documents	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Transcripts
<input type="checkbox"/>	Personal reference letter (signed and dated no more than two years prior to 2024)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Reference Letter attesting to your technical/vocational ability (signed and dated no more than two years prior to 2024)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Official letter or certificate evidencing extra-curricular or community service activities
<input type="checkbox"/>	Proof of Bermuda status
<input type="checkbox"/>	Proof of 5 years of Bermuda education
<input type="checkbox"/>	Complete both application questions
<input type="checkbox"/>	Acceptance letter (by time of interview, if shortlisted)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Completed financial need form

<input type="checkbox"/>	Statement of estimated costs of tuition and accommodation (for overseas education)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Resume'

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 required documents by the time requested, you will be disqualified from consideration.

Where to Find Scholarships and Awards

Apply online [here](#) or use the search word 'Ministry' on www.bermudascholarships.com to find detailed descriptions and application requirements for all of our scholarships and awards.

Minister's Technical and Vocational Award Application Question

Instructions

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

Essay Questions

1. Please tell us about your technical and/or vocational interests and career aspirations.
2. What difference will this scholarship make to you?

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 ensure 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 question asked so that you understand what is being asked.**
- **Ensure that you answer the application question asked,** rather than submit a personal essay.
- **Reflect on the question.** Think about your experiences, 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 would help you achieve your goals.
- **Even if you have someone helping you, you should carefully review your own application.** Ensure 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 scholarships@moed.bm or at 278-3300.