

# Short Guide to the Bermuda Government Scholarship



Ministry of Education

## About

This guide was developed to help you apply for the Bermuda Government Scholarship.

This award provides funding for high-achieving and well-rounded students to attend college or university.

## Value

This scholarship is valued at up to \$35,000 towards the cost of tuition and accommodation at an overseas institution or an overseas programme of study at Bermuda College.

## 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 15<sup>th</sup>, 2026. All applications must be submitted on [www.bermudascholarships.com](http://www.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 not less than 16 years of age and not more than 25 years of age on September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026
- ii. Demonstrate strong academic performance, and have a minimum GPA of 3.5
- iii. Have participated in extra-curricular and community service in school and/or the community
- iv. Be Bermudian, and
- v. Have been educated in Bermuda for at least 5 years.

## Application Checklist

Required Documents	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Transcripts (most recent)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Personal reference letter
<input type="checkbox"/>	Academic reference letter

<input type="checkbox"/>	Official letter or certificate of extra-curricular or service activities in school and/or the community
<input type="checkbox"/>	Proof of Bermuda status (Immigration Letter)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Proof of 5 years of Bermuda education
<input type="checkbox"/>	Completed essay questions
<input type="checkbox"/>	Statement of estimated costs of tuition and accommodation from college or university
<input type="checkbox"/>	Acceptance letter (by time of interview, if shortlisted)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Resume

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.

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### Bermuda Government Scholarship Essay Questions

#### Instructions

1. Please read the instructions and the questions carefully.
2. Your answers must be typed and uploaded as a PDF document as part of your application on [www.bermudascholarships.com](http://www.bermudascholarships.com).
3. Make sure that your full name and the date are typed at the top of the page of your essay question responses.
4. Rather than writing a single essay, you are being given the opportunity to choose from a selection of questions to best represent you and your story.
5. All questions are weighted equally. There is no advantage or disadvantage to choosing particular questions over others. However, you should carefully review the questions and answer those that best reveal your personality, experiences, achievements and aspirations.
6. Please answer any three (3) questions from the list of nine (9) provided, in addition to the mandatory question at the end. **You will submit a total of four (4) responses.** Answers should be no more than 250 words each. Please remember to write out the question that you are responding to.

### Essay Questions (Please choose 3)

1. Explain your educational & career goals. What degree are you planning to study and how did you decide on this career choice and college/university?
2. What community are you most involved in (school, cultural group, sports team, volunteer org, family, etc.) and what motivates your involvement? What contributions have you made to better this community/group?
3. What is the biggest challenge you've faced? (academic, personal, family, etc.) What impact did this challenge have on your life and how were you able to manage it?
4. High achievement often requires balance. How do you maintain academic excellence while managing responsibilities beyond school?
5. What has been your most meaningful learning experience outside of the classroom, and what did this experience teach you about your goals, values and perspective on life?
6. Give an example of your leadership experience (team captain, job, event, family, mentoring, etc.) How did you develop your leadership qualities and what did you learn about leadership?
7. Discuss an accomplishment, event, or realization that sparked a period of personal growth and a new understanding of yourself or others.
8. Do you have a skill or talent you're proud of? (academic, creative, athletic, technical, etc.) Explain the steps you've taken to develop this skill and the ways you use it in your life.
9. Do you plan to return to Bermuda upon the completion of your degree and in what ways do you plan to make an impact within your community?

### Mandatory Additional Question:

How would receiving this scholarship help you specifically and how will you fund your education if you are not successful?

### 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 questions that are 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 would 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 278-3300 or at [scholarships@moed.bm](mailto:scholarships@moed.bm).