

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 seeking to pursue their **first undergraduate degree**. Persons must be aged 25 or older and be pursuing full-time post-secondary studies, including online programmes at accredited institutions.

Value

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

Term

The award is tenable 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 15th, 2026. All applications must be submitted on Bermudascholarships.com. Should you experience challenges with uploading documents, please refer to the HELP feature of on the Bermuda Scholarships website. **Late or incomplete applications will not be considered.**

Eligibility

In order to apply, you must:

- i. Be 25 years of age or older by September 1st, 2026
- ii. Have participated in extra-curricular and/or community service
- iii. Be a 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"/>	Professional reference letter

<input type="checkbox"/>	Official letter or certificate evidencing 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"/>	Estimated costs of tuition and accommodation from college or university
<input type="checkbox"/>	Acceptance letter (by time of interview, if shortlisted)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Completed financial need form
<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 requested documents, you may be disqualified from consideration.

Where to Find Scholarships and Awards

Apply online at bermudascholarships.com and use the search word 'Ministry' to find detailed descriptions and application requirements for all of our scholarships and awards.

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Non-Traditional Student Award Application Essay 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 www.bermudascholarships.com
3. Answers should be no more than 250 words each.
4. You must make sure that your full name and the date are typed at the top of the page of your essay question responses.
5. Please type each question and type each answer immediately below each question.

Questions

1. Explain your decision to pursue higher education as a non-traditional student over the age of 25. What are your educational and career goals?
2. How have your life or work experiences shaped the way you approach learning? Was there a time where you had to adapt, re-skill or start over?
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. 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 scholarships@moed.bm or at 278-3300.