

Short Guide to the University of West Indies (Caribbean Students) Scholarship



Ministry of Education

About

The Ministry of Education in conjunction with The University of the West Indies (UWI) is offering undergraduate and graduate scholarships for students who have been accepted to attend the University of West Indies at any of their campuses. *Students who are studying at other institutions within the Caribbean region will also be given consideration.*

About The UWI

The UWI is a highly-respected and premier educational institution. With three main campuses across the Caribbean, including at Cave Hill, Barbados, Mona Campus in Jamaica, and St. Augustine in Trinidad and Tobago, The UWI offers a multitude of undergraduate and graduate degree options in Food & Agriculture, Engineering, Humanities & Education, Law, Medical Sciences, Science & Technology, Social Sciences and Sport.

To apply, please see The UWI website www.Uwi.edu or visit their main campus websites at:

- Jamaica, Mona Campus – [https://www.mona.uwi.edu](http://www.mona.uwi.edu)
- Barbados, Cave Hill Campus - [https://cavehill.uwi.edu/](http://cavehill.uwi.edu/)
- Trinidad and Tobago, St. Augustine Campus - [https://sta.uwi.edu](http://sta.uwi.edu)

Value

This award is valued at \$7,500.

Term

The award is tenable for up to 3 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, 2025. All applications must be submitted on www.bermudascholarships.com. Should you experience challenges with uploading documents, please refer to the HELP feature on the Bermuda Scholarships website.

Eligibility

In order to apply, you must:

- Have a minimum GPA of 2.0

- ii. Have applied to the University of West Indies or another school within the Caribbean region
- iii. Have been educated in Bermuda for at least 5 years
- iv. Be Bermudian
- v. Have participated in extra-curricular and/or community service in school and/or the community

Application Checklist

Required Documents	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Official transcripts
<input type="checkbox"/>	Personal reference letter (signed and dated no more than two years prior to 2026)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Academic reference letter (signed and dated no more than two years prior to 2026)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Official letter or certificate of extra-curricular or service activities in school and/or the community
<input type="checkbox"/>	Proof of 5 years of education in Bermuda
<input type="checkbox"/>	Proof of Bermuda status
<input type="checkbox"/>	Completed essay questions
<input type="checkbox"/>	Acceptance letter (if acceptance to UWI has not been granted at the time of application, the acceptance letter must be provided to scholarships@moed.bm as soon as it is received)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Proof of ability to cover the other estimated costs of any tuition and room and board, as applicable
<input type="checkbox"/>	Resume

Please note: Shortlisted applicants may be required to prove that they can cover other estimated costs of attending UWI, such as tuition, fees, travel, and room and board, as applicable.

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

University of West Indies Scholarship Questions

Instructions

1. Please read the instructions and the essay questions carefully.
2. Your essay answers must be typed in a single PDF document and uploaded as part of your application on www.bermudascholarships.com
3. Each answer 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 answer.

5. Please type the essay question and type the essay answer immediately under the essay question.

Essay Questions

1. Explain your educational & career goals. What degree are you planning to study and how did you decide on this career choice and why did you choose the University of the West Indies? (If you are studying at another Caribbean institution, please name the school and why you chose it)
2. What is the biggest challenge you've faced? What impact did this challenge have on your life and how were you able to manage it?
3. How does the University of the West Indies (or other Caribbean institution) align with your values and goals and how do you plan to contribute to the University community and strengthening connections across the Caribbean?
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.
- **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.