

Short Guide to the Minister's Achievement Scholarship



Ministry of Education

About

This guide was designed to give you information to help you apply for the Minister's Achievement Scholarship. This Scholarship was designed to help graduating students of Bermuda Public Senior Schools to attend overseas post-secondary education.

Value

This scholarship is valued at 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 15th, 2026. All applications must be submitted on 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 graduating from a Bermuda Public Senior School in **2026**
- ii. Have a minimum GPA of 2.5; however, successful candidates will likely be on track to achieve a 3.0 GPA or higher
- iii. Have participated in extra-curricular and/or community service in school and/or the community
- iv. Be a Bermudian, and
- v. Have been educated in Bermuda for at least 5 years.

Application Checklist

	Required Documents
<input type="checkbox"/>	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 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"/>	Complete both essay questions
<input type="checkbox"/>	Statement of estimated costs for tuition and accommodation from college or university
<input type="checkbox"/>	Acceptance letter
<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 at bermudascholarships.com and use the search word 'Ministry' to find detailed descriptions and application requirements for all of our scholarships and awards.

Minister's Achievement Scholarship Application 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.
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 (financial stress, access to opportunities, focus on studies, etc.) 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 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 questions asked so that you understand what is being asked.**
- **Ensure that you answer the questions that are asked**, rather than submit a personal essay.
- **Reflect on the questions.** Think about your experiences, accomplishments and 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.
- **Carefully review your own application.** Ensure that you edit your answers so that your answers 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.