The National Award and Bursary
Scholarships Tenable at the University of The Bahamas
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NATIONAL AWARD AND BURSARY

The Commonwealth of The Bahamas is committed to providing scholarships for as many of its citizens as possible in disciplines based on our country’s labour and development needs. Awards recipients are selected on the basis of academic success at the high school or college level, AND financial need. The National Award and Bursary is a full four year scholarship to the University of The Bahamas. It is available to all Bahamians who have earned five or more BGCSE subject passes with a C grade or higher. Two of the subjects earned must be Mathematics and English Language, respectively. The National Award and Bursary is valued at five thousand dollars ($5,000.00) per year. Students must maintain a 3.0 grade point average while in university and must pursue a minimum of fifteen credits each semester to remain eligible for the award. All degrees offered at the University of The Bahamas can be studied using the National Award and Bursary.

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS
The following documents must be submitted with this application:

- Copies of relevant examination certificates and test scores (AA, GCE, BGCSE, SAT, etc.)
- A letter of recommendation from a Teacher/Lecturer
- A copy of The University of The Bahamas acceptance letter
- A copy of an up-to-date College transcript (Local /Abroad)
- A copy of the picture page of your passport or certificate of citizenship
- A copy of your valid National Insurance Card
- A copy of bill for the existing and/or upcoming semester

SELECTION CRITERIA
To apply for the awards, you must meet the following requirements:

- Be a Bahamian citizen
- Possess a minimum of 5 BGCSE passes with ‘C’ grade or above (Math and English are compulsory) or a UB GPA of 3.00 or above
- Not be in possession of another award/scholarship at the time of application.
- Pursue a minimum of 15 credits per semester
- Students currently studying at the University of The Bahamas who wish to apply for the National Award and Bursary must possess a current term grade point average of 3.0 while pursuing 15 credits at the University of The Bahamas.
ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS
To remain eligible for the Bursary Award, you must:

- Maintain a minimum Grade Point Average (GPA) of 3.00 per semester
- Pursue a minimum of 15 credits per semester
- Submit transcript and course selection form to the Ministry of Education Scholarships Tenable at UB Division (Portia Smith Building, UB) each semester
- Inform the Ministry of Education of any change(s) while you are attending UB

AWARD BENEFIT:
The National Award and Bursary will pay tuition and fees to the University of The Bahamas on behalf of successful applicants up to a maximum of two thousand, five hundred dollars ($2,500)* per semester for the Fall and Spring semesters only.

*Value of award subject to change without notice.

SCHOLARSHIP RULES AND REQUIREMENTS

1. **Notification of Candidates**: The National Bursary Committee will inform each applicant by telephone, e-mail or post of its decision. The decision of the Committee is FINAL.

2. **Reinstatement**: If a recipient must discontinue his or her education temporarily or fails to meet the required grade point average to maintain the award, he or she must submit, in writing to the National Bursary Committee, a full explanation of the circumstances leading to the withdrawal, or fall in academic standing, supported by documentary evidence. These will be carefully weighed and considered before a decision is made regarding reinstatement.

3. **SCHOLARSHIPS CANNOT BE DEFERRED FOR MORE THAN ONE (1) SEMESTER**

The selection of scholarship recipients is entirely in the hands of the National Bursary Committee. However, if there are any questions as to the policy concerning the programme, or the selection process, they may be directed to The Chairman, National Bursary Committee, and delivered to the Bursary Unit, Ministry of Education, University Drive Nassau, Bahamas or mailed to P. O. Box N-3913, Nassau, Bahamas. Queries may also be directed to the following email address: nationalbursary@moe.edu.bs.

CONDITIONS OF ACCEPTANCE

1. I have additional resources available to cover all remaining expenses for my first year AND subsequent years of college including travel to and from college.

2. I agree that if at any time I obtain other awards or scholarships which cover my education cost, I will notify the National Award and Bursary Unit immediately in writing.

3. I understand and agree to submit to the National Award and Bursary Unit an official transcript, from the institution in which I am attending, at the END of EACH semester.

4. I understand and agree that I must take a FULL-TIME COURSE LOAD (at least 15 credit hours per semester) and that I must be currently enrolled in order to receive funding from this programme.

I understand that if I fail to provide complete and true information, fail to promptly notify the Bursary Unit of any changes in any information provided, or fail to comply with the rules, regulations, and obligations of the scholarship programme, my scholarship can be cancelled or revoked immediately and legal action may be taken that may require me to repay any financial assistance that I received. I further understand that it is an offense to knowingly provide false information for the purposes of obtaining or receiving financial assistance.
*If **LETTER OF ACCEPTANCE** from The University of The Bahamas or your **BGCSE RESULTS** are not available at closing date for submission of this application, please **submit the application** with all required information before the deadline date. You can submit the acceptance letter at a later date. If you are selected, you will have to present the acceptance letter.

**THE NATIONAL AWARD AND BURSARY PROGRAMME** is a **FINANCIAL assistance programme** and is **NOT** intended to cover all of your educational expenses

5. Before completing the designated online application you will need to have scanned and saved the following documents, **in PDF format**:

- COPY OF THE FIRST FOUR PAGES OF A VALID BAHAMIAN PASSPORT
- A COPY OF A NATIONAL INSURANCE CARD
- A COPY OF THE ACCEPTANCE LETTER FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF THE BAHAMAS
- AN OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPT FROM YOUR LAST INSTITUTION
- COPIES OF CERTIFICATES (BGCSE/SAT/ACT/AP/DIPLOMAS, ETC)
- A REFERENCE LETTER FROM A TEACHER/ LECTURER
- DOCUMENTS INDICATING (1) LEVEL OF STUDY AND (2) ANTICIPATED GRADUATION DATE

Please Note: Incomplete and Late Applications will not be considered.

**COMPLETED APPLICATION AND ALL REQUIRED SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS MUST BE UPLOADED ON OR BEFORE THE DUE DATE SPECIFIED BELOW.**

**APPLICATION DEADLINE: MAY 31 IN THE YEAR YOU ARE APPLYING**