

Scholarship Opportunity for Citizens of The Bahamas



Pursue your undergraduate
or graduate degree in the
United States or Canada



Generous offers among
participating institutions



Application deadlines:
Ministry: April 30th, 2019
OAS: May 15th, 2019



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▼ SCHOLARSHIP OVERVIEW

PROGRAMS:	Certificate, undergraduate and graduate degree programs as listed in Annex I and Annex II below.
MODALITY:	Onsite in the United States and Canada
LANGUAGE:	English
DURATION:	1 - 4 years
BENEFITS:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• A grant of USD \$7,500 to the top ranked candidates to help defray program expenses during the first year of the scholarship period.• A one-time subsistence allowance of USD \$1,000 to the top ranked candidates to help defray cost of living expenses during the first year of the scholarship period.• Various tuition waivers from participating partner institutions in the United States and Canada

- ✓ Scholarship benefits from participating universities are subject to the academic performance of the scholarship recipient and based on the availability of funds.
- ✓ In order to receive scholarship benefits from the Government of The Bahamas, the scholarship recipients should not be reported with a Grade Point Average (GPA) of less than 3.0 on a 4.0 scale.

▼ ABOUT THE OAS AND MINISTRY OF EDUCATION

The OAS General Secretariat (GS/OAS) is the central and permanent organ of the [Organization of American States](#) (OAS). Through its Department of Human Development, Education and Employment (DHDEE), the GS/OAS supports [OAS Member States](#) in creating policies and executing programs that promote human capacity development at all educational levels. By enabling formative opportunities to citizens, DHDEE strengthens democratic values and security under the framework of regional integration. DHDEE does this: (i) by supporting the efforts of OAS member states to improve the quality of and equity in education; and (ii) by assisting the citizens of the Americas in realizing their full potential by giving them access to knowledge and skills through training that improves the standard of living for individuals, families and communities in the region as a whole.

The [Ministry of Education](#) of The Bahamas vision is for a Bahamian Education system that will foster academic excellence and equip students with multiple literacies that will enable them to make meaningful contributions as nation builders who are globally competitive. The mission of the Ministry is to provide all persons in The Bahamas an opportunity to receive a quality education that will equip them with the necessary beliefs, knowledge, attitudes and skills required for life, both in a democratic society guided by Christian values and in an inter-dependent changing world.

▼ PARTICIPATING PARTNER INSTITUTIONS

The following institutions have expressed interest in participating in this Scholarship Program. For more information on each institution, please view the links in the table below:

#	United States Institutions	State	Contact Person	Contact Email
1	Midwestern State University	Texas	Randy Glean	randy.glean@mwsu.edu
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6	University of South Florida	Florida	Alexis Setteducato	alexislouise@usf.edu
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8	Jackson State University	Mississippi	Shameka L. Reed	shameka.reed@jsums.edu
9	University of South Carolina Aiken	South Carolina	Dan Robb	DanR@usca.edu
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11	New York Institute of Technology	New York	Nichole Barbé	Nichole.Barbe@nyit.edu

#	Canadian Institution	Province	Contact Person	Contact Email
12	Western University	Ontario	Carolyn Ford	carolyn.ford@uwo.ca

▼ ADMISSION PROCESS

- ✓ Applicants must apply for admission to the areas and levels of study as indicated per participating partner institution in Annex I and based on the list of priority areas listed in Annex II.
- ✓ Applicants are encouraged to apply for admission to up to three different participating partner institutions to increase your chances of being granted admission and selected for the scholarship.
- ✓ Applicants should contact the persons in the table above for more information on the admission process and application deadlines as the deadlines for admission might be extended for OAS applicants. Please be guided accordingly.
- ✓ The [Western Illinois University](#) has agreed to waive the application fee for admission to Bahamian applicants participating in this Scholarship Program.
- ✓ In most cases, the scholarship offers by the participating partner institutions are available to current and new Bahamian students who are not a current OAS Scholarship holder.

▼ GOVERNMENT OF THE BAHAMAS APPLICATION PROCESS

Step 1 ➤ Gather supporting documents as required by the Ministry

To apply to the National Tuition Assistance program (formerly National Grant Scholarship) through the Scholarship and Educational Loan Division of the Ministry of Education, applicants must attach the required supporting documents listed in this [link](#).

Step 2 > Apply to the Ministry of Education for scholarship consideration

Applicants must complete and submit the scholarship application form, and provide all the required supporting documents to be considered for the scholarship.

- ✓ Application forms are available from the Scholarship and Educational Loan Division at the Ministry of Education on Shirley Street OR online through the link below.

[Click here for the Online Scholarship Application Form](#)

ONLY COMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL BE CONSIDERED

✓ **Deadline: April 30, 2019**

- ✓ Questions related to the Government of The Bahamas Scholarship, should be sent to Under Secretary Serethea Clarke at scholarships@bahamas.gov.bs

▼ OAS SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION PROCESS

Step 1 > Gather supporting documents as required by the OAS

- To apply for an OAS – GOB scholarship, applicants must have **ALL** required supporting documentation, which includes:
 1. ID – scan or photo of passport page that contains the applicant’s full name, date of birth, and country of citizenship.
 2. Admission letter (s) – admission letters to up to three (3) different participating institutions or letter of enrollment from one of the participating institutions.
 3. Transcript or record of grades – copy of High School Transcript (for undergraduate applicants) or Bachelor’s Degree transcript (for master’s applicants) or Master’s Degree Transcript (for PhD applicants) or current transcript for current institution. Transcripts must be translated by a sworn translator if English is not the original language of the transcript.
 4. Certificate or Diploma – copy of High School certificate or Bachelor’s or Master’s degree diploma or letter of enrollment from current institution.
 5. Two (2) Recommendation Letters – one of the recommendation letters should be provided by a university professor and the other should be provided by current or most recent employer that includes: the letterhead of the University/Institution, the Professor’s/Employer’s position within the University/Institution, date and signature.
 - a. Applicants with no work experience may substitute the recommendation letter from the employer with a recommendation letter from a second professor. The recommendation letters provided for admission consideration to the University can be used for scholarship consideration.
 - b. However, if you choose to provide new recommendation letters directly to the OAS, the letters should be addressed to the OAS Scholarship and Training Programs, Department of Human Development, Education and Employment.

6. Essays – applicants are required to write and include two (2) essays in the OAS-GOB online scholarship application form. The essays must be written in English. Both essays should have a minimum of 800 characters (not words) and a maximum of 2900 characters, including spaces.
 - a. Essay 1: Describe how acquiring this academic degree will directly impact and enhance your professional skills in your current job position or future career.
 - b. Essay 2: Explain how you intend to apply the acquired knowledge and experience in the specific field of study that you will pursue to the development of your country or region.
7. Curriculum vitae – in English and no specific format is required. Do not include copies of diplomas, certificates or awards; only include text.
8. Proof of Additional Funds – proof that you have sufficient funds to cover remaining tuition and fees and other costs not covered by the scholarship by including one, or a combination, of the following documents with your scholarship application:
 - a. a copy of a rental agreement on property showing you as the property owner;
 - b. a copy of a bank statement or bank letter;
 - c. a letter from an employer showing a monthly or yearly salary to be received based on study leave with pay;
 - d. a letter showing a student loan or additional scholarship(s), grants, financial aid.

➤ **ALL** the required documents must be combined into **one (1) single PDF file (no larger than 5MB)**. If the file is larger than 5MB, you will not be able to submit the online form. The application system does not allow for more than one document to be uploaded. Do not include any additional documents besides those indicated.

STEP 2: Apply to the OAS for scholarship consideration:

- To apply for an OAS – GOB scholarship, applicants must complete the OAS online scholarship application form and attach **ALL** required supporting documentation listed above.
- After receiving an admission letter or letter of enrollment from one of the participating institutions, please email a copy of the admission letter or letter of enrollment and request access to the OAS online scholarship application form via email address scholarships@oas.org
- **Only applicants with proof of admission to one of the participating institutions will be allowed to apply for scholarship consideration.**
- **The scholarship application must be completed by May 15, 2019**
- ✓ Questions related to the OAS scholarship application form, should be sent to scholarships@oas.org

▼ EXPENSES NOT COVERED BY THIS SCHOLARSHIP

Expenses not covered by this scholarship, and which are the sole responsibility of the scholarship recipients, are:

FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY OF SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

- ⊗ Remaining tuition and fees;
- ⊗ Immigration and visa fees;
- ⊗ Research expenses;
- ⊗ Study materials;
- ⊗ Living expenses (housing, meals, health insurance and personal expenses);
- ⊗ Round trip airfare; and
- ⊗ Any additional fees not included in the OAS-GOB Scholarship offer.

- ✓ The cost of tuition and fees is expected to increase each year.
- ✓ Applicants can also apply for the [Rowe Fund](#), which is an educational loan program of the OAS that helps citizens from Latin America and the Caribbean to finance their studies in accredited universities across the United States by awarding **interest-free loans** of up to US\$15,000 dollars.

▼ ELIGIBILITY

To be considered for this scholarship opportunity, applicants must:

- ✓ Provide Admission letter (s) or proof of enrollment:
 - a. Students applying for admission to begin Fall 2019 may submit **up to three (3)** admission letters to three different participating universities or
 - b. Students who are currently enrolled in one of the participating universities must submit proof of enrollment.
- ✓ Submit an application to the Ministry of Education of The Bahamas as guided above
- ✓ Submit a complete online OAS-GOB scholarship application with all required supporting documents as listed above.
- ✓ Be a citizen of The Bahamas.

The following applicants are ineligible:

- ⊗ Current OAS, and OAS-GOB scholarship holders
- ⊗ GS/OAS staff and their immediate relatives or GS/OAS consultants
- ⊗ OAS Permanent officials and their immediate relatives.

▼ SCHOLARSHIP SELECTION CRITERIA

- ✓ The merits and overall credentials of the candidate, including his/her academic and professional background;
- ✓ Applicants whose essays portray the highest potential for impact upon return to their countries of origin; and
- ✓ Gender diversity.

▼ SCHOLARSHIP SELECTION PROCESS:

Selection Committee The Government of The Bahamas and the OAS will select the scholarship awardees based on the [criteria](#) listed above. The names of the selected scholarship awardees will be published on the scholarship websites of the OAS and the Government of The Bahamas by July 2019.

Notification of selected candidates The OAS and the Government of The Bahamas will contact selected candidates by email with the scholarship offer and instructions for the scholarship acceptance form. **Applicants who are not selected will not be contacted.**

▼ DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT:

- ✓ The scholarship will be formally awarded only after the selected awardees have signed an OAS/GOB Acceptance Form, in which the awardees formally accept the scholarship and agree to its terms and conditions.
- ✓ Refrain from activities that are inconsistent with the status of an OAS Scholarship recipient, abiding by the regulations referred to in this Acceptance Form.
- ✓ Comply with all the academic guidelines and admission requirements requested by the University and submit to the updates of these guidelines and requirements made by the academic authorities at the Universities.
- ✓ Comply with the provisions indicated in the "Financial Responsibilities of Awardees."
- ✓ To retain the scholarship, OAS Scholarship recipients should not have low academic performance (GPA must be at least equivalent to 3.0/4.0).
- ✓ The scholarship can be declined by the scholarship recipient before the start date of the program without financial penalties. However, if she/he declines the scholarship after that date without proof of force majeure, the OAS and GOB may require the Scholarship recipient to reimburse all funding granted to her/him with the scholarship at the time in which the declination is processed.
- ✓ Commitment to return to work in the Bahamas for at least the length of the duration of the scholarship. Failure to comply with this commitment, the GS/OAS and/or the GOB could seek reimbursement for the total value of the scholarship awarded.

▼ FOR MORE INFORMATION:



www.oas.org/scholarships

<https://twitter.com/OASscholarships>

<https://www.facebook.com/becasoea>

ANNEX I

List of Programs, Participating Institutions and Scholarship Offers

Please note that the scholarship benefits are subject to be changed based on the academic merits of the applicants.

#	Institution	Country (State or Province)	Participating Study Programs	Scholarship Offer with Estimated Cost
1	Midwestern State University	United States (Texas)	1. Undergraduate Dental Hygiene, Geosciences, Mechanical Engineering, Political Science, Respiratory Care, Computer science	Scholarship incentive includes: Tuition for Fall & Spring: \$9,260 Room and Board: 3,500 Insurance: 2,000 Books & Misc.: 2,000 Total Estimated Cost of \$16,760 per year
			2. Graduate – Master’s Geosciences, Radiologic Technology, MBA, Computer Science, Training and Development, Psychology, Political Science	
2	Colorado State University	United States (Colorado)	1. Undergraduate Agricultural Business, Agricultural Education, Animal Science, Landscape Architecture, Construction Management, Engineering (Civil, Chemical, Biological, Computer, Electrical, Engineering Science), Hospitality Management, Languages, Literatures and Cultures, Natural Resource Tourism, Watershed Science; Natural Resources Management	1/3 tuition waiver
			2. Graduate (Ph.D. and Master’s) Agricultural and Resource Economics, Animal Sciences, Anthropology, Construction Management, Engineering (Bioengineering, Bioagricultural, Chemical, Civil, Electrical, systems, Biomedical, Computer, Electrical), Social Work, Conservation Leadership, Landscape Architecture, Soil and Crop Sciences, Human Dimensions of Natural Resources, Fish, Wildlife and Conservation Biology, Forest Science, Rangeland Ecosystem Science, Earth Science; Bioagricultural Sciences & Pest Management; Psychology; Horticulture; Political Science (Public Policy and Administration)	1/3 tuition waiver
			3. Master’s; Fine Arts, Leadership and Cultural Management, Agricultural Sciences, Industrial / Organizational Psychology, Languages, Literatures and Cultures, MBA – Global Social and Sustainable Enterprise Specialization, Tourism Management, Construction Management	

3	Western Illinois University	United States (Illinois)	1. Undergraduate Agriculture, Anthropology, Construction Management, Engineering (Civil, Robotics, Industrial, Electrical, Mechanical), Fire Protection Services, Foreign Languages, Cultures, Hospitality Management, Political Sciences, Recreation, Park and Tourism Administration, Youth Development, Spanish Teacher Education, Geography	Undergraduate tuition with International Commitment Scholarship
			2. Graduate – Master’s Political Sciences, Recreation, Park and Tourism Administration, Museum Studies, Geographic Information Systems	Graduate with International Commitment Scholarship Western Commitment Scholarship – up to \$10,000 per year for new students
4	University of Florida	United States (Florida)	Graduate Agricultural Education and Communication, Agricultural and Biological Engineering, Agronomy, Animal Sciences, Fisheries and Aquatic Sciences, Wildlife Ecology and Conservation, Museum Studies, Fine Arts, Fire and Emergency Services, Architecture, Construction Management, Historic Preservation, Interior Design, Landscape Architecture, Urban and Regional Planning, Engineering (Biomedical, Civil, Computer, Electrical, Mechanical, Systems, Aerospace, Industrial, Materials, Environment, Agricultural and Biological, Biomedical, Chemical, Coastal and Oceanographic, Nuclear), Tourism, Natural Resource Recreation, Sustainable Development Practice	Graduate In-state tuition
5	Syracuse University	United States (New York)	Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs: 1. Executive Master of Public Administration 2. Certificates: Public Administration, Leadership of International and Non-Government Organizations, E-Government Management and Leadership, Public Infrastructure Management and Leadership, Conflict Resolution, Health Services Management and Policy	35% tuition waiver
6	University of South Florida	United States (Florida)	1. Undergraduate Anthropology, Applied Sciences, Engineering (Chemical, Civil, Computer, Electrical), Foreign Language Education, Integrative Animal Biology, Social Sciences, Political Science	Undergraduate In-state tuition

			2. Graduate Ph.D./MA in Cultural Resource Management, Ph.D./MA in Heritage Studies, MA Architecture, Fine Arts, Engineering (Biomedical, Chemical, Civil Computer, Electrical, Environmental, Industrial, Mechanical) , Foreign Language Education, Library and Information Science, Linguistics, Marine Science, Political Science, PhD/MA in Psychology, PhD./MA in Social Work, Urban and Community Design, Urban and Regional Planning	Graduate In-state tuition: \$10,428 per year
7	Jackson State University	United States (Mississippi)	1. Undergraduate Social Science, Communicative Disorders, Political Science, Foreign Language, Speech, Theatre, Social Work, Urban Studies, Engineering (Civil, Environmental, Computer, Telecommunications), Meteorology, Industrial Technology (Electronics Systems Technology, Technology Management, Manufacturing Design, and Computer Technology), Media Production, Multimedia Journalism	Waiver of international student' tuition rate. JSU will charge student the in-state tuition rate.
			2. Graduate Environmental Science, Engineering, Rehabilitation Counseling, Political Science, Social Work, Public Policy and Administration, Urban and Regional Planning, Multimedia Journalism	
8	Alma College	United States (Michigan)	Undergraduate: Art and Design, Biochemistry, Environmental Studies, Engineering, Integrative Physiology and Health Science, Neuroscience, New Media Studies, Philosophy, Political Science, Theatre, Psychology	Waiver of USD 36,000 per student, approximately 90% of the cost of tuition, for recipients who have achieved a 3.5 Grade Point Average OR Waiver of USD 30,000 per student, approximately 75% of the cost of tuition, recipients who have achieved a 3.0 Grade Point Average.
9	University of South Carolina Aiken	United States (South Carolina)	All undergraduate programs as listed as a priority for the Government of The Bahamas.	A \$250 per semester (Fall and Spring) award for each year of enrollment USC-Aiken will charge in-state tuition cost.
10	Western Kentucky University	United States (Kentucky)	All undergraduate programs as listed as a priority for the Government of The Bahamas.	Waiver of USD \$11,400 of the total undergraduate tuition costs each year.

11	New York Institute of Technology	United States (New York)	<p>1. Undergraduate: All undergraduate programs listed as a priority for the Government of The Bahamas and fall under the following NYIT schools: School of Management, Arts & Sciences, Engineering and Computing Sciences, Architecture & Design, Interdisciplinary Studies & Education, Health Professions</p>	<p>Tuition scholarships</p> <p>a) Undergraduate First-Year degree programs: \$5,000 - \$22,000 / year. Minimum High School GPA of 3.0 and SAT score of 980 required.</p> <p>b) Undergraduate Transfer programs: \$5,000 - \$16,000 / year. Minimum Transfer GPA of 2.5 required.</p>
			<p>2. Graduate All graduate programs as listed as a priority for the Government of The Bahamas and fall under NYIT Schools: School of Management, Arts & Sciences, Engineering and Computing Sciences, Architecture & Design, Interdisciplinary Studies & Education, Health Professions</p>	<p>Tuition Scholarship: Graduate degree programs: \$1,500 - \$3,000 / year. Minimum Undergraduate GPA of 3.3 required.</p>
12	University of Western Ontario	Canada (Ontario)	<p>1. Undergraduate degrees Arts & Humanities, Engineering, Information & Media Studies, Science, Social Science, Management and Organizational Studies, Health Sciences, Education</p>	<p>A scholarship award valued at 10% of his/her tuition fee, applied in two separate installments: 5% in the Fall of the first year of the Program and 5% in the Fall of the second year of the Program.</p> <p>Scholarship Recipients who are enrolling at the University in Year 2 or Year 3 of the Program shall also receive a scholarship award in two separate installments, valued at 5% of the tuition in the Fall of Year 2 or Year 3 of the Program and 5% in the Fall of Year 3 or Year 4 of the Program.</p>
			<p>2. Ph.D. and Master's; Non-professional degrees only: Anthropology, Visual Arts, Engineering (Design and Manufacturing), Library & Information Science, Psychology</p>	<p>Ph.D. (Research Doctoral Programs) Full tuition and at least CAD \$13,000 per year</p>
			<p>3. Master's: Non-professional degrees only: Environment and Sustainability, Linguistics, Public Administration, Social Work</p>	<p>Non-professional Master's: 100% tuition waiver</p>

ANNEX II

PRIORITY ACADEMIC AND TECHNICAL AREAS OF THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE BAHAMAS

ACADEMIC AREAS	TECHNICAL AREAS
Public Administration and Policy	Air Conditioning & Refrigeration
Actuarial Science	Auto Mechanics
Agricultural Studies	Aviation Mechanics
Airport Management	Aviation Studies
Anthropology	Building Inspection
Architecture	Carpentry
Archival Management	Construction Technology
Archival Materials Processing	Dental Hygiene
Conservation Management	Diesel Mechanics
Construction Management	Disaster Recovery
Engineering	Dry Wall
Ecology	Electronic Technology
Arts and Fine Arts including Music	Emergency Medical Services
Foreign Languages	Fire & Safety Protection / Management
Geographic Information Systems	Laboratory Technology
Heritage Management	Masonry
Hospitality Studies	Medical Equipment Repair & Maintenance
Hotel Management	Medical Technology
Information Technology	Occupational Therapy
Land Surveying	Physical Therapy
Management Information Systems	Plumbing
Mathematics	Respiratory Technology
Marine Studies	Roofing
Performing Arts	Steel Fabrication
Pharmacy	Surgical Technology
Project Management	Tiling
Psychology - Post Graduate ONLY	Welding
Quantity Surveying	
Social Work - Post Graduate ONLY	
Speech Pathology	
Sustainable Development	
Tourism & Development	
Urban Development/Planning	
Water Management/Distribution	