



OAS | Scholarships

Scholarship Opportunity for Citizens of The Bahamas



Open to Bahamian students who have applied for a scholarship opportunity through the Ministry of Education and Technical and Vocational Training of The Bahamas in 2025.

SCHOLARSHIP OVERVIEW

PROGRAMS:	Undergraduate and graduate degree programs as listed in Annex I and Annex II below.
MODALITY:	Onsite
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 scholarship period, subject to renewal in subsequent years.• 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 institutions. See eligible institutions below.

- Scholarship benefits from participating universities are subject to the academic performance of the scholarship recipient and based on the availability of funds.
- 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.

ELIGIBLE INSTITUTIONS

Bahamians will be eligible for scholarship consideration with an application through the Ministry of Education, with requested supporting documents, and proof of admission to an institution from one of the following three (3) categories:

1. List of participating Institutions under the OAS-Government of The Bahamas Scholarship Program:

#	Institutions
	Active Partners
1	Midwestern State University
2	Colorado State University
3	The New School
4	The University of Texas at El Paso
5	The University of Tennessee
6	Western Illinois University
7	Stillman College
8	University of Northern Iowa
	Agreements under negotiations
9	Ana G. Mendez University
10	Western University
11	New York Institute of Technology

2. The OAS Consortium of Universities: See the [Link](#)
3. An accredited institution in an active OAS Member State, except The Bahamas.

During the selection process priority will be given to the institutions participating in the OAS-GOB Scholarship Program in category 1 above. For more information on each institution, please view the links above.

SCHOLARSHIP CONSIDERATION PROCESS

- ✓ Applicants must be admitted in one of 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.
- ✓ 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.
- ✓ Applicants have completed and submitted the scholarship application form and provide all the required supporting documents to the Ministry of Education of The Bahamas.

STEPS TO APPLY

GOVERNMENT OF THE BAHAMAS APPLICATION PROCESS:

1. Complete an application for admission to chosen institution and submit all supporting documents.
2. Gather supporting documents as required by the Ministry and submit application for scholarship consideration.
 - a. 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 and apply through the scholarship application link below.

Questions related to the Government of The Bahamas Scholarship, should be sent to Under Secretary Serethea Clarke at scholarships@bahamas.gov.bs. Questions regarding this scholarship announcement should be sent to scholarships@oas.org.

APPLICATION DEADLINES

Application for admission varies based on the institution selected. Please consult your selected university website. Applicants are advised to apply as early as possible to avoid admission decisions delay.

Scholarship Application Link: [The Ministry of Education Scholarship & Educational Loan Division](#)

EXPENSES NOT COVERED BY THIS SCHOLARSHIP

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

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- ⊗ 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.
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Supplementary Notes

- ✓ The cost of tuition and fees is expected to increase each year.
- ✓ Prospective OAS scholarship applicants are encouraged to explore the Rowe Fund, an interest-free loan program offering up to \$15,000 to help complete university studies in the United States. Eligible students may also apply for an additional \$2,000 scholarship. Learn more about this opportunity here! [Rowe Fund](#)

ELIGIBILITY

To be considered for this scholarship opportunity, applicants must:

- ✓ Be a citizen of The Bahamas.
- ✓ Have submitted a complete application to the Ministry of Education of The Bahamas
- ✓ Have admission or proof of enrollment to one of the participating institutions listed in this announcement.

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 PROCESS

Selection Criteria

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

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 2025.

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.

***Note:** The General Secretariat of the Organization of American States (GS/OAS) reserves the right to cancel this scholarship announcement at any time during the process. The GS/OAS and its staff will not be responsible for any action that derives from the information in this announcement.*

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	Participating Study Programs	Scholarship Offer
1	Midwestern State University	1. Undergraduate All undergraduate and graduate programs listed as a priority for the Government of The Bahamas.	The University shall offer in-state tuition and fees for undergraduate programs and graduate programs, and 40% of the published rate for the university's lowest priced residence hall, including summer housing for the first year on campus. The Scholarship Recipients can still earn additional scholarships to further reduce their tuition via superior SAT scores or transfer GPAs from other colleges or universities. The benefit of in-state rates in years 2 through 4 of the Program is renewable subject to a 3.0 GPA requirement.
		2. Graduate – Master's All undergraduate and graduate programs listed as a priority for the Government of The Bahamas.	

2	Colorado State University	<p>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</p> <p>All undergraduate and graduate programs listed as a priority for the Government of The Bahamas.</p>	1/3 tuition waiver
		<p>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)</p> <p>All undergraduate and graduate programs listed as a priority for the Government of The Bahamas.</p>	1/3 tuition waiver
		<p>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</p> <p>All undergraduate and graduate programs listed as a priority for the Government of The Bahamas.</p>	
3	The New School	<p>Master's International Affairs (MA) - 42 credits, International Affairs (MS) - 30 credits, International Affairs MA (42 credits), International Affairs MS (30 credits), Media Studies (MA) - 39 credits, Media Management (MS) - 36 credits, Public and Urban Policy (MS) - 42 credits, Environmental Policy and Sustainability Strategies (MS)</p> <p>All undergraduate and graduate programs listed as a priority for the Government of The Bahamas.</p>	30%-50% tuition waiver
4	The University of Texas at El Paso	<p>Undergraduate and Graduate programs</p> <p>All undergraduate and graduate programs listed as a priority for the Government of The Bahamas.</p>	To the extent permitted by Texas law, UTEP shall offer recipients of the ASP access to available tuition waivers, which may include, yet are not limited to, employment as research or teaching assistants, which shall be eligible for the lowest tuition and mandatory fees available for each academic year of the Program[s]

5	The University of Tennessee	Undergraduate programs All undergraduate and graduate programs listed as a priority for the Government of The Bahamas.	<p>a) The University shall offer a reduced tuition rate of USD 20,000 per year for undergraduate students.</p> <p>b) Applicants may also be eligible for UT's out-of-state scholarships, the International Volunteer or International Tennessee Explore Scholarship. Applicants would need to meet the additional scholarship criteria (International Volunteer Scholarship: US GPA minimum of a 3.8 and either an ACT or SAT t8est score minimum of 28 or 1300; or the International Tennessee Explore Scholarships: US GPA minimum of a 3.6 and either an ACT or SAT test score minimum of 24 or 1160) to be eligible. Combined institutional aide cannot exceed the maximum out-of-state institutional scholarship award amount. In addition, applicants may apply for competitive scholarships adhering to the application (November 1st) and competitive scholarship deadline dates. These scholarships and deadline dates are subject to change.</p>
6	Western Illinois University	Undergraduate programs All undergraduate and graduate programs listed as a priority for the Government of The Bahamas.	The University shall offer from USD \$9,000 to USD \$11,000 in tuition scholarships based on academic performance for its undergraduate programs and USD \$4,000 for graduate programs with the opportunity to earn additional scholarships and assistantships. The University will also waive the application fee for admission for OAS applicants.
7	Stillman College	All undergraduate programs listed as a priority for the Government of The Bahamas. See Annex II All undergraduate listed as a priority for the Government of The Bahamas.	50% tuition reduction
8	University of Northern Iowa	Graduate programs: All graduate programs listed as a priority for the Government of The Bahamas.	75-81% tuition discount, application, airport pick-up and specialized orientation session fee waivers for its graduate programs

ANNEX II

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

Academic Priority Areas

Certifications (minimum of 6 months), Diploma/Associate Degree, Bachelor's Degree, Master's Degree or Doctoral Degree

1. Aviation:

Aviation Studies | Airport Management

2. Social Sciences / Humanities

Applied Behavioral Analysis | Anthropology | Archival Management | Archival Materials & Processing | Counseling (Specialized Fields) | Foreign Languages | Gerontology | Mental Health Counseling | Psychology | Social Work | Speech Therapy/Pathology | Youth Development & Studies | Criminal Justice (Police Officers Only) | Policy Development | History/Heritage Management/ Afro-Caribbean Studies | Communications

3. Tourism and Hospitality

Hospitality Studies | Hotel Management | Tourism Marketing Specialists | Food Service Management/Food System | Entertainment & Recreation Management | Personal Service Management Tourism and Development

4. Engineering / Construction

Construction Management | Quantity Surveying | Architecture | Engineering Specialization: (Architectural, Agricultural, Civil, Mechanical, Industrial, Marine, Environmental, Automotive, Manufacturing, Renewable Energy)

5. Business Studies

Actuarial Science | Business Analytics | Conservation Management | Entrepreneurial Studies | Financial Services | Human Resources management | Marketing & Marketing Research | Public Administration | Project Management | Urban Development & Planning | International Relations | Hazardous Material and Waste Management | Taxation | Economics | International Business | Supply Chain Management | Procurement | Change Management

6. Education

Special Education | Counseling | Mathematics | Sciences (For current and prospective teachers only) | English Language | Library Science

7. Natural Sciences

Forensic Science | Marine Studies | Mathematics | Meteorology | Renewable Energy (Hydroelectricity, Solar, Geothermal, Biomass, Wind, Fossil Fuel & Nuclear) | Soil and Plant Science | Agriculture | Horticulture | Environmental Studies | Environmental Restoration | Environmental Toxicology | Climate change Analysis | Water and Waste Management | Marine Mammal Veterinary Studies | Biology, Chemistry & Physics (Research Only) | Health Informatics | Bioinformatics | Cytotechnology

8. Arts

Theatrical Performance | Fine Artists (Painters, sculptors, illustrators) | Set/Exhibit Designers (Technical) | Dance | Media Arts | Music | Fashion Design

9. Health and Allied Health Care

Audiology | Pharmacy/Pharmaceutical Studies | Occupational Therapy | Physical Therapy | Public Health Administration | Nursing Specializations (Emergency Room, Operating Room, Intensive Care Unit, Maternity, Psychiatric, Community, Acute & Education) | Health Education Specialist | Dietetics & Nutrition

10. Technology

Computer Studies & Information Systems | Information Technology | Information Technology Security | Cybersecurity | Software Development | Cloud Engineering | App Development | Coding

11. Land Development and Real Estate

Land Management | Land Surveying: (Cadastre, Topography, Photogrammetry, Cartography, Engineering, Hydrography) | Planning and Development (Urban and Rural) | Valuation Surveying | Geographic Information Systems Management

Technical Priority Areas

Certifications (minimum of 6 months), Diploma/Associate Degree, Bachelor's Degree.

1. Technical Courses of Studies

Agriculture | Allied Health Care and Technology | Auto Mechanics | Aviation Mechanics | Computer Service Technology | Culinary Arts | Dental Hygiene | Diesel Mechanics | Disaster Recovery & Management | Environmental Technicians | Electronic Technology | Emergency Medical Services | Fire & safety protection Management | Fisheries Technology | Heavy Equipment Operation | Horticulture & Fisheries Technology | Marine Mechanics | Medical Equipment Management/Repairs | Medical Technology | Respiratory Technology | Radiologic Technology | Radiology | Search & Rescue | Surgical Technology | Laboratory Technology | Occupational Health& Safety Technician | Mortuary Studies | Customer Service Specialization | Print Technology Management | Medical Coding | Insurance Coding | Automated Teller Machine Technology | Air Conditioning and Refrigeration | Building Inspection | Carpentry | Construction Management | Construction Technology | Dry Wall Installation | Masonry | Plumbing | Roofing | Steel Fabrication | Tiling | Textiles & Garment Construction | Welding | Asphalt Paving