Glossary of Terms

• **Scholarship**: refers to a study grant.

• **Awardee**: is a selected candidate who has been awarded an OAS scholarship.

• **Self-placed scholarship outside the OAS Consortium of Universities**: Candidates apply directly for admission to the universities or educational institutions of their choice and present their application for an OAS scholarship.

• **Self-placed scholarship at a university within the OAS Consortium of Universities**: Candidates apply directly to a maximum of three programs at different universities that are part of the OAS Consortium of Universities and that are in three different countries.

• **Special Caribbean Fellowships (SPECAF)**: are scholarships awarded to eligible candidates from the English-speaking Caribbean Member States to complete the last two years of undergraduate studies.

• **Pre-selected Candidate**: is an applicant who has been selected for consideration by the National Commission and presented by the sponsoring Member State to be considered for an OAS scholarship.

• **Selected Candidate**: is a pre-selected candidate elected by the Academic and Technical Studies Scholarship Selection Committee to be granted a Scholarship from the OAS, subject to availability of funds.

• **Awardee**: is a candidate who has been officially announced as a Scholarship recipient from the OAS.

• **Academic and Technical Studies Scholarship Selection Committee (ATSSSC)**: is the committee which reviews and evaluates the OAS Scholarship applications of the pre-selected candidates presented by the National Commissions.

• **National Commission**: is the entity chosen by a member state government to review the completed application of OAS scholarship applicants who meet eligibility requirements and rank them in accordance with the criteria established in the Manual of Procedures.

• **National Liaison Office (ONE)**: is the official channel determined by each Member State government for the processing of OAS Scholarships.

• **Consortium of Universities and other educational institutions**: is a group of participating higher education institutions and other educational institutions which have signed agreements with the GS/OAS for the mutual benefit of the universities and other educational institutions of the OAS.
• **Host country**: refers to the country where the Recipient will pursue his/her studies, will conduct research and receive practical training, as applicable.

• **Sponsoring country or sponsoring member state**: refers to the OAS member state that endorses the pre-selected candidate.

• **Scholarship Recipient**: is an selected candidate who has accepted the OAS scholarship awarded to him/her

• **Grade Point Average (GPA)**: The average grade (scores) earned by a student upon completion of their academic program of studies.

• **Maximum Grade Point Average**: is the highest grade point average that the host institution awards. For example, a student GPA might be 3.4 out of 4.0.

• **Class Rank**: the position of a student in his or her graduating class, expressed as the placement of the student out of the total number of students in the graduating class.

• **Permanent Resident**: any person not a citizen of the United States who is residing in the US under legally recognized and lawfully recorded permanent residence as an immigrant or a person lawfully in the country as an immigrant but who is not yet a citizen.

• **Application, application form, OAS Scholarship Application Form**: refers to the form to be used by applicants in seeking an OAS Scholarship.

• **Cap per scholarship**: is the maximum total monetary amount set for any individual OAS scholarship that may be awarded by the OAS in any given academic year.

• **Bachelor’s degree or First Degree**: refers to a post-secondary formal degree program which can run from 3 – 6 years resulting in a first degree.