

Offer of Scholarships by the *Government of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago* under the Disability Scholarship Programme

The Government of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago (GoRTT) invites **ONLINE** applications from citizens of Trinidad and Tobago for scholarships being offered to persons with disabilities *for studies which commenced academic year 2024/2025*.

Characteristics of the Scholarship:

Purpose of Scholarship	To afford nationals with disabilities the opportunity to access tertiary level education
Number of Scholarships Available	Five (5) Scholarships: Three (3) – at the Undergraduate degree level Two (2) – at the Master’s degree level
Areas of Study to be awarded	Areas aligned to National Development needs of Trinidad and Tobago as indicated on the Interim Development Needs List .
Who Can Apply	Citizens of Trinidad and Tobago.
Tenability	<p>The scholarship is tenable at:</p> <p>The University of the West Indies (St Augustine), or The University of Trinidad and Tobago, or Other local institutions which have been accredited by the Accreditation Council of Trinidad and Tobago (ACTT), will be considered provided that the facilities are available for the applicant.</p> <p>The scholarship is renewed annually subject to satisfactory progress and good standing as stipulated by the academic institution.</p> <p>The Programme of Study must be accredited, and the institution of study must be recognized by the ACTT.</p> <p>Persons opting to pursue programmes that are designated as Self-Financing or Full-Fee paying by the academic institution, will not be considered for a scholarship.</p>
Application Process	The prescribed application form is available at www.scholarships.moe.gov.tt for completion and submission along with all supporting documents.
Deadline date for submission	January 20th, 2025 @ 4p.m.
Response to Application	The range of response time is between 60 to 90 days from the closing date of the advertisement.

General Conditions of Scholarship

Applicants should be aware of the following general conditions of the scholarship:

- The Government of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago (GoRTT) reserves the right to publish the names of candidates selected for Scholarships. By applying for a scholarship, the candidate gives consent for such publication in the event that his/her application is successful.
- Recipients will be given a formal *Notification of Scholarship*, requesting that they indicate their interest in the Scholarship.
- Formal confirmation of the scholarship will be issued when all conditions have been met.
- Scholars will be expected to take up the Scholarship from the date stated by the Government of Republic of Trinidad and Tobago (GoRTT) in its *Notification of the Scholarship*.
- Scholars will be expected to pursue full time studies (where it is available locally).
- Scholars will be expected to reside in Trinidad and Tobago throughout their Scholarship.
- Scholars may not undertake paid employment during their scholarship without prior consent from the GoRTT.
- Scholarships are valid for one degree only and not eligible for the completion of another degree simultaneously or continuation to another higher degree.
- Scholars must not change their programme of study during the tenure of the scholarship except with written permission from the Government of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago (GoRTT).
- Scholars must maintain satisfactory progress and good standing as stipulated by the academic institution, or the scholarship will be withdrawn and the recipient liable to repay the Government of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago (GoRTT) for the expenditure on the scholarship.
- Scholars must follow the approved programme of study and abide by the rules, regulations and codes of conduct of the academic institution. A suspension from the academic institution will result in immediate suspension of the scholarship and can lead to termination of the scholarship. Allowances are not payable during suspension.
- Recipients of scholarships will be required to sign a Master Scholarship Loan Agreement (MSLA) with the Government of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago (GoRTT).
- The Government of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago (GoRTT) will only consider requests to extend the scholarship, post-scholarship in instances where it is absolutely necessary. Strict conditions will apply.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All terms and conditions of the award will be subject to the laws and practices of the Government of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago.
Scholarship Procedure	<p>Applicants will be notified when:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cabinet approves the recommendations of the Ministry. <p>The scholarship will be governed by a legally binding Master Scholarship Loan Agreement. This duly executed Master Scholarship Loan Agreement along with other policies and procedures shall be the binding authority between the Scholar and the Government of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago (GoRTT). Applicants are advised to visit www.scholarships.moe.gov.tt to review additional information.</p>
Requirements upon successful completion	<p>In accordance with the Master Scholarship Loan Agreement, Scholars will be required to report to the Ministry within fourteen (14) days of completion of the requirements for the award of the degree.</p>
	<p>Applicants will be notified when:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cabinet approves the recommendations of the Ministry. <p>The scholarship will be governed by a legally binding Scholarship Agreement. This duly executed Agreement along with other policies and procedures shall be the binding authority between the Scholar and the Government of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago. Applicants are advised to visit www.scholarships.moe.gov.tt to review additional information</p>
Role of the GoRTT	<p>The Government is responsible for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Disseminating information on the awards; Ensuring that applications at all stages of the process are completed according to requirements; Ensuring that only eligible applicants are shortlisted; Selecting only the most suitable applicants; Assisting successful candidates in their preparations for taking up the awards; and Monitoring the candidates' adherence to the conditions as stipulated in the Master Scholarship Loan Agreement.

A. FUNDING

- (a) The Government of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago will pay for/or provide:
- i. Tuition and compulsory fees (as indicated by the academic institution);
 - ii. Personal Maintenance Allowance;
 - iii. (Salary Allowance **where applicable to Permanently Appointed Public Officers Only**);
 - iv. Book Allowance;
 - v. Special Equipment Allowance (reimbursable, where applicable); and

vi. Allowance for Support services and/ or Assistive Devices (as approved by Disability Affairs Unit – AADLU, UWI or the academic institution and verified by the Disability Affairs Unit of the Ministry of Social Development and Family Services).

(b) Funding for the duration of study will be guided by the following:

Undergraduate degrees	3 years Maximum of four (4) years only where required by the academic institution.
Master's (Taught) / (Research)	2 years
Master of Philosophy	3 years (maximum)

B. ELIGIBILITY:

To apply for this scholarship, applicants must:

- a) Be citizens of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago and must not be a permanent resident of any other country.
- b) Be between the ages of 18 to 50 years.
- c) Provide official medical evidence of their disability.
- d) Be desirous of pursuing an accredited full-time course of study at a locally accredited academic institution
- e) Provide a letter of acceptance, proof of application or enrollment to a locally accredited academic institution
- f) Possess the following academic qualifications

For undergraduate degrees:

(i) A minimum of five (5) CSEC General Proficiency passes with Grades I, II or III, or five (5) GCE O' Level passes with Grade A, B, or C. The subjects passed must include English Language and Mathematics.

With

A minimum of two (2) CAPE subjects at both Units I and II with Grades I, II, or III, or two (2) GCE A' Level subjects with Grades A, B or C;

And

CAPE Caribbean Studies and Communication Studies with Grades I, II, or III, or GCE General Paper with Grades A, B or C.

OR

(ii) Five (5) CSEC General Proficiency passes with Grades I, II or III, or five (5) GCE O' Level passes with Grades A, B, or C. The subjects passed must include English Language and Mathematics.

And

An Associate Degree with a minimum Grade Point Average (GPA) of 2.00 or equivalent

Persons who are already in possession of a first degree will not be considered for another first degree.

For a Master's degree:

Applicants must have a Bachelor's degree with at least Lower Second Class Honors.

C. REQUIREMENTS

(a) Applicants are required to submit two (2) recommendations electronically.

i. One must be an academic recommendation and the other, personal or professional;

and

ii. Recommenders must attest to the applicant's ability to perform and succeed as a scholar by providing relevant and practical examples where applicable. This may include a description of any contribution the applicant may have made to institutions/communities/country.

Recommendations must be signed, scanned and uploaded to the online application. Only scanned copies of the signed recommendations will be accepted.

(b) Applicants for a bachelor's degree must prepare and submit an essay '**online**' of no more than 500 words (undergraduate) and 750 words (postgraduate) words which include:

- i. A description/discussion of a developmental need that exists in Trinidad and Tobago;
- ii. A description/discussion of a Programme of Study that deals significantly with the need identified; and
- iii. A description/discussion of how exposure to the selected Programme of Study equips the candidate in meeting the identified need.

D. SELECTION CRITERIA:

Applicants will be assessed and recommended for a scholarship on the following:

- i. Academic merit
- ii. Quality and content of essay
- iii. Interview
 - (Area A) Work Experience and Volunteer Activities
 - (Area B) General Competencies
 - (Area C) Awareness to the needs of the sector

Please note:

- i. Applicants must meet all the requirements of this scholarship to be considered eligible.**
- ii. Candidates must attain a minimum score of 50% at the interview in order to be considered for the recommendation of a scholarship.**
- iii. The Government of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago is responsible for the selection of suitable candidates.**
- iv. An assessment of the applicant's capability will be undertaken by the Ministry of Health .**

Applicants must upload the following documents to their 'Online' application:

- Copies of Academic Certificates
- Letter of Acceptance, Proof of Application or Enrollment to an locally accredited academic institution
- Copy of Birth Certificate (with affidavit where necessary)
- Copy of Proof of Change of Name (where necessary)
- Copy of valid form of Trinidad and Tobago identification:
 - Bio data page of Passport
 - Electoral Identification Card (back and front)
 - Driver's Permit
- Persons born outside of Trinidad and Tobago must provide evidence of citizenship (copy) and residency
- Applicants who are Public Officers must upload a signed letter from their Permanent Secretary/Head of Department indicating that they have no disciplinary matters pending;
- Any further documents which you prepared and which provides greater insight into your research proposal
- Other mandatory supporting documents

Please Note:

All originals must be produced upon request.

Applicants must ensure that their information on the attached/uploaded documents are legible at a zoom ratio of 100%. Applicants **must not submit documents in ‘Zip Folders’**. Each document should be uploaded in the relevant field on the upload page. Please ensure that your documents are legible by opening and checking the quality of the document before submitting your application online. Applications with documents which are illegible, cannot be verified and will therefore not be processed.

Applicants must ensure that their transcripts are sent directly to the following address:-

**Permanent Secretary Ministry of Education
(Scholarships and Advanced Training Division)
Level 10, Education Towers
5 St. Vincent Street
Port-of-Spain**

Attention: Selections Secretariat

Applicants who wish to hand deliver their transcripts must ensure it bears the seal of the academic institution and submitted to the Selections Secretariat.

Transcripts must be received before the closing date of the scholarship for your application to be considered:

**DEADLINE DATE FOR APPLICATION:
Monday 20th January, 2025 @4pm**

For further information, please go to our website at www.scholarships.moe.gov.tt or contact the office at telephone numbers 622-2181, ext. 1943, 1942 or email scholarshipenquiries@moe.gov.tt

INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED.

[Click here to access the application](#)