



GOVERNMENT OF MONTSERRAT

GoM Policy Position for Award of Scholarships

On an annual basis the Government of Montserrat will through the Annual Country Training Scheme (ACTS) provide opportunities for Montserradians and legal residents of Montserrat to pursue careers that tap into their natural abilities and interests thereby ensuring that they are fully equipped to make a significant contribution to the Island's development. This is a change in approach, as it has been recognized that previous policies often resulted in individuals choosing courses to get funding, rather than following a passion and an area that they could excel at.

In this refreshed approach, the Government of Montserrat is committed to ensuring that every effort is made to select scholarship recipients who are capable of successfully completing programmes; have a genuine interest in the selected area of study; will work diligently and exercise the discipline required for academic success and are committed to applying the knowledge and skills gained to the development of Montserrat for an agreed period of time.

1. The annual Cabinet approved list of priority areas for long term training and professional certifications will provide the overarching context for determining awards. Notwithstanding, consideration will always be given to funding programmes that fall outside this list where applicants can demonstrate how the area of study could bring value to Montserrat and that they have been accepted into an approved programme.
2. Scholarships are awarded to Montserradians and legal residents of Montserrat to pursue tertiary level qualifications at recognized colleges and universities and professional certifications offered by approved professional bodies.
3. Scholarships can be awarded at any point in the applicant's course of study.
4. Scholarships are intended to cover all reasonable costs associated with completing the specific course of study such as course/tuition fees, housing, travel and living allowance.
5. Priority will be given to applicants who can demonstrate the ability to successfully complete the desired course of study usually evidenced by the following:
 - i. Acceptance into a tertiary institution to pursue the desired course of study;
 - ii. Interest in the particular area of study articulated in a Personal Statement which clearly shows why the area of study was selected and how the chosen area will benefit Montserrat.
 - iii. A proven track record of academic excellence or skill proficiency in foundational areas for the chosen area of study;
 - iv. By way of interview, articulate both genuine passion and careful consideration of their chosen area of study.
6. All recipients of a GoM Scholarship must sign a Bond before scholarship funds are disbursed.