Government of Montserrat

MONTSERRAT ISLAND SCHOLARSHIP

The Montserrat Island Scholarship is a scholarship awarded by the Ministry of Education, Youth Affairs and Sports under the auspices of Government of Montserrat. The Montserrat Island Scholarship is awarded to the single applicant who has demonstrated exceptional academic ability, excellence in co-curricular activities, has been accepted to an approved university, college or institution, is dedicated to improving the lives of all Montserratians, and has demonstrated a strong moral character and the potential to lead. The Montserrat Island Scholar is expected to contribute to the overall development of Montserrat by providing service and applying their talents and knowledge to improve the lives of Montserratians and residents of Montserrat.

GENERAL INFORMATION

The Montserrat Island Scholarship program will be awarded on an annual basis to one successful candidate who wishes to pursue a three-year undergraduate degree in a field of their choice. The Montserrat Island Scholarship is currently valued at up to EC$80,000.00 per annum. The scholarship is a renewable award for up to three (3) years of undergraduate study tenable at the University of the West Indies or at any university, college or institution approved by the Legislative Assembly. Consideration will be given to specific undergraduate degrees whose required programme exceeds three (3) years up to seven (7) years in length.

The award will provide, in order of priority, for tuition and related fees, on-campus room and board, books, travel, miscellaneous student fees and health insurance as funding allows.

The Montserrat Island Scholar should clearly demonstrate their desire to contribute to the national development of Montserrat and acknowledge their obligation to ensure that other Montserratians may benefit from the opportunities afforded them upon the successful completion of their educational and professional training.

CRITERIA FOR ELIGIBILITY

Applicants must:

1. Have completed three years of schooling in Montserrat immediately before their final CAPE examinations;
2. Have passed a minimum of 5 CXC CSEC subjects including English Language;
3. Display good conduct and deportment at school and in the community.
4. Be a Montserratian or the child of a Montserratian or the child of a resident non-Montserratian from a country with reciprocal scholarship provisions.

SELECTION CRITERIA

Awards will be determined based on:

- The CAPE or equivalent results. That is, you must possess a minimum of three (3) A-Levels (i.e. CAPE Subjects Units 1 and 2) with a minimum grade of '3' in each A-Level. Where applicants are equal their CSEC or equivalent results will be considered.
- Leadership and contributions to school and community;
- Candidate's personal qualities including leadership skills, maturity, independence, sense of direction, motivation, self-expression, and enthusiasm

APPLICATION PROCEDURES AND TERMS OF AWARDS

1. Completed application form to be submitted to the Chairperson of the National Training and Scholarship Advisory Committee by Tuesday, August 5, 2025 along with the following:
    a. An official acceptance letter;
    b. A schedule of fees (tuition, room and board, travel cost, etc.)
    c. Copies of certificates (CAPE, CSEC or equivalents);
    d. Official transcripts of your college and secondary school grades; and
    e. A one-page essay setting out how the course of study will contribute to Montserrat's development.
2. The applicant will be required to sign a Bond Agreement with the Government of Montserrat, to return to Montserrat, on obtaining the qualification, and to serve for a period of not less than three (3) years.