



Government of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago

## MINISTRY OF EDUCATION

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### **National Bursaries Based on CAPE 2020**

As the Scholarship Selection Committee has completed and submitted the recommendations for Scholarships based on the Caribbean Advanced Proficiency Examinations (CAPE) 2020, the Ministry of Education invites eligible citizens to apply for National Bursaries. Five Hundred (500) National Bursaries are now available, to be awarded annually to deserving students. The introduction of the National Bursary Programme provides a means for ensuring that the most vulnerable groups, most talented students, and most targeted areas for national development are supported.

In particular:

- i. It allows for more strategic rationalization of funding mechanisms available under the Ministry of Education.
- ii. It ensures that well performing and talented students have access to higher education regardless of socio-economic status, without incurring debts.
- iii. It supports strategic national development by aligning bursary grants to programme areas that have been identified as meeting national priority.

### **APPLICATION PROCESS**

The application form for the National Bursary will become available on **Monday 15<sup>th</sup> March, 2021 to April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2021** on the Ministry's website [www.scholarships.moe.gov.tt](http://www.scholarships.moe.gov.tt) **Applications must be tendered and will only be accepted through this platform.** Enquiries about the National Bursary can be made through [bursaryenquiries@moe.gov.tt](mailto:bursaryenquiries@moe.gov.tt).

Available on the Ministry of Education's website will also be the Approved National Bursary Policy, the National Bursary Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ's) as well as Guidelines and Procedures for the Award of the National Bursary.

## **ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS**

- i. A candidate must be a citizen of Trinidad and Tobago and must be able to provide proof of citizenship.
- ii. A candidate must attain at least eight units at Grades I – II, over a period not exceeding two consecutive years in Form 6, including the year of the award.
- iii. The eight (8) Units must comprise both compulsory subjects Caribbean Studies and Communication Studies and three (3) subjects at both Units I and II.
- iv. A candidate must provide a Letter of Acceptance to an accredited/recognized local tertiary level institution or a regional campus of the University of the West Indies (UWI), in keeping with the guidelines of the GATE programme.

## **FURTHER CRITERIA FOR THE AWARD OF A NATIONAL BURSARY:**

- Need as evidenced by a GATE Administered Means Test
- Intended course of study should be in alignment with priority areas of development
- Extracurricular activities/contribution to community/country
- Purpose Statement

## **FUNDING**

The Government of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago will pay for and provide:

**Medical Scholars** - A book allowance of \$9,711 as first time payment and thereafter \$5,711 payment annually.

**Non-medical Scholars** - A book allowance of \$8,062 as first time payment and thereafter \$4,062 payment annually.

### **All Scholars:**

- i. A personal maintenance allowance of \$3,043.00 per month, payable per quarter of the fiscal year (December, March, June and September).
- ii. 100 % tuition funding in accordance with GATE guidelines.
- iii. The duration for funding of the National Bursary will be guided as indicated hereunder: