



THE BARBADOS HOTEL AND TOURISM ASSOCIATION ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP

Tourism is key to Barbados' economy, and the Barbados Hotel and Tourism Association (BHTA) wholly believes in the sustainability of the tourism industry, especially through its human resources development. As a result, the association will be granting three (3) scholarships to persons seeking to further their education in the tourism and hospitality industry.

The main aim of this scholarship programme is to provide assistance and opportunities to Barbadian nationals seeking to pursue further education in tourism and hospitality studies. The selection committee will select individuals based on their academic performance, financial need, levels of extracurricular and volunteer activities, leadership qualities and interest in contributing to the hotel and tourism industry.

ELIGIBILITY

All applicants to the scholarship must meet the following criteria in order to be eligible for the scholarship:

- Citizen of Barbados
- Seeking to pursue full-time study in tourism or related field
- Maintain a minimum 3.0 grade point average at current/previous institution
- Demonstrate a financial need

FINANCIAL AID

The BHTA Scholarships will cover tuition fees only, not any other associated university costs. In the case of undergraduate study, please state the Total Tuition fees for one year, not the whole degree programme and attach a letter/schedule from the Institution.



APPLICATION PROCESS

APPLICATION FORMS

Application forms are available from April of each year on our website (www.bhta.org) or by contacting the BHTA Secretariat.

SUBMISSION OF APPLICATIONS

Completed application forms with all attachments and supporting materials must be received by no later than **August 14th 2015**.

Please submit applications to the BHTA Secretariat at 4th Avenue Belleville, St. Michael or to itcommunications@bhta.org. No applications are to be submitted via fax.

GUIDELINES FOR APPLICATION SUBMISSION

- Please print or type clearly when completing application form and essays
- Ensure the application form is typed or printed clearly
- Ensure all contact information is provided on the form is current and includes email addresses suitable for professional purposes
- Ensure you have fully completed the application form and included supporting information
- The application form will not be processed if all of the information is not provided by the deadline date
- Please do not submit original certificates and/or awards
- Applications must be received by August 14th 2015
- For further information, you may contact the BHTA via telephone at 622-5041 or via email membership@bhta.org.

DOCUMENTATION REQUIRED

- **Financial need statement**
Please provide a brief explanation or evidence of your current financial circumstances, referencing the benefit of the scholarship



- **Personal essay**
Applicants are required to submit an essay outlining your career goals and aspirations. Also include how the scholarship will benefit your overall educational and personal development, as well as the industry and country. (Maximum of 600 words)

- **Reference Letters**
Please supply two (2) letters of reference/recommendation with you application, from relevant sources or organisations.

- **Other Documentation:**
 - Current official transcript (or most current transcript if not in school)
 - Copies of relevant certificates and/or awards
 - Letter of acceptance or offer of placement from University
 - Copy of tuition note/schedule
 - A recent passport sized photo of the applicant

OUTCOME OF APPLICATION

Notification and announcements of the Barbados Hotel and Tourism Association Scholarship recipients should take place in late July. The disbursements of the scholarship award to the recipient's school financial aid department will be sent directly to the institution in time to be applied to the student's upcoming fall semester.

Applicants who are not selected for the scholarship will be notified via email. These notices will also take place in late July.



APPLICATION CHECKLIST

Please use the checklist below before you submit your scholarship application

- Course is hotel/ tourism specific
- Official details or information on tuition fees included in application
- Signed copy of acceptance or offer letter from institution
- Two (2) letters of reference/recommendation
- Financial need statement (200 words maximum)
- Essay on career goals and the benefits of the scholarship (600 words maximum)
- Official transcript requested to be sent to the BHTA Secretariat
- One recent photograph of applicant (passport size)
- All sections are answered, and name is printed in provided space on each sheet of the application form