



Government of Montserrat

MONTSERRAT ISLAND SCHOLARSHIP

2026/2027 APPLICATION GUIDELINES

The Montserrat Island Scholarship is established under sections 145-152 of the Education Act (Cap. 16.01), as amended, including by the Education (Amendment) Act, 2019 (No. 10 of 2019). It is open to public competition each year and is awarded by the Governor acting on the advice of Cabinet, following the advice of the Scholarship Committee.

IMPORTANT: These Guidelines explain the application and administration of the Montserrat Island Scholarship.

GENERAL INFORMATION

For the 2026/2027 cycle, the Government of Montserrat intends to make one Island Scholarship award, subject to the statutory selection process and approval by the Governor acting on the advice of Cabinet. This is an administrative provision for the 2026/2027 competition.

The scholarship may be awarded annually for an approved course of study at the University of the West Indies or at another university, college or institution approved by the Legislative Assembly. Under section 146, it is tenable for not less than three years and not more than seven years, according to the period required to complete the approved course of study.

For the 2026/2027 cycle, funding may be approved up to EC\$80,000 per annum, subject to the applicable notice, the approved cost of study and the terms of the award.

The award includes approved tuition and related fees, accommodation and meals, books and learning materials, student fees and health insurance. In accordance with section 152, the scholarship holder shall be paid travelling expenses from Montserrat to the approved institution and back to Montserrat.

CRITERIA FOR ELIGIBILITY

To compete for the scholarship, an applicant must satisfy all statutory requirements:

1. Be a citizen of Montserrat; the child of a citizen of Montserrat; the child of a person who has acquired Montserratian status; or the child of a foreign person resident in Montserrat whose country of citizenship has materially identical reciprocal scholarship legislation and does not discriminate against citizens of Montserrat in making similar awards.
2. For the five years immediately preceding the CAPE or approved equivalent examination used for the award, have been genuinely receiving education at a school or otherwise in Montserrat.
3. Have passed five or more CXC CSEC General Proficiency subjects including both English Language and Mathematics.
4. Have passed CAPE or another equivalent examination prescribed by the Governor acting on the advice of Cabinet.
5. Have satisfied the standards of conduct and deportment established by the school attended or by the Ministry of Education.

BASIS OF SELECTION

The scholarship is awarded on the basis prescribed by section 148. The Scholarship Committee considers the results of CAPE or an approved equivalent examination and advises Cabinet on the applicant or applicants reported by the examiners as having the best claim to the award.

If competitors are reported as equal, their CSEC results are used to determine who performed best.

Information about leadership, service, character, motivation and contribution to Montserrat may be collected to support administrative assessment, planning and engagement with applicants. Such information will not replace or override the examination-based selection method prescribed by section 148.

FORFEITURE

A scholarship may be wholly or partly forfeited in the circumstances set out in section 150, including:

- expulsion;
- failure to pass an examination within the period fixed by the institution without an accepted justification;
- undertaking an unapproved course or appointment;
- failure to comply with the Act or applicable Regulations;
- conduct prejudicial to the purpose of the award;
- or grave misconduct.

CONDITIONS OF THE AWARD

1. The scholarship holder must enter an approved institution within a reasonable period, preferably (1 year) after the award is issued and continuously complete the prescribed terms until the scholarship expires.
2. The scholarship holder must not change the approved institution or course of study without the prior approval of the Governor acting on the advice of Cabinet.
3. The scholarship holder must maintain satisfactory academic progress of (2.3 or above GPA), comply with the requirements of the Education Act and any applicable Regulations, and avoid conduct that may result in forfeiture under section 150.
4. The scholarship holder must sign the bond prescribed under section 151. The obligation is to return to Montserrat after obtaining the qualification and serve for at least three to five years, provided the scholar is offered an appointment in the Montserrat Public Service that is appropriate to the qualification, in the opinion of the Governor acting on the advice of Cabinet, and at the initial remuneration paid to holders of like offices.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

Applicants should submit the following:

- the completed application form;
- copies of CSEC, CAPE or approved equivalent certificates and official results;
- evidence of citizenship, Montserratian status or eligibility under the reciprocal provision in section 147(d);
- details of the proposed course of study and institution;
- an offer or acceptance letter, if already available;
- a current schedule of tuition, accommodation, travel and other relevant costs; and
- a one-page statement explaining how the proposed course of study may contribute to Montserrat's development.
- An academic letter of reference preferably from your school's Principal or Head of Department.

All Applications and accompanying documents are to be compiled into a folder and emailed to Training.HRMU@gov.ms

For Hardcopy submissions are to be placed in a brown envelop and labelled

Island Scholarship Application.

The Chairman of the National Training Scholarship and Advisory Committee

Submit to Human Resources Management Unit

Government Headquarters, Brades.