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Scholarships for Public Officers

Reference is made to Public Sector Negotiation Framework Item No. 7.2.4.5, approved by Cabinet Decision No. 24/17 dated 12 June 2017 Section (B)(i), in respect of Scholarships for Public Officers.

- Applications are invited for the above-mentioned Scholarship noting the following guidelines:
 - 1. The Scholarship:
 - a. Is to provide financial assistance to Public Sector Workers in pursuit of their educational goals and professional/personal development for Academic Year 2025/2026.
 - b. Covers tuition cost <u>only</u> up to One Hundred and Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$150,000.00).
 - c. Application is available via an **Online Application Form** which can be accessed on the Ministry's website <u>www.mof.gov.jm/scholarships</u>.
 - 2. The Scholarship is applicable to Public Sector Workers who are:
 - a. Permanently appointed or temporary with at least two (2) years' continuous service.
 - b. Newly accepted students at a registered recognised Institution.
 - c. Returning students, previously enrolled at a registered recognised Institution with at least a B Average (i.e. GPA 2.5 or higher).
 - d. Indebted to a registered recognised Institution having completed a programme of study within the past academic year (2024/2025).
 - e. Not employed to an entity or are members of a bargaining unit that has similar educational assistance.
 - f. Not recipients of any other scholarship/financial assistance/grant processed through the Government of Jamaica/Ministry of Finance and the Public Service (MoFPS) for Academic Year 2025/2026.
 - g. Not on interdiction.
 - 3. Programmes/Levels Supported:
 - a. Any programme (local/regional) that is recognised/accredited by the University Council of Jamaica (UCJ) at the Undergraduate or Post-Graduate Level. Pursuit of studies at a level already attained will not be supported.
 - b. Certification must be offered by an Institution authorised to offer the certification
 - c. CSEC & CAPE Subjects.
 - d. Studies may be done by attendance onsite, distance (online) or a combination of both.
 - 4. Applicants should:
 - a. Download and print the Verification Form which is accessible at <u>www.mof.gov.jm/scholarships</u>
 - b. Have their Human Resource Department (HRD) or equivalent complete the Verification Form and check the required documents.

- *c.* Complete application details via the **Online Application Form** which is accessible at <u>www.mof.gov.jm/scholarships</u>, and submit the application **only once**.
- d. Scan and email supporting documents (outlined below) to <u>mou.grants@gmail.com</u> using the applicant's TRN and Name in the subject heading - eg. 123-456-789 John Doe.
- 5. The following supporting documents **must** be submitted along with the Online Application Form (see Item 4d):
 - a. Duly completed Verification Form
 - b. Taxpayer Registration Number (TRN)
 - c. Applicant's **Job Letter** (salary particulars not required) addressed to: Ministry of Finance and the Public Service Strategic Human Resource Management Division Strategic Workforce Planning and Improvement Branch 30 National Heroes Circle Kingston 4
 - d. *Official Acceptance Letter* for *new students*. A provisional/conditional acceptance letter may be submitted, however, a copy of full acceptance is required before the Scholarship is disbursed.
 - e. Progress Report/Transcript for returning students (minimum B Average/2.5 GPA).
 - *f.* **Proof of Tuition Cost/Balance Owing** to Institution for the programme of study. A print-out from the Institution's website – specific to the programme - is acceptable.
 - g. Where applicable, Letter of Award from MDA in respect of study leave awarded to the applicant for the current programme of study.
- 6. The Online Application Form **opens Monday**, July 14, 2025 and closes Friday, August 29, 2025 at 5:00pm. Incomplete applications will NOT be processed.
- 7. Applicants should note that the award of the Scholarship is subject to the availability of funds, consequently not all eligible applicants will be awarded.
- 8. Payment will be made directly to the Institution. Where the Institution has indicated that payment of tuition has already been covered, the award will be withdrawn.

The Stratetic Human Resource Management Division/Strategic Workforce Planning and Improvement Branch of this Ministry may be contacted for further information at (876) 932-5010/5026/5080/5006 or via email at mou.grants@gmail.com.

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