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Tertiary Grant for Children of Public Sector Workers

Reference is made to Item 6.24 of the Heads of Agreement signed on February 13, 2018, between the Government of Jamaica and the Jamaica Confederation of Trade Unions (JCTU), in respect of Tertiary Grant for Children of Public Sector Workers.

Applications are invited for the above-mentioned Grant noting the following guidelines:

- 1. The Grant:
 - a. Is to provide financial assistance for Children of Public Sector Workers in pursuit of tertiary studies for Academic Year 2025/2026.
 - b. Covers tuition cost <u>only</u> up to **One Hundred and Fifty Thousand Dollars** (\$150,000.00) for first time applicants.
 - c. May be awarded to an applicant (Parent) once every three (3) years.
 - d. 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 Grant is applicable to Public Sector Workers who are:
 - a. Permanently appointed or temporary with at least two (2) years' continuous service.
 - b. Contract Workers with at least two (2) years' continuous service under any type of contract.
 - c. Not employed to an entity or are members of a bargaining unit that has similar educational assistance.
 - d. Not on interdiction.
- 3. The Grant is applicable to Children of Public Sector Workers who:
 - a. Have been accepted to pursue <u>or</u> are pursuing local, full-time accredited programmes (Associate /Bachelors) at a tertiary Institution registered by the University Council of Jamaica (UCJ). Pursuit of studies at a level already attained will not be supported.
 - b. Have a minimum GPA of 3.0 (for returning students).
 - c. Are 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.
 - d. Are not older than 25 years.
 - e. Are unemployed.
- 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) for <u>both</u> parent and child
 - c. Copy of the **Child's Birth/Adoption Certificate**, certified by the HR Department, reflecting the name of the parent making the application
 - d. 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
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- e. Official Acceptance Letter for new students. A provisional/conditional acceptance letter may be submitted, however, a copy of full acceptance is required before the Grant is disbursed.
- f. Progress Report/Transcript for returning students (minimum 3.0 GPA)
- g. **Proof of Tuition Cost** from the Institution for the programme of study. A printout from the Institution's website – specific to the programme - is acceptable.
- 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 Grant 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 Strategic 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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