

Frequently Asked Questions

Scholarships for Public Officers

Q: What is the purpose of this grant?

A: To provide financial assistance to public sector workers in pursuit of their educational goals and professional/personal development.

Q: Who can apply and benefit from the grant?

A. Permanently appointed or temporary with at least two (2) years' continuous service

Newly accepted students at a registered Institution

Returning students at an Institution with at least a B Average (i.e. GPA 2.5 or higher)

Indebted to an Institution having completed a programme of study within the past academic year

Not employed to an entity or is a member of a bargaining unit that has similar educational assistance

Not recipients of any other scholarship/financial assistance/grant processed through the Government of Jamaica/Ministry of Finance and the Public Service (MoFPS) for the current Academic Year

Not on interdiction

Q: How should I apply for the grant and where?

*A: The grant is available on the Ministry's website via a link. The form must be completed and submitted online and supporting documents sent via the respective email. **No physical applications and documents will be accepted.***

Q: What is the maximum disbursement for the grant?

A: Maximum disbursement is up to \$150,000 for the current academic year.

Q: Is it guaranteed that I will benefit once I meet the requirements?

A: The grant is awarded subject to the availability of funds.

Q: How many times may I benefit from this grant?

A: Twice, subjected to the availability of funds.

Q: What is the GPA requirement?

A: Minimum requirement of 2.5.

Q: What is the purpose of the verification form?

A: The verification form must be completed and submitted to your HR representative along with the required documents to be checked off and verified by the HRM Department. All the documents and the completed verification form must be submitted via the respective email at the time of submitting the application.

Q: What happens if I enroll in one institution for which the grant was approved and payed but then I enroll in another institution or defer studies?

*A: You **MUST** write to the Strategic Workforce Planning and Improvement Branch to inform us of such changes and send in the supporting documents.*

Q: When will the grant open and close?

A: The grant will open Monday July 10, 2023 and close Friday August 31, 2023 at 4:59 pm.

Q: Will my application be processed if the application is incomplete and documents are outstanding?

A: No. The application must be completed as well as documents submitted for the processing to be completed.

Q: How will I know I was approved for this grant?

A: Approved applicants will be contacted via email.

Q: What are the required documents for the grant?

A: Please read circular No. 19 on the Ministry of Finance's website.

