



Form 1 * Tonga Government Scholarships * 2026-Intake * Application Instructions

Given Name/s	Surname

General Instructions

1. Your checklist for your application packet components is:

- ☐ **Application Instruction (Form 1)** with the Eligibility Criteria checkboxes (below) completed.
- ☐ Completed **Application Form (Form 2)**.
- ☐ If you have not worked for at least one year, submit a completed **High School Principal Report Form (Form 3)** in an envelope sealed and the seal stamped by the principal.
- ☐ If you have been employed for at least one year, you must submit an **Employer Reference Form (Form 4)** in an envelope sealed and stamped by the employer.
- ☐ If you are a Government of Tonga employee you must submit **Employer Reference Form (Form 4)** and a **CEO Acknowledgement (Form 5)**, each in their sealed and stamped envelope.
- ☐ Self-authored **essay** explaining your reasons for applying to this program of study (maximum 800 words). The essay should address the following four questions.

1) *What motivated you to choose your program of study and this particular institution?*

2 *Describe any significant challenges you have faced in your previous studies, especially those related to financial hardship, access to resources, or personal circumstances. How did you overcome these challenges, and how have they shaped your academic journey and your desire to contribute positively to Tonga?*

3) *In what ways will your chosen field of study help you contribute to Tonga's development upon your return?*

4) *What long-term goals do you hope to achieve through this study program? How will these goals help you grow as a leader and contribute to Tonga's development in the future?*

- ☐ **Test Scores** – TSC, PSSC/Tonga Form Six Certificate and Form 7 Certificates (certified true copy) or a record of your test scores from the Ministry of Education and Training, signed and stamped by the Chief Executive Officer-MET
- ☐ Certified true copies of ALL **official** academic **transcripts**. For USP-Tonga students, should official transcripts not be available, your unofficial USP-Tonga transcript that is signed and stamped by the Director or Authorized Officer of USP is acceptable.
- *Applicants may submit independent applications directly to the designated institutions for their chosen programme of study at the same time as their scholarship application. Before accepting a scholarship offer, candidates are required to provide official documentation confirming admission into an approved program at an approved institution. For information on the priority fields of study for the 2026 scholarship intake, refer to the Reference Table on the last page.*

2. **All materials in your application packet must be certified true copies.** None will be returned to you.

3. Complete application must be received before **4.00 PM, Friday, 28 November 2025.**

4. Submit the application packet to :

Scholarships Unit, Ministry of Education & Training
Āpimataka, TOFOA,
P.O Box 61

5. Envelope clearly marked "Scholarship Application"

6. For questions, please contact the Ministry of Education and Training's Scholarships Office at Tel. 740 1280 or email &

naiffita@gmail.com / sptelefoni@gmail.com

Eligibility Criteria

Are you able to start your course in 2026?	☐ Yes ☐ No
Are you a Tongan citizen?	☐ Yes ☐ No
Do you hold dual citizenship? If yes, in which countries	☐ Yes ☐ No
Have you resided in Tonga for the last two years? If no, why?	☐ Yes ☐ No
Have you held any other scholarship/s from any governments or sponsors? If yes, please provide the NAME/S and DATES here:	☐ Yes ☐ No
Have you ever had a scholarship terminated? If yes, what scholarship and in what year?	☐ Yes ☐ No
Are you committed to living and working in Tonga?	☐ Yes ☐ No
Do you have the full support of your family and employer to apply for this award?	☐ Yes ☐ No