Form 1 * Tonga Government Scholarships (TGS) 2027-Intake * Application Instructions and Eligibility Checklist

Given Name/s	Surname

General Instructions

1. Your checklist for your application packet components is:

☐ **Application Instructions** (**Form 1**) with the Eligibility Criteria checkboxes (below) completed.

☐ Completed **Application Form** (**Form 2**).

☐ Applicants who have not been employed for at least one year must submit a completed High School Principal Report Form (Form 3) in a sealed envelope signed and stamped by the Principal.

☐ Applicants who have been employed for at least one year must submit a completed Employer Reference Form (Form 4) in a sealed envelope signed 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.

☐ Applicants must also submit a **self-authored essay** explaining the reasons for applying to this programme of study (maximum 800 words). The essay must address the following questions:

1) Why did you choose your proposed programme of study and institution?

2) What significant challenges have you faced in your education, and how have they influenced your academic journey and commitment to Tonga?

3) How will your chosen field of study contribute to Tonga's development upon your return?

4) What are your long-term career goals, and how do you intend to use the knowledge, skills, and experience gained through your studies to contribute to Tonga's development upon your return?

☐ **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 are encouraged to apply directly to approved institutions for their chosen programme of study while their scholarship application is being considered. Successful applicants will be required to provide evidence of admission into an approved programme before a scholarship award can be confirmed. For information on the priority fields of study for the 2027 scholarship intake, refer to the Reference Table on the last page.*

2. **All materials in your application packet must be certified as true copies.** None will be returned to you.
3. Completed application must be received before **4.00 PM, on Monday, 30 November 2026.**
4. Submit the application packet to :

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

5. Envelope clearly marked “Scholarship Application”
6. For enquiries, please contact the Scholarships Unit at Tel. 740 1280 or email & naififita@gmail.com / sptelefoni@gmail.com

Eligibility Criteria

Please tick (✓) the appropriate box for each question. Applicants who do not meet the eligibility requirements may not be considered for a scholarship award.

Are you able to start your course in 2027?	☐ Yes ☐ No
Are you a Tongan citizen?	☐ Yes ☐ No
Do you hold citizenship of any country other than Tonga? If yes, please specify.	☐ Yes ☐ No
Have you resided in Tonga continuously for the past two years? If no, please provide details.	☐ 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 returning to Tonga upon completion of your studies and serving in the public service or an approved organisation if required?	☐ Yes ☐ No
Do you have the full support of your family and employer to apply for this award?	☐ Yes ☐ No