TONGA GOVERNMENT SCHOLARSHIPS

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS FOR 2027 INTAKE

The Tonga Government Scholarships Programme (TGS), funded by the Government of Tonga, invites eligible applicants to apply for scholarships for the 2027 academic year. Scholarships are available for approved programmes at tertiary institutions in the Pacific region and New Zealand, subject to programme availability and priorities approved by the National Scholarship Committee.

The Programme aims to develop a skilled workforce to support Tonga's sustainable development and national priorities. Recipients must return to Tonga upon completing their studies and fulfil their bonded service with the Government of Tonga or an organisation approved by the National Scholarship Committee.

Scholarships will be awarded for approved programmes of study aligned with workforce and training needs identified by Government Ministries and Non-Government Education Systems. The approved priority programmes for the 2027 intake are as follows:

NON – TEACHING (22 awards)

- *Master of Laws (1)*
- *MSc Agriculture (1)*
- *Postgrad Dip Information Systems (1)*
- *Postgrad Dip Border Security (1)*
- *Postgrad. Dip. Public Admin. (1)*
- *Postgrad. Dip. Gender/ Dev Studies) (1)*
- *BA/BCom (Information Systems) (1)*
- *BCom Accounting (1)*
- *BCom Land Management (1)*
- *BCom Public Administration (1)*
- *BCom Economics & Official Statistics (1)*
- *BCom (HRM) (2)*
- *Bachelor of Laws (1)*
- *Diploma in Disaster Risk Management (1)*
- *Diploma in Monitoring & Evaluation (1)*
- *Postgrad Dip/Master of Public Health (1)*
- *Postgrad Dip Mental Health Nursing (1)*
- *Bachelor of Dental Surgery (1)*
- *Bachelor of Medicine & Bachelor of Surgery (1)*
- *Diploma Ultrasound Mammography and CT Imaging (1)*
- *Diploma in Pharmacy (1)*

TEACHING (10 awards)

BEd/BSc GCEd (Maths & Physics) (1)
BEd/BSc GCEd (Information Systems) (2)
BEd/BA GCEd (English) (2)
BA GCEd (Geography & Maths) (1)
BEd/BCom GCEd (Accounting) (1)
BEd (ECE) (1)
Bachelor of Engineering (Electrical) (1)
BEd/BA GCEd (Geography) (1)

Technical & Vocational Training (2 awards)

- *Certificate/ Diploma Marine Engineering Class 1 & 2 (1)*
- *BA TVET/ Technology (1)*

OPEN AWARDS (Up to 15 awards)

- *Top Academic Awards – 2026 TNFSC Examinations* *Up to 5 awards*
- *Privately Funded Tertiary Student Awards* *Up to 5 awards*
- *Outer Islands Scholarship Awards* *Up to 5 awards*

The Special Scholarship Allocations will continue in the 2027 intake to recognise academic excellence, support students with financial need, and improve access to tertiary education for students from Tonga's outer islands. The allocations include up to five scholarships for top achievers in the 2026 National Examinations, up to five scholarships for eligible privately funded tertiary students who have successfully completed at least one year of study in an approved priority area, and up to five scholarships for eligible students from the outer islands.

Scholarships are limited and will be awarded on a competitive basis. Selection will consider academic achievement, alignment with approved priority areas, financial need (where applicable), relevant work experience for postgraduate studies, and potential contribution to Tonga's development. Applicants are encouraged to ensure they meet all eligibility requirements before applying.

Applicants are strongly encouraged to apply for admission to their preferred institution at the same time as, or immediately after, submitting their scholarship application. Evidence of admission must be provided before a scholarship offer can be confirmed. The National Scholarship Committee reserves the right to determine the final host institution for successful applicants.

Application forms are available from the Scholarship Unit, Ministry of Education and Training Head Office, Ápimataka, Tofoa and at the following offices; Vava'u High School; Ha'apai High School; 'Eua High School; Niuatoputapu District High School and Niuafo'ou District High School.

Application forms can also be downloaded from the Ministry of Education and Training website at https://www.education.gov.to/

The application form must be completed in full; copies of all requested documents must be certified. Your application package must be clearly marked "**Scholarship Application"**, and delivered (in person or by post) by **4.00 PM Monday, 30 November 2026** either to the:

Scholarships Unit, Ministry of Education and Training, Ápimataka, Tofoa
OR
Postal Address: PO Box 61, Nuku'alofa TONGA.

Applications may be deemed ineligible if all relevant forms are not completed (refer to Forms 1-5). Please be advised that only successful applicants will be notified.

Late applications will NOT be considered.

INFORMATION SESSIONS:

Information sessions for the 2027 Tonga Government Scholarships Programme will be held every Thursday at **4:00 pm** from **5 November to 26 November 2026** at the **Ministry of Education and Training Conference Room, 'Apimataka, Tofoa**.

Applicants in **Vava'u, Ha'apai and 'Eua** are advised to contact the **Principals of their respective Government Secondary Schools** for details of local information sessions.

For further enquiries, please contact the **Scholarships Unit, Ministry of Education and Training** on Tel. **7401280** or email naififita@gmail.com or sptelefoni@gmail.com