



## **CAYMAN SCHOLARSHIPS RECIPIENTS**

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#### REAP THE REWARDS OF HARD WORK

Congratulations to all the students who have impressed the interviewing boards and been successful with their applications.

This edition of the Cayman Scholarships Recipients Directory proves that studying hard and staying focused truly pays off.

We are highlighting the students who have been awarded scholarships and funding to further their education.

Hopefully, their success will inspire other students to focus on their studies, get involved with the community, maybe volunteer with a charity, attend extracurricular activities, or just excel at doing what they love and prove their dedication to achieving their goals.

Scholarships are awarded to students who stand out as exceptional and/or have proven they are worthy of this significant investment.

The Cayman Islands Government and local and international businesses don't make these decisions lightly.

Review the pages in this directory showcasing businesses proudly unveiling their triumphant students.

Each student has a story to tell. Not every story is the same, but the opportunities are equal.

Watch out for the Cayman Scholarships Directory 2024 which will be published in November 2023. As ever, it will highlight all the scholarships available to students in the Cayman Islands.

In the meantime, for those students planning to apply for a scholarship in 2024, read the article on pages 8 and 9 about how to choose a career, this may inspire you to start thinking about what type of scholarship would be the most relevant to your further education needs.

All the best.

#### Lisa Beauchamp

General Sales Manager of Content and Specialty Services

**Front cover:** Our front cover image features Marsh Cayman scholarship students 2023 - Kessean Mitto (centre), and Renee Eccleston (right), alongside Marsh employee Alfie Parker (left) who is a former recipient of the scholarship awarded by Insurance Managers Association of Cayman (IMAC).

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### Congratulations to the 2023 EY Cayman Dan Scott Scholarship recipients, Zeb Yanes-Bush and Alexander Rhule



Pictured L-R: Jeffrey Short (Cayman Managing Partner), Zeb Yanes-Bush, Alexander Rhule and Baron Jacob (Partner)







# Scholarship Opportunities for Qualified Caymanians For both Local and Overseas Scholarships:

### Local Scholarships

Application Period: 1 March 2024 - 30 April 2024

The local scholarship can facilitate a Fall 2024 or Spring 2025 start date at UCCI, ICCI, UWI Open Campus, Truman Bodden Law School, St. Matthew's University, A levels, BTEC Level 3 or the final year of CAPE, International Baccalaureate or Advanced Placement.

Those Year 11 JGHS, CHHS and LSHS students wanting to pursue A Level, CAPE, BTEC Level 3, International Baccalaureate or Advanced Placement studies ONLY beginning Fall 2023, must also complete this application process.

#### Overseas Scholarships

Application Period: 15 November 2023 - 31 January 2024

The overseas scholarship can facilitate Fall 2024 or Spring 2025 start date. Scholarships are available to pursue overseas tertiary studies; TVET, Associate, Bachelor, Masters (campus and online), & Doctoral studies (campus and online).

### For both Local and Overseas Scholarships:

Applications can only be submitted during the stated application periods. And can be submitted without final grades or final acceptance letters.

ALL applications must be made using the online portal.

To apply and obtain criteria and required documentation visit www.moescholarships@gov.ky

Contact the Scholarship Secretariat at: Phone: **244-2482** • Email: **scholarships@gov.ky** 



### **Ministry of Education**

Cayman Islands Government

# CAYMAN GOVERNMENT SCHOLARSHIPS



# What are the academic criteria required to qualify for a Government Educational Scholarship?

The academic criteria for the various local and overseas scholarships are provided on the website. The overseas academic criteria are each listed as standalone documents for each scholarship while the local academic criteria are included in the specific application forms. Additional information is also available in the guidance notes in the relevant sections.

# Is there a minimum and maximum age requirement for a scholarship?

There is a minimum age requirement that all applicants must be at least 17 years old by September 1st at the start of their studies. There is no maximum age restriction.

#### I don't have my final results yet. Can I still apply for a scholarship?

Yes, you can and should apply for the scholarship - both local and overseas while you await your final examinations and final results. You can be conditionally approved pending final results. If you have any questions about this please contact the Scholarship Secretariat Unit at email: scholarships@gov.kv.

## What are the deadlines for the submission of application forms?

The Overseas scholarship application period is 15th Nov - 31st Jan annually. The Local Scholarship application period is 1st March - 30th April annually.

## Am I able to apply for a scholarship to pursue online studies?

Yes, the Government
Educational Scholarships
are available to pursue
online studies at the local
undergraduate level at ICCI
and the UWI Open Campus.
Online study with an overseas
institution is only available
at the post-graduate degree
level (i.e. Masters level or
higher). Please note: you
do not have to complete
a medical if you are doing
postgraduate studies online.

Does my acceptance at a local or overseas institution guarantee the award of a

#### scholarship?

No, acceptance into a university locally or overseas does not guarantee the award of a scholarship. It forms part of the requirements but other criteria must also be met including but not limited to academics. If you are in doubt please contact the Scholarship Secretariat at email: scholarships@gov.ky.

## What do I have to do to maintain my local or overseas scholarship?

Both local and overseas undergraduate scholarship recipients are required to achieve a semester GPA of 2.75 (US) / 2:2 (UK) or higher during their first year of studies whether locally or overseas and a semester GPA of 3.0 (US) / 2:1 (UK) or higher during subsequent years of study. Post-graduate scholarship recipients are to achieve a semester GPA of 3.0 (US) / 2:1 (UK) throughout their studies. A' Level students are required to achieve grades C, C, C in 3 out of 4 AS subjects taken in the 1st year to continue funding into their 2nd year of studies.

# Are scholarship opportunities available to persons who have Special Education Needs and wish to pursue tertiary education?

There are provisions available to accommodate high school graduates with Special Education Needs and applicants are encouraged to communicate with the Secretariat about these opportunities (email: scholarships@gov.ky).

# Are there special considerations for student athletes who represent the Cayman Islands?

Yes, students who continue their athletic training while on scholarship can qualify for adjusted academic requirements as long as they provide ongoing proof of their athlete status. For further details email: scholarships@gov.ky.

#### Is career and tertiary education guidance available to me if I am unsure of the postsecondary opportunities available to me?

Yes, the Scholarship Secretariat does offer career and tertiary education guidance to anyone needing assistance. Continued support is offered to scholarship awardees during their post-secondary and tertiary experience. To set up an appointment, send an email with particulars to scholarships@gov.ky.

# Are local and overseas scholarship opportunities available to mature candidates?

Yes, both local and overseas scholarship opportunities are available to mature persons who are encourage to contact the Scholarship Secretariat by email: scholarships@gov.ky.

# Can I be approved to pursue a foundation year at the beginning of my course of study?

The Government Educational Scholarship does not fund the foundation year as this year does not contribute to the degree. It is a pre-qualification year that, on completion, allows the student to gain acceptance to Year 1 of the degree programme. If you have further questions on this, email: scholarships@gov.ky.

## How much is the overseas scholarship award?

Overseas undergraduate studies are funded up to \$30,000 KYD per annum for up to four years. Overseas postgraduate studies are funded up to \$35,000 KYD per annum for up to two years for masters studies, and up to three years for doctoral studies. Funds are disbursed to the student in two equal payments - fall (August/September) and spring (December/January) for on campus studies. Different protocols apply for online studies. For specific situations, email: scholarships@gov.ky.

## How much is the local scholarship award?

Local scholarship amount varies per scholarship, per level, and per institution. You can email scholarships@gov. ky to receive information specific to the area of interest. However, the funds are paid to the

institutions directly and not to the individual students.

## Can I receive a scholarship for another degree at the same level?

No, scholarships are not approved for persons at the same level of study that they have already attained, whether or not the qualifications were funded by the Cayman Islands Government.

#### Can I defer my studies?

Yes, you can defer your studies for up to one year from the scholarship award. If you are already enrolled in the course of study, you must provide approval from the institution and as well as an explanation with supporting documentation for your decision to defer.

# Who approves the application for the Government Educational Scholarship?

The Education Council who is appointed by the Minister of Education, reviews, approves or declines all applications against the criteria outlined in the Education Council Policy & Procedures Guide.

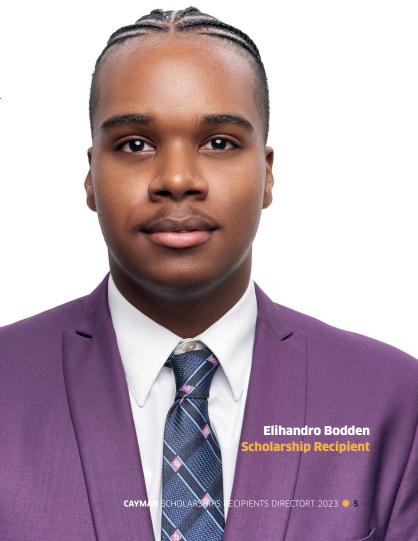
#### Am I expected to return to the Cayman Islands when I have completed my studies?

Yes, your scholarship award includes an agreement that you are bonded to return to the Cayman Islands for the length of time of the scholarship award. Failure to do so can result in the request for repayment of the full sums awarded. You can request to defer your bond for up to three years from completion – this will need to be approved by Education Council.

# What can I do as an applicant to help the process run as smoothly and quickly as possible?

You can ensure that you complete the application as directed and that you provide all required documents including updated information in a timely fashion during all aspects of the scholarship from applying for to maintaining your scholarship.

For further information contact the Scholarship Secretariat by telephone: 244-2482 or by email: scholarships@ gov.ky



# BUTTERFIELD UNDERGRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT 2023

- Q&A with BUTTERFIELD UNDERGRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT NICOCIA JONES
- What and where is your study of choice? Florida Institute of Technology - BS Management in Information Systems.

## ■ What are you looking forward to about your studies?

I am looking forward to gaining the foundational knowledge needed to pursue my career path, as well as the internship opportunity near the completion of my studies.

■ When will you graduate? 2026.

#### ■ What are your future career goals?

My future career goal is to go into the field of Cyber Security and Forensics. I would ideally like to come back to the Cayman Islands and work with the Royal Cayman Islands Police Service in the forensics unit but I am open to pursuing employment at one of the local banks or law firms, as they too require cyber security professionals.

## ■ What motivates you to be a good learner and to put forth your best effort?

My mother is truly the foundation of my motivation. She has worked hard and sacrificed a lot to get me to this point of my life. However, without also having an internal drive, it would be near impossible to achieve the goals you set for yourself.

For more information visit butterfieldgroup.com

## ■ Aside from a degree, what do you hope to gain from your university experience?

I am looking forward to gaining valuable connections through work experiences, as well as interacting with fellow classmates. Often in life, some of your biggest opportunities can come from those you know and the network you build.

## ■ What does it mean to be a Butterfield scholarship recipient?

It is both a blessing and an additional motivation to be a scholarship recipient. It means that I am able to complete my studies and make something of myself and my family without the financial stress of having to take out loans or earn money from additional sources. Being a scholar means I hold myself accountable and to a high standard.

## ■ What are the expectations of you by the Butterfield management team?

I believe the expectations for any scholarship recipient is to put forth their best efforts. Personally, I will strive to excel and remain dedicated to progressing my education and making the most of this opportunity.

# ■ In your opinion, why do you think Butterfield selected you to be their scholarship recipient 2023? What made you stand out?

Based on the criteria, I think I stood out because not only did I have an excellent academic track record, but I am also a well-rounded individual, taking part in community services, workshops, sports, music and arts. Above all, I believe that I impressed the team with how I conducted myself in the interview and answered their questions with a specific and genuine outlook, rather than a generic one.

## ■ What advice can you give to students applying for scholarships?

Firstly, do not be afraid. Do not think that you are not good enough, or that you may not meet all the requirements on paper. I advise them to put forth their best efforts and to get involved in extracurricular activities. Take your time, prepare, and be yourself during the entire process.



## **Investing in** the future.

We understand the importance of education and we're proud to empower young people to pursue their aspirations. The annual scholarship programme offers financial assistance to a number of promising students each year based on academic excellence, community involvement and sporting attainments, financial need and a candidate's demonstrated ability to lead.

Congratulations and good luck to our 2023 recipient Nicocia.

We look forward to following your achievements and wish you the best of luck with your studies.

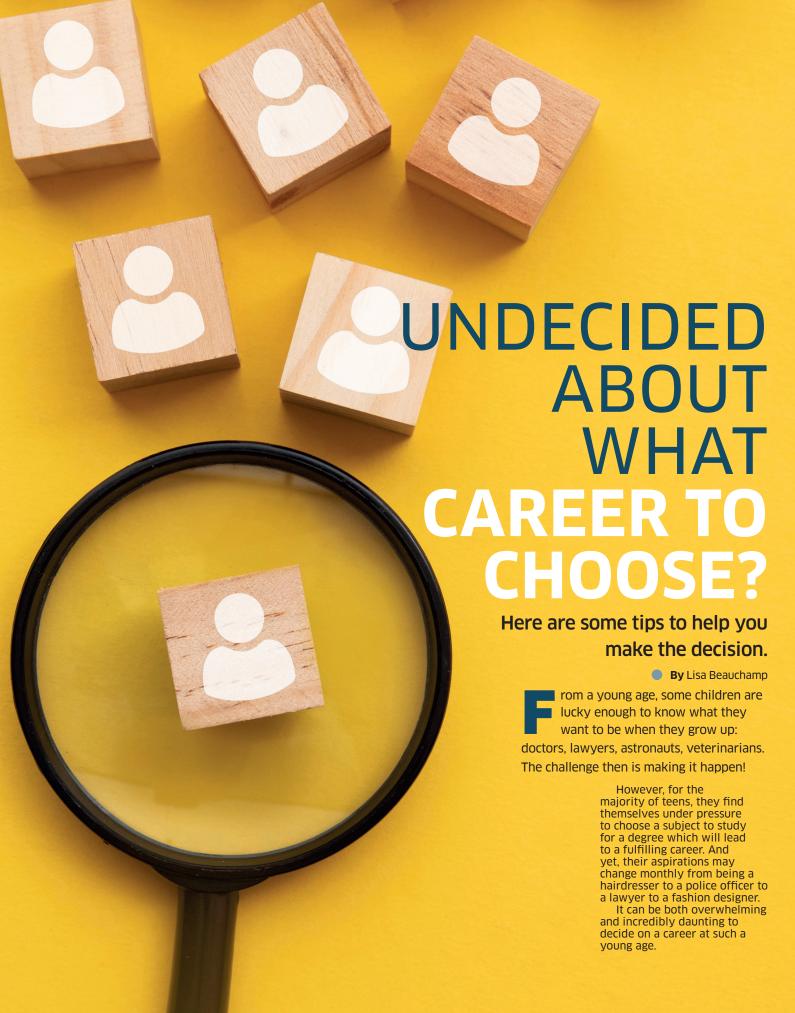
Find out more about this year's scholars by visiting our website www.butterfieldgroup.com/careers/scholarships

#### Nicocia Jones **Butterfield Undergraduate** Scholarship \$30,000

Nicocia will receive \$30,000 per year, up to four years, towards her studies to pursue her degree in BS Management in Information Systems at Florida Institute of Technology.







# YELLO HAS COMPILED SOME ADVICE ABOUT HOW TO TACKLE THIS CRITICAL DECISION-MAKING PROCESS:



#### **WHAT INTERESTS YOU**

Assess what you are good at and enjoy versus what you are least good at; focus on your personal strengths and what truly captures your attention. Don't choose a career in an industry that doesn't interest you.



#### **GET EXPERIENCE**

Get a weekend job or a summer job. What better way to get first-hand experience and truly understand what the industry/profession involves. Do you have aspirations of being a chef? Then intern at a local restaurant and see if working in a hot kitchen under pressure appeals to you.



#### **INTERNSHIP**

Contact companies and ask to intern for the opportunity to gain experience during the summer and/or school holidays. Keep in mind that it's going to be a challenge to secure a job in your area of interest with no or limited skills. Be proactive!



## TALK TO PROFESSIONALS

You may be surprised at how well your personality is suited to a particular job or industry. You may also discover it's not what you thought it would be.



## THINK OF THE CAREER IN TERMS OF SKILLS

What are the skills that you'll need in order to perform the tasks or the role?



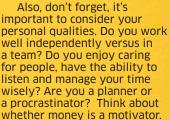
## VOLUNTEER IN THE COMMUNITY

This is a great way to expose yourself to different situations and network with people.



#### RESEARCH OUALIFICATIONS

You need to know what qualifications are required to enter this industry and start to format your plan of action to obtain them.



So, whether you are an introvert or an extrovert, choose a career that is suited to your personality.

Good luck!







# Campbells



# Allowing Talent to Flourish

It all starts with a solid foundation. Campbells is committed to supporting the education and development of the youth in our community and is pleased to offer a scholarship in the Cayman Islands.

Campbells' scholarship is open to eligible Caymanians. It offers **US\$20,000** per annum for up to three years, with preference given to applicants pursuing a degree in law or a postgraduate professional legal qualification.

To learn more about Campbells' scholarship and to find out how to apply visit our website at www.campbellslegal.com/students-and-graduates/scholarships

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We offer two types of annual scholarship for local or overseas study: up to US\$12,000 to support a suitably qualified Caymanian student pursuing undergraduate studies; and up to US\$30,000 to support a Caymanian graduate studying for a GDL or LPC qualification.

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# Scholarship for local or overseas finance or business students

Marsh is offering up to a CI\$15,000 scholarship to persons with a genuine interest in obtaining a degree.

## Applications are invited from anyone who:

- Is Caymanian or a Caymanian Status Holder.
- Has a current GPA of 3.0 or higher.
- Is enrolling or is currently enrolled in a local or overseas registered post-secondary school, or college or university.
- Will be remaining in, or returning to Cayman upon completion of their studies.

For further information, email **CaymanScholarshipRecruiting@marsh.com** or deliver your contact details/resume to:

Marsh Management Services Cayman Ltd.

Governor's Square
Building 4, 2nd Floor
23 Lime Tree Bay Avenue
Grand Cayman Ky1-1102
Cayman Islands

Application deadline January 31, 2024



# Congratulations

Walkers would like to congratulate our 2023 legal scholarship recipients, Danielle Do Vale, Christopher Fletcher and Halle Manderson.



We are proud to play a part in supporting the careers of bright, ambitious Caymanian professionals and wish Danielle, Chris and Halle every success in the future.





ejection is a learning experience, one that you will undoubtedly encounter multiple times throughout your life, so it's best to learn how to handle this situation and move on.

You are not alone. Competition is tough for a scholarship, and there will be other students receiving rejection notices too.

Of course, it's natural to feel upset. doubt yourself, and question what went wrong.

**DON'T GIVE UP. HERE ARE SOME TIPS TO HELP YOU TO** REFOCUS.



#### ACCEPT & REFLECT

it's easy to say but hard to do - don't beat yourself up. The criteria of a successful application may be dependent upon factors totally out of your control. The company you have applied to may have strict policies, specific priorities, and special requirements that you cannot meet. It's not personal. Play back the interview in your mind and consider the questions asked, why they were asked and how did you answer them, how could you improve your answers if you are asked the same questions again. Also, turn it around on yourself, did you ask pertinent questions?



#### **ASK FOR FEEDBACK**

There is nothing to stop you from asking for a post rejection evaluation. Invite the feedback and digest it willingly and carefully, use this valuable critique and observations to your advantage to improve your interviewing techniques for next time. How you remember the experience may be totally different to how the interviewer recounts it. Welcome it, however painful it may be.



## **REVIEW YOUR APPLICATION**

Is there a possibility you didn't include enough information about yourself to secure an interview? What changes can you make? Seek advice from a trusted teacher or mentor who can give you an honest opinion on how to improve your application form. Ask friends or people who have been awarded scholarships what was the key to their success and ask for assistance to guide you through the process. Go online and read blogs that provide tips for academic writing.



#### **BE PROACTIVE**

Make changes now in advance of the next round of applications. How can you improve your CV? What handson experience can you gain in the interim? Consider volunteering for local organisations, secure a leadership role on a project, and gain experience overcoming challenges in a team environment. Expand your skill set, increase your strengths, and put yourself in a position to highlight significant achievements. Review your CV and motivational letter and write a list of relevant questions to ask at the next interview.

Try again! Have you heard your parents use the expression, "if at first you don't succeed, try try again"? Take heed, it makes sense. You've done the groundwork now so build upon it. Invest in yourself, and believe in yourself, only you can make this happen. If you take the advice offered in the above paragraphs, then you can set personal goals and stay motivated

Don't let a failed attempt deter you from continuing to apply for funding. Life consists of many application forms for jobs and services, bank loans, etc, to be completed so get used to it. Your personality, uniqueness and skill set will eventually meet the criteria of a relevant scholarship or programme.

# TIPS FOR A STAND **OUT SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION**

By Lisa Beauchamp

he scholarship process can appear quite intimidating, but if you are organised it needn't be as scary and daunting as you think it is.

First and foremost, keep in mind that your application represents you on paper, which means it reflects who you are so making a favourable first impression using written words is critical.

And remember that competition to win a scholarship is tougher than ever as more students are applying for these prestigious and highly soughtafter awards.

There is no room for error.

#### SO HERE ARE SOME **USEFUL TIPS ON HOW TO MAKE YOUR APPLICATION DAZZLE.**

Start doing your research early: Don't wait until the last minute and rush your application.

Eligibility to apply: Are you qualified for the scholarship you are applying for? Take your time to research which scholarships you are eligible to apply for. Don't waste your time or the scholarship committee's time if you don't qualify.

#### **Read instructions** carefully:

Check the requirements which can include writing an essay, completing a form, and submitting references. Ensure you understand what the business/ institution expects from you and follow those instructions precisely.



Take your time:

Give your application the time, concentration, and dedicated preparation it deserves.

Avoid spelling mistakes: Careless spelling errors make you appear sloppy. Pay close attention to detail. Ask a friend, parent, teacher to proofread the final version of your application



Answer every question:

Don't leave any boxes blank. There is a reason you are being asked the question, don't dismiss it.



Relevance:

Include all relevant information about your experience, your interests, and goals, which are compatible with the scholarship on offer.



Sell yourself:

Highlight your strengths and accomplishments, most all of be yourself,

honest and open.



References: Ask people who know

you well to write letters of recommendation and ensure that they clearly

highlight in what capacity they know you.

If you're unsure about any questions or requirements, ask a teacher or counselor.

Don't forget to make a copy for yourself of your completed application.

Finally, wait patiently to be invited for an interview. Good luck!





plenty of time to prepare their applications.

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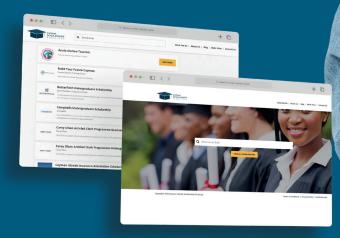
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