

## **Scholarships to Learners with Disabilities**

In line with Government Policy of providing continued higher learning opportunities and fostering equity in the education system, the Ministry is launching the Call for applications for the 2024/2025 edition of Scholarships to Learners with Disabilities. The aim is to support and encourage learners with disabilities to achieve their higher education aspirations. The scholarship is open to learners with disabilities of the Republic of Mauritius.

**2 scholarships will be awarded under this scheme.**

**A. Eligibility for Scholarship**

1. Candidates need to have:

**(a) For Undergraduate Courses**

Secured a seat in a **fully accredited undergraduate Full-time /Part time /Distance Learning academic** programme of not less than the equivalent of one academic/full year of study at a recognised **local** University/ Higher Education Institution (HEI) duly registered with the Higher Education Commission (HEC) and preferably in one of the **priority fields of study (2021/2023)** as determined by the HEC.

**(b) For Professional Courses**

Secured a seat in a **fully accredited Full-time /Part time /Distance Learning professional programme** of not less than one full year of study at a recognised **local** HEI duly registered with the HEC.

**(c) For Technical and Vocational Education Training (TVET) Courses**

Secured a seat for a **fully accredited Full-time /Part time /Distance Learning National Diploma/Higher National Diploma** in a **local** Training Institution duly registered with the Mauritius Qualifications Authority (MQA).

## Note

- I **Candidates are strongly advised to ascertain that the course they are applying for is duly accredited with the MQA / HEC, as appropriate and listed on the MQA/HEC websites.**
  - II The list of recognised accredited courses in registered TVET institutions is available on the MQA website: [www.mqa.mu](http://www.mqa.mu) .
  - III The list of fully accredited courses by the HEC is available on the HEC website: [www.hec.mu](http://www.hec.mu)
  - IV The list of priority fields of study for undergraduate courses as determined by the HEC is available on the following websites:-  
<http://www.hec.mu>  
<https://education.govmu.org>
2. Candidates should **not** be a beneficiary of any other education grant or scholarship for Undergraduate Courses or Professional Courses or Technical and Vocational Educational Training (TVET) Courses.
  3. Documentary evidence of the nature of disability should be provided by a Medical Practitioner from either a Government or Private Health Institution.  
  
In either case, the documentary evidence has to bear the seal and header of the concerned health institution (hospital, clinic, etc...).
  4. Candidates/awardees will be eligible to follow only one course under this Scheme.
  5. Students should **not be more than 30 years old** by the closing date of submission of application.
  6. This scholarship is open to students enrolled in their **1<sup>st</sup> year of study only**.
  7. Applicants are informed that their applications would be screened by a panel to assess the level of their disability and that an interview may be held as part of this assessment.

**B. Scope of the Scholarship**

1. The scholarship will be for one year, renewable for further period/s of one year, subject to submission of documentary evidence of having been promoted to the next level of the course. In the case of distance learning programmes, the scholarship will be renewable subject to submission of evidence of having cleared previous modules/level/year/semester. The scholarship will be renewable for a maximum of 4/5 years. Any resit/repeat year/semester/modules will be at the cost of the student.
2. The scholarship will cover the costs of all appropriate fees payable to the University/HEI/Training Institution and a monthly stipend of Rs 7,500.
3. As for beneficiaries from Rodrigues and the Outer Islands, they would receive, in addition to appropriate fees payable to the University/HEI/Training Institution, a monthly stipend of Rs 12,000 and a return airfare/ship travel (economy) from their place of residence to Mauritius and back when possible, only once for each academic year.

**C. Conditions for disbursement of funds**

1. A first payment of the monthly stipend will be made for the first semester upon the institution confirming the enrolment of the student for the approved course. A second payment will be effected on presentation of the relevant documentary evidence of having proceeded to the second semester.
2. Renewal of scholarship will be made on presentation of documentary evidence of having passed the end of year examinations and having been promoted to the next level. Documentary evidence, together with details of fees payable to the institution, should be submitted within two weeks of resumption of studies.

**D. Undertaking to complete the course**

The selected candidate will have to sign an Undertaking with the Ministry of Education, Tertiary Education, Science and Technology to follow the course regularly and complete it within the agreed minimum duration, failing which the scholarship will be stopped forthwith.

E. **Application procedure and deadline**

1. **Application Form**

Application must be made on the prescribed form available at the Reception Desk of the Ministry of Education, Tertiary Education, Science and Technology, Ground Floor, MITD House, Pont Fer, Phoenix or downloaded from the Ministry's website:

<https://education.govmu.org>

2. **List of certified copies of documents to be submitted along with the completed application form:**

(i) Birth certificate of applicant;

(ii) National Identity Card of applicant;

(iii) Educational Certificates (SC/GCE 'O' level/HSC/GCE Advanced Level);

(iv) Evidence of enrolment or offer of a seat in a fully– accredited academic undergraduate Full-time /Part time/Distance Learning academic programme of not less than the equivalent of one academic/full year of study at a recognised local University/Higher Education Institution duly registered with the HEC including details of enrolment fees, tuition fees and any other associated costs; **or**

Evidence of enrolment or offer of a seat in a fully accredited Full time/Part time/Distance Learning professional programme of not less than one full year of study at a recognised local Higher Education Institution duly registered with the HEC including details of enrolment fees, tuition fees and any other associated costs; **or**

Evidence of enrolment or offer of a seat for a fully accredited Full-time /Part time/Distance Learning National Diploma/ Higher National Diploma course in a local training institution, duly registered with the MQA, including details of enrolment fees, tuition fees and any associated costs;

(v) Evidence of any basic invalid pension received;

(vi) Evidence of any Scholarship/Sponsorship being received/to be granted for course applied for (if applicable); and

**(vii)** Medical Certificate providing evidence of disability from either a Government or a Private Health Institution.

In either case, the documentary evidence has to bear the seal and header of the concerned health institution (hospital, clinic, etc...).

**Candidates should ensure that certified copies of all relevant documents relating to their application are submitted along with application form.**

**In the absence of certified photocopies applicants should bring along their originals to enable this Ministry to certify the copy of the documents.**

**3. Deadline for submission of application**

The completed application form must be submitted by **Friday, 25 October 2024, at latest, to:**

The Scholarships Section (SRM)  
Ministry of Education, Tertiary Education, Science and Technology  
1<sup>st</sup> Floor, MITD House  
Pont Fer  
Phoenix.  
Post code: 73544

**Date: 04 October 2024**

**Ministry of Education, Tertiary  
Education, Science and Technology**