The College of The Bahamas
The President's Scholars Programme

excellence in academic achievement, leadership ability and community service
The President’s Scholars Programme... What is it?
The College/University of The Bahamas’ President’s Scholars Programme (PSP) is a unique four-year scholarship and personal development programme designed to identify a limited number of outstanding students in order to foster their intellectual growth, refine their leadership skills and enhance their relationship with The College/University of The Bahamas.

Who can become a President’s Scholar?
Membership in PSP is based solely on merit. The Programme recognizes incoming first-time freshmen who have demonstrated excellence in academic achievement, leadership ability and community service. President’s Scholars hold a prestigious position at the College/University of The Bahamas. As a highly motivated group, President’s Scholars actively seek out opportunities to serve humanity, both on campus and in the community, proudly taking the name of the college/university with them. The programme’s membership comprises select students with a wide range of beliefs, ideals and talents who are encouraged to work and learn together. They are united in their commitment to the pursuit of excellence and to the cultivation of their skills for service.
What can PSP do for you?
If you have a desire for academic excellence and leadership, the President Scholars Programme can assist you to
• cultivate leadership skills through seminars, workshops, campus and community activities and exposure to a variety of leadership approaches and theories
• develop the spirit of leadership through mentoring programmes and peer counseling,
• gain confidence in making or seeking leadership opportunities
• explore leadership in new ways in a supportive environment
• forge partnerships with peers, faculty, staff, alumni and the greater community to promote involvement, responsibility, and empowerment,
• become a part of an open, respectful, and civil community of learning by recognizing, understanding and celebrating differences and
• engage enthusiastically in academic, social and service-oriented activities within the President’s Scholar community and as a part of the entire College/University of The Bahamas student community.

How can you become a President’s Scholar?
To be eligible for the President’s Scholars Programme, you must
• be a high school senior
• be a Bahamian citizen
• have a cumulative high school grade point average of 3.50 or higher;
• have a Scholastic Achievement Test (SAT) combined score of 1200 (1800 on the three-section version of the SAT) or a minimum of seven (7) BGCSE subjects with at least five A grades
• complete a College/University of The Bahamas application form for admission
• complete a College/University of The Bahamas President’s Scholars application form
• be invited for and complete an interview with the programme’s Selection Committee.
What is required in the application process?
All applicants to the College/University who meet the above criteria are invited in early March to submit an application for the President’s Scholars Programme also. So that the Selection Committee can get to know you better, please submit the following with the PSP application:
• a personal essay
• a resume of school and community activities
• a secondary school transcript, and two recommendations

What happens next?
On the basis of these written applications, as well as performance on the SAT exam and the BGCSE results, the committee will invite 15 finalists for campus interviews.

What is the interview procedure?
If you’re one of the fortunate fifteen
• the Office of President’s Scholars and Honours Programmes will contact you and set up an interview time
• the Director of the President’s Scholars Committee will follow up with a confirmation letter
• the Selection Committee will interview you and other finalists. Their decisions will be based on your intellectual promise, demonstrated academic leadership and initiative, as well as communication and analytical skills.

But there is one more step to your becoming a President’s Scholar...
The assent of the President of The College/University of The Bahamas, of course. It is the institution’s leader who gives the final nod to give you the right to be called “President’s Scholar.”

Notification/Contact
You will receive a letter from the President notifying you of your new status as a President’s Scholar. The Office of President’s Scholars and Honours Programmes will become your contact and source of all information relating to PSP and the terms and conditions of the scholarship.

What are your responsibilities as a Scholar?
Each President’s Scholar must maintain the following leadership and academic standards:
Leadership Requirements
• Complete a minimum of 50 hours of community service each semester (the selected activities must be approved by the PSP office)
• Join at least one campus club
• Attend all seminars and activities of PSP
• Complete at least one summer internship
• Complete assigned summer readings
• Assist the College/University with recruitment exercises and special events
• Attend all weekly Scholars meetings
• Organise an annual one day high school leadership retreat at the College/University of The Bahamas.

Academic Requirements
• A President’s Scholar must maintain a cumulative GPA of 3.5. The PSP committee will monitor compliance.
• Complete a minimum of 30 semester credits per academic year.

What are your benefits as a President’s Scholar?
• President’s Scholars will receive the following benefits:
• Full payment of tuition and general student fees
• Annual book allowance
• Retreats
• Monthly seminars
• Access to the President’s Scholars/Honours Centre, including computer lab, copier and study lounge
• Opportunities for local and international student leadership conferences, and
• Special recognition at commencement with President’s Scholar award
• E-mail account and internet access (available to all students of The College/University).

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