General Instructions and Application Form

OVERVIEW OF MERIT-BASED SCHOLARSHIPS.
Merit-based scholarships are granted solely on the basis of academic excellence. Consideration may also be given to leadership in extracurricular and community activities. Merit-based scholarships are renewable and may be awarded for 4 years to students in a bachelor degree programme or 2 years to students in an associate degree programme.

Students who are interested in applying for a Merit-based Scholarship should visit The College’s website (www.cob.edu.bs) to see the list of available scholarships and specific scholarship criteria.

HOW DO YOU QUALIFY FOR A MERIT-BASED SCHOLARSHIP?
To be eligible, the applicant must:
- be a Bahamian citizen;
- be enrolled, or plan to be enrolled, full-time in an undergraduate degree programme at The College of The Bahamas;
- meet any additional criteria as specified by the donor of the scholarship for which they intend to apply;
- complete and submit this application with all of the required documentation by the stipulated deadline.

To remain eligible, the student must
- continue to be enrolled full-time in a bachelor or an associate degree programme at The College of The Bahamas;
- consult the Office of Scholarships and Financial Aid prior to any change in status, programme, or major;
- remain in good academic standing;
- submit an annual thank you letter to the scholarship donor and attend the annual Meet the Students event.

OVERVIEW OF THE APPLICATION PROCESS.
Step 1: Complete a Merit-Based Scholarship application form.
Step 2: Submit all required documentation to Scholarships and Financial Aid at the Oakes Field Campus or to the Office of the Associate Vice President at the Northern Bahamas Campus by the stipulated deadline.

ALL AWARDS ARE CONTINGENT UPON AVAILABLE FUNDS.
INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED.
SECTION 1: PERSONAL INFORMATION

Last Name: ......................................................... First Name: ......................................................... Middle Name: .........................................................

Date of Birth: D_________ M_________ Y__________ Sex: Male ☐ Female ☐ Marital Status: .........................................................

Place of Birth: ......................................................... Citizenship: .........................................................

Permanent Address: ......................................................... P.O. Box No.: ......................................................... Island: .........................................................

House No. & Street: .........................................................

Local Address: ......................................................... P.O. Box No.: ......................................................... Island: .........................................................

House No. & Street: .........................................................

Personal E-mail Address: .........................................................

COB Campus I Am Attending or Have Applied to Attend:  
Grosvenor Close Campus ☐ Oakes Field Campus ☐ Northern Bahamas Campus ☐

COB E-mail Address (all official correspondence will be through your COB e-mail address): ......................................................... COB Student No.: .........................................................

Emergency Contact Information:

Name: ......................................................... Relationship: ......................................................... Name: ......................................................... Relationship: .........................................................

Telephone: ......................................................... Telephone: .........................................................

SECTION 2: ENROLMENT STATUS

MERIT-BASED SCHOLARSHIPS ARE AVAILABLE TO FULL-TIME UNDERGRADUATE COB STUDENTS ONLY.

1. I have been accepted into a COB bachelor degree programme. YES ☐ NO ☐

2. I have been accepted into a COB associate degree programme. YES ☐ NO ☐

3. My programme major is: .........................................................

4. My COB academic advisor is: .........................................................

5. I plan to enroll in 12 or more credits in the Fall: YES ☐ / NO ☐ Spring: YES ☐ / NO ☐

6. I am the first person in my immediate family to attend college or university. YES ☐ NO ☐

SECTION 3: APPLICANT PROFILE

The merit-based scholarship for which I am applying is: .........................................................

CAREER ASPIRATIONS

My career aspirations are: .........................................................
**ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT**

My current cumulative grade point average (GPA) is:

**EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND** (List the last 3 schools you attended)

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**EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES**

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**HONOURS AND AWARDS** (List the most recent honours/awards received)

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**SECTION 4: FINANCIAL AID & AWARDS**

The College expects students to make every effort to secure all possible financial resources available to them. In the space immediately below, list all financial assistance sources for which you have applied, whether these are from public or private sources and whether they constitute loans or awards. Indicate whether the application is in progress or the award has been granted or denied.

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<th>Name of the Financial Agency/Assistance (e.g., Lyford Cay Foundation)</th>
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**SECTION 5: PERSONAL STATEMENT**

Using a maximum of 500 words, answer any one of the following essay questions. Where possible, relate your answer to your career aspirations.
1. Explain why you qualify for this specific scholarship.
2. Explain why you chose to apply for this specific scholarship.
3. Who has had the most influence in your life and why?
4. How will your studies at The College of The Bahamas contribute to your immediate and long-term career plans?
5. Explain your goals and aspirations upon graduating from The College of The Bahamas.

SECTION 6: DECLARATION OF TRUE STATEMENT

This section requires your signature and, in the case of dependent applicants (young adults under 18 years of age), the signature of a parent/guardian.

I DECLARE THAT THE INFORMATION DISCLOSED IN THIS APPLICATION IS TRUTHFUL AND ACCURATE. I ACKNOWLEDGE THAT PROVIDING FALSE AND/OR INACCURATE INFORMATION WILL RESULT IN THE FORFEITURE OF ANY SCHOLARSHIP AND/OR AWARD GRANTED BY THE COLLEGE OF THE BAHAMAS.

Applicant Signature: Date:

Parent/Guardian Signature (in the case of a dependent applicant under 18 years of age): Date:

The College of The Bahamas reserves the right to verify all information.

SECTION 7: APPLICATION CHECKLIST

☐ Completed application form.
☐ Proof of Bahamian citizenship (e.g., copy of relevant pages of a valid Bahamian passport).
☐ Proof of other awards.
☐ Essay (approximately 500 words).
☐ Letter of recommendation from high school principal or from guidance counsellor (new COB students only).
   OR letter of recommendation from academic advisor or counsellor (current COB students).
☐ Copy of official high school transcript (new COB students only).
☐ BGCSE results (new COB students only).
☐ Copy of College of The Bahamas acceptance letter (new COB students only).
☐ Copy of transcript for previous semester (current COB students and students transferring from another university).
☐ Copy of COB bill showing the number of credits for which you are registered. If you register for fewer than the required number of credits, you will forfeit your award.
☐ Any additional documentation as required by the scholarship donor.