

## PRIORITY AREAS ESTABLISHED BY THE FIJIAN GOVERNMENT (CONT)

### COMMERCE:

Bachelor of Commerce: Accounting/Professional Accounting, Economics, Finance, Information Systems, Official Statistics, Project Planning & Management, Property Management and Valuation, Occupational Health and Safety, HRM and Industrial Relations, Public Administration and Management.

### EDUCATION:

Bachelor of Education: Primary Ed, Secondary Ed. (Science, Mathematics, Physics, Technology, TVET, Food & Textiles, Home Economics, Special Education, Commerce, Social Science, Languages, Counseling, Computer Sciences).

### SPECIAL AREAS OF HIGH PRIORITY – DIPLOMAS AND CERTIFICATE:

Marine Studies (Nautical Sciences & Engineering), Culinary Arts, Mining, Land Surveying, Aviation (Aircraft Maintenance Engineering and Avionics), Early Childhood Education, Forensic Science, Counselling, Special and Inclusive Education, Social and Community Work, Project Management, Geospatial Science, Organic Farming, Aquaculture, Horticulture, and Animal Health and Husbandry.

## NATIONAL TOPPERS OVERSEAS SCHOLARSHIP PRIORITY AREAS OF THE FIJIAN GOVERNMENT

Any programs listed in the national priority list but not offered locally, plus Bachelor's Degree in, Speech Therapy, Educational and Clinical Psychology, Occupational Therapy Nutrition, Customs, Forensic Science, Meteorology, Forensic Accounting, Actuarial Science, Genetic Science and Molecular Biology, Biomedical Engineering, Architecture and Town Planning.

### QUALIFYING INSTITUTIONS

1. University of Fiji
2. Fiji National University
3. The University of the South Pacific
4. Corpus Christi Teachers College
5. Fulton University College
6. Sangam Institute of Nursing
7. Centre for Applied Technology Development
8. For overseas awards any recognized university globally will be considered provided the total cost is within the annual budget for this scheme. Preference will be given to the more cost effective countries and universities.

## APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

- Completed online application form
- Offer letter from the Higher Education Institute. *(To be submitted before an offer is made from TSLB).*
- An official academic transcript for Year 12 and 13 *(To be submitted as soon as the results are out).*
- Certified true copy of the Birth Certificate.
- Evidence of Parents'/Guardians' Income (Salary Slip or Statutory Declaration for parents who are not working or are in self-employment).
- Copy of Parents'/Guardians' TIN Letter/FRCS-FNPF Joint Card.
- Copy of Students TIN Letter/FRCS-FNPF Joint Card.
- Copy of bank statement with account under the applicant's name.
- Recent passport size photo.

## HOW TO APPLY

- Scan and get all the required documents ready before starting the process of applying online in the pdf, png, or jpg format.
- Visit [www.tslb.com.fj](http://www.tslb.com.fj) and register for TSLB online application. Applicants cannot apply online unless registered first.
- Once registered fill the appropriate information.
- Upload all the required documents.
- Submit the online application.
- Applicants for NTS need not fill another TELS application as all unsuccessful applications for NTS will be considered for TELS.
- You can apply without the Year 13 results and the offer letter from the University. These documents can be uploaded later. However, no applications will be processed unless the Year 13 results and offer letters are uploaded.

For more information, please contact:

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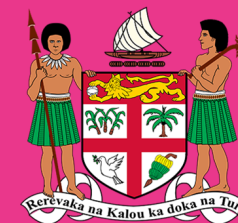
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## NATIONAL TOPPERS SCHOLARSHIP (NTS)



THINGS I MUST KNOW

## BEFORE APPLYING

### Disclaimer:

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## WHAT IS NTS?

These are full scholarships for the top ranked students who have completed their Year 13 or equivalent foundation studies in the year preceding the scholarship award.

All NTS Scholarship awardees must commence their studies from the first academic of the HEI's academic year. Failure to do so will nullify the award.

The Scholarship is awarded only in fields which fall under the priority areas established by the Fijian Government.

NTS awards are mostly awarded for studies at a locally approved Higher Education Institution. However, a limited number of scholarships may be awarded for overseas studies in national priority areas for programs not offered locally on an annual basis.

## HOW MANY NTS SCHOLARSHIPS ARE THERE?

Currently there are **950 NTS Local Awards and 20 NTS Overseas Awards**. The number of awards are subject to changes as announced in the national budget.

## WHAT DOES NTS COVER?

NTS Local: Tuition Fee, General Service Fee, Accommodation and Meals (\$2400/Semester or \$2000/Trimester), Incidental Allowance (\$1000/annum), Book and Material Allowance (\$1000/annum).

NTS Overseas: Tuition and academic related expenses, international travelling costs (return), annual stipend (will differ from one country to another), and any other costs as deemed necessary by the Board.

## ELIGIBILITY

- The applicants must be an ordinarily resident in Fiji for at least three years before the award commencement date.
- Applicants must complete Year 13 locally in a year before the award year. Foundation Studies results will be considered for the 2020 NTS awards only and not thereafter.
- Applicants must be ranked as a National Topper in the priority area applied for.
- Applicants must apply for NTS Scheme and list three choices in the order of priority from the most preferred to the least preferred choice.

- Applicants must list their 3 choices carefully as priority will be given to the first stated choice. Second and Third listed choices will only be considered if there are scholarships available in the category after all first choices have been processed.

## AM I BONDED?

All NTS awardees would be bonded for a minimum period of 1.5 times the period of their study under the award from the date of employment post graduation. For example, if the program of study is for 3 years, the bond period will be 4.5 years.

## WHAT DOES THE BOND MEAN?

After graduation, and getting into employment, you will have to serve the country (Fiji) for a period equivalent to your bond period. It is the responsibility of the student to notify FRCS of their employment status post-graduation for the activation of their bond service.

## REQUIREMENTS FOR SIGNING THE BOND AND AWARD CONFIRMATION

- No Guarantors are required for Local NTS.
- Complete Pages 1 and 3 of the bond form, initial all pages of the Scholarship Bond Form and offer letter, complete the last Page of the Provisional NTS offer letter.
- Scan the entire bond form and scholarship offer letter and upload on your profile page on the TSLB website.
- Login after 48 hours and download your confirmation letter.

## CAN MY SCHOLARSHIP DURATION BE EXTENDED?

Your scholarship duration may be extended on the grounds accepted by TSLB such as an authorized change in program major/minor, institution, medical reasons, bereavement, National duties and disruption to studies due to an Act of God. However, no extension will be granted for the overseas scholarships.

## WHAT HAPPENS UPON THE TERMINATION OF NTS?

Upon the termination of the award, the student will be required to repay the monetary value the Fijian Government has expended on their studies from the commencement date till the termination of the award together with the applicable penalty rate at

the time of termination in one single payment or under any other arrangement with the FRCS".

FRCS's discretion is unfettered. All payments will need to be made to Fiji Revenue and Customs Service ("FRCS").

## PRIORITY AREAS ESTABLISHED BY THE FIJIAN GOVERNMENT

### TOURISM:

Bachelor of Commerce in Hotel Management/Tourism and Hospitality Management.

### INFRASTRUCTURE:

Bachelor of Engineering in: Civil Engineering (including Hydrology, Hydraulic Engineering, Road Engineering), Electrical/Electronic Engineering, Energy Engineering, Mechanical Engineering, (Including Mill Engineering), Chemical Engineering, Honors Degree in Civil, Mechanical or Electrical Engineering.

### MEDICINE AND HEALTH:

Bachelors Degree in: Bachelor of Oral Health, Bachelor of Dental Surgery, MBBS, Dietetics, Biomedical, Engineering, Dermatology, Nursing, Public Health, Medical Lab Sciences, Physiotherapy, Pharmacy and Medical Imaging Science.

### AGRICULTURE, FISHERIES, FORESTRY:

Bachelors Degree in: Agriculture (majors in: Pathology, Entomology, Agricultural Engineering, Biosecurity, Quarantine, Agribusiness, Agriculture Marketing), Veterinary Sciences, Forestry, Fisheries, Aquaculture, Fish Technology, Food Technology).

### TECHNOLOGY:

Bachelors Degree in: Computer Sciences (Networking, Software Development), Library Sciences, Media Journalism, Information System, Computing Science, Information Technology, and Applied Computing.

### SOCIAL SCIENCES:

Bachelors Degree in: Social Work, Social Policy, Policy Administration, Psychology and Counseling.

### ENVIRONMENT/MARINE SCIENCE:

Bachelors Degree in: Environmental Science, Environmental Management (Including Mining), Meteorology, Climate Change, and Marine Management.

### LAND/TOWN PLANNING:

Bachelors Degree in: Land Surveying, Urban and Regional Planning, Real Estate and Property Management, Geo-Spatial Engineering, GIS/Land Acquisition, Real Estate and Property Valuation.