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SCHOLARSHIPS AND  
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# Courts Jamaica - Scholarships 2018 - Frequently Asked Questions

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1. Q. Who is eligible to apply for the scholarship?
  1. Courts customer with an account at Courts or Courts Optical who have shopped between 2013 and 2018.
2. Q. What are the scholarships being offered?
  1. Twenty-eight (28) GSAT students will receive \$100,000 each – one per branch; ten (10) Tertiary students; four (4) will each receive a full scholarship of \$400,000 each year and Six (6) will each receive a \$250,000 grant. Ten (10) persons will each receive \$50,000 to pursue a skills training program at any HEART Trust/NTA institution.
3. Q. If I am under 18 years' old who should apply on my behalf?
  1. A parent or guardian should apply for a minor.
4. Q. If I am over 18 years old but I am not a Courts customer, can my parent or guardian who is a Courts customer apply on my behalf?
  1. Yes
5. Q. Where can I get the application forms?

1. Application forms for all scholarship categories can be collected at any Courts, Courts Ready Cash and Courts Optical store island-wide or you can download forms at [www.shopcourts.com](http://www.shopcourts.com) or visit our Facebook page (Courts Jamaica)

6. Q. When is the scholarship deadline?

a. July 6, 2018

7. Q. What if I do not have all the required documents to meet the deadline?

a. Unfortunately all scholarship applications must be accompanied by the following documents; any application that is incomplete will not be assessed.

### **Scholarship Categories**

#### **Documents**

##### **GSAT**

1. COPY of GSAT results. Do NOT send original results.
2. Letter attached explaining financial need and monthly financial expenses e.g. rent, food, travelling, utilities, medical
3. • Two recommendation letters to be prepared by a Justice of the Peace (JP), Minister of Religion, Superintendent of Police, Employer, Principal or Teacher of student applying for scholarship

##### **Tertiary**

- i. Status letter and copy of last progress report – Enrolled students
- ii. Acceptance letter from University or College – New students
- iii. Letter explaining financial need and monthly financial expenses e.g. rent, food, travelling, utilities, medical; also provide statement of career ambitions - This statement should be type-written on a separate sheet of paper in no more than 300 words.

iv. Two recommendation forms to be completed by a Justice of the Peace (JP), Minister of Religion, Superintendent of Police, Employer, Principal or Teacher of student applying for scholarship

### Skills Training

i. COPY of educational qualifications

ii. Letter attached explaining financial need and monthly financial expenses e.g. rent, food, travelling, utilities, medical

iii. Two recommendation forms to be completed by a Justice of the Peace (JP), Minister of Religion, Superintendent of Police, Employer, Principal or Teacher of student applying for scholarship

1. Q. Where should I drop off the completed application form?

1. Completed application forms can be dropped off at any Courts, Courts Ready Cash and Courts Optical store island-wide.

2. Q. Can immediate family members (i.e. mother, father, sister, brother, children) of staff apply?

1. No

3. Q. If I owe on my account can I apply?

1. You can apply if there is a balance on your account; however you are not eligible if your account is in arrears or the account has been cancelled

4. Q. Will I be contacted if I am not shortlisted for an interview?

A. Unfortunately, based on the volume of applications, persons who are not shortlisted for an interview will not be contacted.

1. Q. When can persons expect a call if they are shortlisted?

A. Shortlisted applicants will be contacted by the end of July

1. Q. When will the scholarships be awarded?

A. Scholarships will be awarded to successful recipients in August.

1. Q. Can I apply for the tertiary scholarships if I already have a first degree?

A. Tertiary scholarships are open only to persons pursuing a first degree.