The Solomon Islands Government (SIG) offers prestigious scholarships to assist you to gain knowledge and skills to contribute to the country’s human resource development needs. Scholarship recipients are expected to use their skills and knowledge to actively participate in the economic and social growth and prosperity of the Solomon Islands.

Securing a scholarship is a highly competitive process. Submitting an application does not mean that you will automatically be awarded a scholarship. You will need to meet the eligibility criteria as outlined below, and present a compelling argument about why you wish to study your chosen course and how you plan to use the knowledge after you graduate. A set of selection criteria will then be used to identify and define the particular knowledge, attributes, qualifications and experience you must possess, in order to be short-listed and offered a scholarship.

Solomon Islands Government Scholarships are for study at specific education institutions within the Solomon Islands, and within the Pacific region, including Australia, New Zealand and Asia.

The responsible division to facilitate the full process of SIG scholarships at Ministry of education & Human Resource development is the National Scholarship Division/NSD (used to be termed as National training Unit-NTU). This division is part of the other divisions in the Solomon Islands Tertiary Education Skill Authority (SITESA), the new authority established to administer all tertiary education matters of the country.

There are six categories of Scholarship choices that you may wish to apply and be considered for. An eligibility criteria applies for each classification of the scholarship categories. These are:

1. Pre-Service Sector
2. In-Service Public Sector
3. In-Service Private Sector
4. In-Service teacher Sector
5. Cost-shared Scholarships
6. Skill Development Scholarship- (Vocational, Training Centres & SINU)
7. Constituency Scholarships

**PRE-SERVICE SCHOLARSHIPS**

*Form Seven (7) school based Students*

These scholarships covers for Form Seven (7) school based students currently doing Form 7 in 2019 as their scholarship year. These scholarships are given to applicants for this category according to their level of performance and criteria identified for specific study fields.
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**Pre-Service Self-Sponsored**

The second group for this scholarship category are those on pre-service status and have already self-sponsored themselves for a year in in-country Tertiary academic institutions. These scholarships are given to this group according to the criteria and approved study areas.

**Basic Criteria:** Students to prove that a year’s self-sponsorship has been done with good grades achieved and confirmed by academic institutions concerned.

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<td>F6 Aggregate ≤ 10 or GPA 3.0 &amp; first year courses done at own cost</td>
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**Form 7 Upgrade Students**

Final group within Pre-service category will be for those Form 7 Upgrade students who have not obtained scholarship during their scholarship year. These are students who have upgraded their courses to have higher GPAs.

**Form 7 Upgrade student criteria:**

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YEAR 12/FORM 6 SCHOOL BASED & OVERSEAS HIGH SCHOOL APPLICANTS (SI CITIZENS)

This category of scholarship covers those year 12 or Form 6 students who performed exceptionally well to secure placement at a tertiary institution. Most in this category will be to attend studies at the Solomon Islands National University. Overseas high school students (SI citizens) can also apply, given they also performed exceptionally well to be accepted at a tertiary institution.

The acceptable Year 12/F6 Aggregate for those who applied in this category is eight (8).

All applicants for Pre-service scholarships have to apply and make study choices inline to the study fields identified for Pre-Service scholarships. Avoiding this would give one, lesser chances to be considered.

IN-SERVICE PUBLIC SECTOR SCHOLARSHIPS

This category of SIG Scholarship is intended for the public officers of the government currently working and who have been identified for long term training within their ministries. However, the requirement to choose fields stated in 2019 approved Education Training Plan still exists.

The Ministry of Public service (MPS) facilitates the process of issuing out and receiving of application forms and matters concerning this process should be enquired at MPS. The application forms and selection process for this category is also facilitated by MPS and information on this can be sought from the Workforce Planning Unit at the ministry (MPS).

All applicants for Public sector scholarships have to apply and make study choices inline to the study fields approved in 2019 Education Training Plan/Opportunity List. Avoiding this would give one, lesser chances to be considered.

IN-SERVICE PRIVATE SECTOR

The Private Sector category scholarships are open to all private firms and individuals. The 2019 approved Education Training Plan also identifies the study fields to be undertaken on long term studies as of 2020. All firms and individuals who applied for this category need to consider the study fields before applying and have to indicate their choices according to these study fields. Avoiding this would give one, lesser chances to be considered.

Applicants are to submit their completed 2019 application forms to Labour Division at the Ministry of Commerce, Industries and labour.

The selection process for this category is also facilitated by Ministry of Commerce, Industry, Labour and Immigration (MCILI). The ministry (MCILI) can be consulted on matters relating to Private sector selection criteria.
IN-SERVICE TEACHERS

This In-Service Scholarship category is for the current Teachers from school authorities who wish to upskill the capacity level of their teachers. Thus, the support for such training begins at school level to school authority and to ministry (MEHRD) level.

All applicants for In-Service teachers’ scholarship are to apply and make study choices inline to the study fields approved in the 2019 Education Training Plan/Opportunity List. Avoiding this would give one, lesser chances to be considered.

The selection process for this category is facilitated by the Teachers professional Development Division (TPDD). Thus, matters concerning selection for this scholarship sector can be forward to TPDD at MEHRD.

COST-SHARED SCHOLARSHIPS

The cost shared scholarships are intended for those who offer themselves to fund part of student expenses in this form of scholarship. Recipients of this scholarship will be responsible to fund return air tickets, and living expenses, while NTU will fund the tuition fees and book allowance for the entire study program. For in-country recipients, return boat-fare to provinces will be given annually.

Only apply for this scholarship if you are prepared to accept the conditions stated above. In accepting this scholarship one will adhere to the conditions set till completion of study.

CONSTITUENCY SCHOLARSHIPS

These are scholarships that has to have endorsement from the Members of Parliament (MPs). However, these applicants have to choose within any of the study fields indicated in the approved annual Education Training Plan. The limited spaces are given for MPs to identify students with GPAs of 3.5 and above in relevance to study fields chosen. Selection criteria will still be used for guidance of merit selection of the SIG scholarships. NSD will inform MPs of the final and successful applicants from their constituencies.

SKILL DEVELOPMENT SCHOLARSHIP (AT VOCATIONAL, TRAINING CENTRES & SOLOMON ISLANDS NATIONAL UNIVERSITY- SINU)

This is a scholarship category for those who wish to undertake Technical & Vocational Education Trainings at the 2020 approved Vocational Training Centres and at Solomon Islands National University (SINU). The Vocational Training Centres are indicated in the 2020 Education training Plan. Do identify the training centres before submitting your applications.

The requirements for this category of scholarships at Vocational Training centres are:

1. Must have minimum qualification of Year 11 or Form Five (5)
2. Must be a graduate of that particular program in a recognised Rural Training Centres or Technical Institution
3. Currently studying the same program applied for in a recognised Rural Training Centres or Technical Institution
4. Must be a Year 9 or Form three (3) with minimum of three years of Community Services.
5. Currently practicing the particular skills applied for in an industry (E.g. Tourism & Hospitality, Building & Construction).

The requirements for this category of scholarships at SINU are:

1. Must have minimum qualification of Solomon Island National Form 6 Certificate

2. Must have minimum qualification of Form (5) Five with relevant number of years’ experience of work.

NATIONAL TRAINING COMMITTEE

All the various sectors that administer the facilitation process of scholarship selection will present their submissions to the National Training Committee (NTC) towards endorsement. The NTC will deliberate and present to the National Training Unit (or National Scholarship Division) who will further seek Ministry of Education and Human Resource for final endorsement and approval before advertisement of successful scholarship applicants in January 2020.

Completing the application form

If you are awarded a SIG Scholarship, you must be prepared to study a full time load per semester. This will be a condition of accepting a scholarship. Part-time study is not allowed. Universities and the National Scholarships Division will closely monitor your enrolment and progress throughout your studies.

You can nominate up to three course programs and universities in this application form. Your choices must come from the Scholarship National Education and Training Plan. You must carefully consider your choice of course and university based on your academic achievements, strengths, and the skills and knowledge you wish to gain.

Complete the application form neatly and make sure to attach all requested documents. Applications that are incomplete or missing documents will not be assessed.

The form for the following scholarship categories indicated below can be downloaded from the Ministry website (www.mehrd.gov.sb).

- Pre-Service Sector
- In-Service Private Sector
- In-Service teaching Sector
- Cost-shared Scholarships
- Skill Development Scholarship- (Vocational, Training Centres & SINU)

However, application forms for public officers at line government ministries are currently issued by Workforce Planning Unit at the Ministry of Public Service.