

# **Solomon Islands Government Scholarships**



**National Scholarships Division (NSD)**

**Solomon Islands Tertiary Education and Skills Authority (SITESA)**



## **Information for 2021 Constituency Scholarships**

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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.

The SIG supports equality for all Solomon Island people, without discrimination. SIG Scholarships provide the opportunity for women and men, and those with a disability, to participate in the work force and take up leadership roles.

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**In 2021, Solomon Islands Government Scholarships are to be taken at academic institutions in the Solomon Islands. Scholarships will not be offered to study overseas in 2020-2021 round of SIG scholarships.**

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The responsible division to facilitate the full process of SIG scholarships at the Solomon Islands Tertiary Education and Skills Authority (SITESA), is the National Scholarships Division.

Scholarships are offered in specific areas of study that have been identified in the Solomon Island Tertiary and Skills Education Training Plan (SITSEP) as important to the future growth of the Solomon Islands.

### **Constituency Scholarships**

In 2021 round of SIG Scholarships, 200 Constituency Scholarships will be offered. Members of Parliament (MPs) to nominate candidates based on the Eligibility Criteria outlined below. MPs will be required to complete and sign the Constituency Scholarships Nomination Form as attached using the eligibility criteria as indicated below. Nominees must lodge his or her application online.

### **Eligibility Criteria**

To uphold the integrity of SIG Scholarships, Constituency Scholarship nominees must meet all the following Eligibility Criteria to receive a scholarship:

1. Is a member of the MP's constituency
2. Is a citizen of the Solomon Islands
3. Is not an MP's 'associate' as defined by the Leadership Code
4. Does not have a criminal record and does not have any outstanding law enforcement matters
5. Must select a course and education institution identified in the Solomon Island Tertiary and Skills Education Training Plan for that year.
6. Must have achieved the required GPA for the identified program of study.
7. If currently a self-sponsored student, must submit academic transcripts for this study to show that they are making satisfactory academic progress.
8. Has not previously held a scholarship (SIG Scholarship or other scholarship) for tertiary studies within the past two years.

9. Has not had a SIG Scholarship terminated.
10. Applicants should be applying only for Pre-Service Scholarship categories

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**The National Scholarships Committee will consider all Constituency Scholarship nominees to ensure that they meet the required Eligibility Criteria before an Award Offer will be made.**

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### Gender equity

The SIG is committed to gender equity in the allocation of SIG Scholarships. **At least 50% of scholarships identified by each MP must be for women.**

### Scholarship categories for Constituency Scholarships

Constituency Scholarship nominees can apply for Pre-Service Scholarship categories as indicated below.

This scholarship category covers:

- Form Seven (7) school based students currently doing Form 7 in 2020 as their scholarship year or have completed Form 7 at USP-SI.

GPA 3.8 & above	Mechanical Engineering, Electrical/Electronic Engineering, Civil Engineering, Information System, Accountancy, Economics,
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- USP upgrade students who wish to obtain SIG scholarship award
- Self-Sponsored students who may wish to apply for SIG funded scholarships at academic institutions in the country.
- Year Twelve students with aggregate 8 who may wish to undertake Bachelor Degree programs at SINU
- Skill Development Scholarships for RTCs and SINU (refer to criteria below)
- Although most of Form 7 graduands may wish to undertake Science and Arts field in institutions overseas, that is not possible during this round of application process. Those who wish to apply overseas may do so in next round of scholarship application.

These scholarships are given to applicants for this category according to their level of performance and criteria identified for specific study fields in country.

### ***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 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.

Selection Criteria	Institutions/Study fields
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F6 Aggregate $\leq$ 10 or GPA 3.0 & first year courses done at own cost	SINU – Bachelor, Diploma
Current USP GPA 3.0 or have done all first 100 level courses at own cost	USP-SI – Bachelor, Diploma

#### 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).

#### **SKILL DEVELOPMENT SCHOLARSHIP** (135 spaces for all pre-service applicants of which 12 spaces given for Constituency category to RTCs) – **(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.

**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.**

#### **Completing an application form**

If a nominee is awarded a SIG Scholarship, he/she 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.

Education institutions and the National Scholarships Division will closely monitor your enrolment and progress throughout your studies.

This year, your course selection from the Solomon Island Tertiary and Skills Education Training Plan will determine the education institution at which you enrol.

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

**ALL APPLICANTS ARE TO APPLY AND UPLOAD ALL REQUIRED DOCUMENTS ONLINE** on the SITESA website ([www.sitesa.gov.sb](http://www.sitesa.gov.sb)).

### **Personal conduct**

All SIG Scholarship recipients are expected to maintain an acceptable standard of conduct. They must always act in a respectful manner to NSD staff and comply with the rules and regulations applicable to all SIG Scholarships, as outlined in the Policy and Procedures Handbook.

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### Constituency Scholarships Nomination Form

**Name of Member of Parliament:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Constituency:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Full name of nominee:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Constituency:** \_\_\_\_\_

**SIG Scholarship category:** \_\_\_\_\_

Eligibility Check List	Please tick
1. Is a member of my constituency	
2. Is not an MP's 'associate' as defined by the Leadership Code	
3. Is a citizen of Solomon Islands	
4. Does not have a criminal record and does not have any outstanding law enforcement matters	
5. Will select a course and education institution identified in the Solomon Islands Tertiary and Skills Plan for this year	
6. Has achieved the required GPA for the program of study they have identified	
7. If currently a self-sponsored student, will submit their academic transcript showing that they have made satisfactory academic progress	
8. Has not previously held a scholarship (SIG Scholarship or other scholarships) for tertiary studies within the past two years.	
9. Has not had a SIG Scholarship terminated	
10. Applicants should be applying only for Pre-Service Scholarship categories	

**Name of MP:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature of MP:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

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