



Tertiary Scholarship & Loans Board

“Building a Smarter Fiji”

APPLICATION FOR THE FIJIAN GOVERNMENT SCHOLARSHIPS AND TERTIARY EDUCATION LOANS SCHEME (TELS) FOR 2019

1. NATIONAL TOPPERS SCHEME (NTS) – SCHOLARSHIPS 2019

Applications are now invited from Fijian students for one of the 970 Fijian Government National Toppers Scholarships to undertake full time undergraduate studies from term one of 2019 in one of the priority areas. These are full scholarships funded by the Fijian Government in line with its vision of “Building a Smarter Fiji”.

Fijian Government Priority Areas 2019

National Toppers Scholarship – Local Award Scheme	No. of Awards
Tourism: Bachelor of Commerce in Hotel Management/ Hospitality and Tourism Management. <u>NEW:</u> Tourism and Management	30
Engineering: Bachelor of Engineering: Civil Engineering (including Hydrology, Hydraulic Engineering, Road Engineering), Electrical/Electronic Engineering, Energy Engineering Mechanical Engineering, (Including Mill Engineering), Chemical Engineering, Honours Degree in Civil, Mechanical or Electrical Engineering	90
Mining and Milling: Bachelor’s Degree: Mining (Including Rock Mechanics, Geology); Mill Engineering.	15
Medicine and Health: MBBS: Bachelor’s Degree: Oral Health, Dental Surgery, Dietetics, Biomedical, Engineering, Dermatology, Nursing, Public Health, Medical Lab Sciences, Physiotherapy, and Pharmacy. <u>NEW:</u> Medical Imaging Science	260
Agriculture, Fisheries & Forests: Bachelor’s Degree: Agriculture (majors in: Pathology, Entomology, Agricultural Engineering, Biosecurity, Quarantine, Agribusiness, Agriculture Marketing), Veterinary Sciences, Forestry, Fisheries, Aquaculture, Fish Technology, Food Technology).	50
Technology: Bachelor Degree: Networking, Software Development, Programing, Library Sciences, Media and Journalism, Information System. <u>NEW:</u> Computing Science, Information Technology, Applied Computing	50
Social Sciences: Bachelor’s Degree: Social Work, Social Policy, and Policy Administration. <u>NEW:</u> 10 awards for Degree in Psychology and Counselling	25
Environment/ Marine Science: Bachelor’s Degree in: Environmental Science, Environmental Management (Including in Mining) and Meteorology. <u>NEW:</u> Climate Change, Marine Management	50
Land/Town Planning: Bachelor’s Degree: Land Surveying, Urban and Regional Planning, Real Estate and Property Management, Geo-Spatial Engineering, GIS/Land Acquisition. <u>NEW:</u> Real Estate and Property Valuation	40
Commerce: Bachelor of Commerce: Accounting, Economics, Finance, Official Statistics, Project Planning & Management, Property Management and Valuation, Occupational Health and Safety, Information Systems, Professional Accounting. <u>NEW:</u> HRM and Industrial Relations, Public Administration and Management	240

Education: Bachelor of Education : Primary Ed, Secondary Ed. (Science, Technology, TVET, Mathematics, Physics, Food& Textiles, Home Economics, Special Education, Commerce, Social Science, Languages, Counseling, Computer Sciences).	50
Special Areas –Diploma and Certificates: Marine Studies (Nautical Sciences & Engineering), Culinary Arts, Mining, Land Surveying, Aviation (Aircraft Maintenance Engineering and Avionics), Early Childhood Education, Forensic Science, Fashion. NEW: 20 awards will be reserved for Counseling; 20 awards will be for the following areas: Special and Inclusive Education, Social and Community Work, Project Management, Geospatial Science, Organic Farming, Aquaculture, Horticulture, Animal Health and Husbandry while the remaining 10 awards will be for other special areas in this category.	50
TOTAL	950

Local Eligible Higher Education Institutions for NTS

- Fiji National University, The University of the South Pacific, University of Fiji, Corpus Christi Teachers College, Fulton University College and Sangam Institute of Technology.

National Toppers Scholarship – Overseas Award Scheme	
Priority Areas	No. of Awards
NEW: Priority Areas of the National Toppers Scholarship Scheme that are not currently offered by a local institution. For example Bachelor’s Degree in, Speech Therapists, Educational and Clinical Psychologists, Occupational Therapists, Nutritionists, Customs, Forensic Science, Meteorology, Forensic Accounting, Actuarial Science, Genetic Science and Molecular Biology, Biomedical Engineering, Architecture and Town Planning.	20

General NTS Eligibility Criteria

1. Applicants must be Fijian Citizens.
2. Applicants must be either in Year 13 or Equivalent Foundation Studies in 2018.
3. Applicants must be ranked as a National Topper in the priority area applied for.
4. Applicants must fill only one NTS application form and list three choices in the order of priority from the most preferred to the least preferred choice. Multiple applications will not be accepted.
5. Applicants for overseas awards must apply directly with a University of their choice and attach the University offer letter with the NTS application.

2. TERTIARY EDUCATION LOANS SCHEME (TELS) 2019

The Scheme provides student loans to eligible citizens of Fiji to enable them access to higher education at affordable rates, in line with the Fijian Government’s vision of “Building a Smarter Fiji”.

Categories of Tertiary Education Loans Scheme

1. Tertiary Education Loans Scheme for New Students

- For Fijians who have completed their Year 13 or equivalent foundation studies in the year 2011 or thereafter.

2. Tertiary Education Loans Scheme for Existing Tertiary Students

- For Fijians who were enrolled for any higher education program in years before 2014 and wish to apply for financial assistance to complete their program of study.

3. Tertiary Education Loans Scheme for Technical College of Fiji

- For Fijians who are of the age 15 years and above and are accepted by any Technical College

of Fiji campuses.

4. Tertiary Education Loans Scheme for Private Sector Employees in Service.

- For Fijian employees working in the private sector earning an annual income of not more than \$25,000 seeking to attain an academic qualification or upgrade existing qualifications at an eligible institution either as a part-time or full-time student.

5. Tertiary Education Loans Scheme for Public Sector Employees in Service

- For Fijian employees working in the public service seeking to attain an academic qualification or upgrade existing qualifications at an eligible institution.

6. Tertiary Education Loans Scheme for Pilot Training

- For Fijians who are in Year 13 or Equivalent Foundation Studies in 2018 and wish to pursue pilot training at Advanced Aviation Training (Fiji) Ltd or Pacific Flying School from 2019. Only a limited number of spaces are available.

7. Tertiary Education Loans Scheme for Graduates seeking to upgrade to MBBS.

- For Fijians with a relevant undergraduate qualification wishing to upgrade their qualification to Bachelor of Medicine –Bachelor of Surgery (MBBS) and are accepted in the MBBS program by the Higher Education Institutions. Only 30 places are available for 2019 and the applicants must not be under any existing scholarship or loans bond.

General Eligibility Criteria

1. Applicants must be Fijian Citizens.
2. Applicants must meet the eligibility criteria for the category of TELS applied for. Full particulars of the award and the eligibility criteria is available on www.tslb.com.fj
3. Applicants must fill the online application form and list three choices in the order of priority from the most preferred to the least preferred choice. Multiple applications from the Fijians will not be accepted.
4. TELS is only offered for studies at a locally approved Higher Education Institution. No Overseas program is funded under TELS.

3. ACCOMODATION SUPPORT SCHEME

This scheme is for full-time students on TELS who can borrow at nominal interest rates to support accommodation costs (hostel or rental), food expenses, bus fares if traveling from home or rented premises and stationary and incidental allowances.

The threshold for eligibility for the Accommodation Support Scheme is a combined parental income of below \$50,000 per annum.

Qualifying Fijians can apply for the following maximum rates of allowances:

- Hostel Fees with or without meals as per the invoice raised by the Institution. Applicants must produce evidence of hostel offer;
- Rent- \$250 per month upon production of FRCS stamped rental agreement;
- Bus Fare- \$30/week;
- Food expenses- \$50/week;
- Incidental and Stationary allowance- \$1000/annum.

4. SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME FOR STUDENTS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

Twenty (20) full time scholarships for any award program are available for students with special needs for the year 2019. The scholarship will cover full tuition and general service fee with an annual allowance of

\$6,800 per successful applicant.

Applicants must be Fijian citizens and a full medical report must be attached with the application.

General Application Requirements for all Fijian Government Schemes

- A completed online application form. Visit www.tslb.com.fj to access the online application portal.
- An official academic transcript for Year 12 and 13 or equivalent Foundation Studies including GPA. *(To be submitted as soon as the results are out).*
- Offer letter from the Higher Education Institute. *(To be submitted before an offer is made from TSLB).*
- Certified true copy of the Birth Certificate.
- Copy of Students TIN Letter/FRCA-FNPF Joint Card.
- Evidence of Parents'/Guardians' Income (Salary Slip or Statutory Declaration for parents who are not working or are in self-employment).
- For applicants for the TELS for employee's scheme, the employment confirmation letter from the employer clearly stating the annual salary/wages must be submitted. Applicants for the employee's scheme must also submit their recent FNPF statement, or the most recent tax assessment if self-employed and three most recent salary slips.
- Copy of Parents'/Guardians' TIN Letter/FRCA-FNPF Joint Card.
- Copy of bank statement with account under the applicant's name.
- 2 recent passport size photos.

How to Apply

1. Scan and get all the required documents ready before starting the process of applying online in the pdf, png, or jpg format.
2. Visit www.tslb.com.fj and register for TSLB online application. Applicants cannot apply online unless registered first.
3. One registered fill the appropriate information.
4. Upload all the required documents.
5. Submit the online application.
6. Applicants for NTS need not fill another TELS application as all unsuccessful applications for NTS will be considered for TELS.
7. Students will not be able to submit the form unless all mandatory fields are filled. Year 13 results and offer letter from the institutions need to be uploaded before the application will be processed.
8. Applicants for the Scholarship Scheme for Students with Special Needs may submit a hard copy of the application to TSLB. Application Form TSLB 03 can be downloaded from the TSLB website at www.tslb.com.fj

Students applying online will be able to log in and check the application status at any time and also print and submit the TSLB Offer Letter, Bond Forms and award confirmation letters online.

Opening Date: 23 July 2018

Closing Date: 14 December 2018

Late and incomplete applications will not be considered.

For further enquiries /information, please visit TSLB website www.tslb.com.fj , like us on Facebook or email us on customerservices@tslb.com.fj

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