



Tertiary Scholarships and Loans Service

“Building a Smarter Fiji”

APPLICATION FOR NATIONAL TOPPERS LOCAL SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME (NTS LOCAL) FOR 2022

Applications are now invited for one of the 480 National Toppers Local Scholarships – NTS Local, to undertake full time undergraduate studies from academic term one of 2022 in one of the Fijian government priority areas.

Table 1: Fijian Government Priority Areas 2022 and Minimum Cut Off Mark

| Category of Award | Programmes | No. of Awards | Qualifying Minimum Entry Requirements (MER) |
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| Engineering | Bachelor of Engineering: Civil Engineering, Electrical/Electronic Engineering, Energy Engineering, Mechanical Engineering, Hydrology, Hydraulic Engineering, Civil Architectural, Road Engineering, Chemical Engineering, Structural Engineering, Building Service Engineering and Plant Engineering. | 90 | Aggregate Score of 330/400 in Year 13 with a pass in English, Mathematics, Physics and one more subject meeting the HEI's requirements. |
| Medicine, Health and Science | Bachelor's Degree in: Dietetics, Nursing, Public Health, Medical Lab Sciences, Physiotherapy, Pharmacy, Medical Imaging Science, Dermatology, Occupational Therapy, Genetic Science and Molecular Biology, Bio Medical Engineering, Speech Therapists, Clinical Psychology, Sports Medicine, Medicine Science and Sports Science. | 90 | Aggregate score of 340/400 in Year 13 with a pass in English and the area specialization subjects. |
| Agriculture, Fisheries & Forests | Bachelor's Degree in: Agriculture, Agricultural Engineering, Agribusiness, Veterinary Sciences, Forestry, Fisheries, Aquaculture, Fish Technology, Food Technology, Agriculture Economics, Plant Pathologist, Biosecurity, Quarantine Precision Agriculture, Seafood Science and Technology, Animal Science, Breeding, Biotechnology, Antamology, Value Addition and Product Development, Virologist- Livestock, Microbiologist, Animal Pathologist, Feed Technology, Biometrician, Agriculture Policy Specialists and Natural Resources Management. | 30 | Aggregate Score of 300/400 in Year 13 with a pass in English and Agriculture. |
| Technology | Bachelor Degree in: Telecommunications Networking, Cyber Security, Networks and Security, Software Development, Programming, Media and Journalism, Information System, Computing Science, Information Technology and Applied Computing, Data Science, Geographical Information System, and Geological Information System. | 35 | Aggregate Score of 330/400 in Year 13 with a pass in English and Mathematics. |

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| Social Sciences | Bachelor's Degree in: Social Work, Social Policy and Policy Administration, and Psychology. | 5 | Aggregate score of 300/400 in Year 13 with a pass in English. |
| Environment/ Marine Science | Bachelor's Degree in: Environmental Science, Environmental Management, Climate Change, Marine Management, Meteorology, Applied Climatology, Sustainable Energy and Climate Change. | 30 | Aggregate Score of 300/400 in Year 13 with a pass in English. |
| Land/Town Planning | Bachelor's Degree in: Land Surveying, Urban and Regional Planning, Real Estate and Property Management, Geo-Spatial Engineering, GIS/Land Acquisition and Real Estate and Property Valuation, and Landscape Architecture. | 20 | Aggregate Score of 320/400 in Year 13 with a pass in English. |
| Commerce | Bachelor of Commerce in: Accounting, Economics, Finance, Official Statistics, Project Planning & Management, Property Management and Valuation, Occupational Health and Safety, Information Systems, Professional Accounting, HRM and Industrial Relations, Public Administration and Management, Actuarial Finance/Science, Customs, Forensic Accounting, E-Commerce, Sustainable and Ecotourism, Productivity Analyst, Quality Assurance, Policy Analyst, Sports Management and Business Analytics. | 100 | Aggregate score of 340/400 in Year 13 with a pass in English and Mathematics for Accounting, Economics, Finance and Official Statistics. Aggregate Score of 340/400 with a pass in English for all other priority commerce areas. |
| Education | Bachelor of Education Secondary (Pre-Service) i. Mathematics & Physics (10) ii. Industrial Arts (15) iii. Office Technology (10) Bachelor of Education Primary (15) | 50 | Aggregate score of 300/400 In Year 13 with a pass in English and the subject area specialization. |
| Special Areas – Diploma Certificates and Degrees | Marine Studies (Nautical Sciences & Engineering), Culinary Arts, Mining, Land Surveying, Early Childhood Education, Forensic Science, Fashion and Design, Social and Community Work, Project Management, Geospatial Science, Organic Farming, Aquaculture, Horticulture, Animal Health and Husbandry and Small Business Management, Procurement, Contract Management, Quantity Surveying, Risk Management, Construction Contract Management, Architectural Design, Organisational Behaviour, HR Analytics, Embryo Transfer, Artificial Insemination, Embryologists, Bio-Medical Engineering, Substance Use Disorder, Adult Social Care, and Graphic Design. | 30 | Aggregate score of 300/400 in Year 13 with a pass in English |
| | TOTAL | 480 | |

Eligible Higher Education Institutions for NTS Local Scholarships Scheme:

- Corpus Christi Teachers College (“CCTC”).
- Fiji National University (“FNU”).
- Fulton Adventists University College (“FAUC”).
- Sangam Institute of Technology (“SIT”).

- The University of the South Pacific (“USP”).
- University of Fiji (“UOF”).

Application Eligibility Criteria

Applicants must satisfy all of the following criteria to be eligible to apply for NTS local scholarship Scheme:

- Must be a Fijian Citizen;
- Must be an ordinarily resident in Fiji for at least three (3) years before the award commencement date unless determined by the Board or delegated authority on case-by-case basis;
- Must be in Year 13 in the preceding year of the award or such equivalent studies as determined by TSLS at the time of application. An applicant who has completed Foundation Studies and repeats Year 13 is not eligible to apply for the Scheme;
- Must apply for a priority area as advertised by TSLS for an academic term or academic year;
- Must secure a place at an eligible institution by means of a final offer letter; and
- must be being fully vaccinated or exempted by Ministry of Health and Medical Services if above the age of 18.

Required Documents for Application

- an official academic transcript for Year 12 results or equivalent deemed by Board or delegated authority;
- provisional results for Year 13 examination set by the Ministry or such equivalent studies as determined by Board or delegated authority;
- final offer letter from an eligible institution of first choice in a priority area;
- birth certificate;
- letter from FRCS stating the student’s tax identification number, or FRCS and Fiji National Provident Fund joint card;
- evidence of the student’s supporting parents’ or guardians’ income (salary slip for working parents/guardians, most recent tax assessment by FRCS or statutory declaration as applicable);
- supporting parents’ or guardians’ letter from FRCS stating their tax identification number, or FRCS and Fiji National Provident Fund joint card;
- bank statement with an active account under the applicant’s name;
- recent passport-size photo;
- evidence of applicant being fully vaccinated or exempted by Ministry of Health and Medical Services if above the age of 18; and
- such other documents as may be requested by TSLS.

Other General Application Rules

- a. Applicants applying for NTS Local Scholarship Scheme must list three choices in the order of priority from the most preferred to the least preferred choice.
- b. During application processing 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 processing has been done on first listed choices.
- c. All NTS Local Scholarship Scheme applicants must fill in 3 programme choices for TELS New Scheme and must also fill in 3 programme choices for TELS for TVET – FNU. In case the NTS Local Scholarship Scheme application is not successful, the application will then be moved to TELS New and assessed accordingly. If still the application is not successful, the application will then further be moved to TELS for TVET – FNU and assessed accordingly. As such there is no need for an NTS applicant to apply for TELS for New and TELS for TVET - FNU separately.
- d. Any programme not included in the national priorities’ areas list does not qualify for the NTS Local Scholarships Scheme for 2022.

Application Process

- a. Scan and get all the required documents ready before starting the process of applying online in the pdf, png, or jpg format. File size should not exceed 5MB.
- b. Visit www.tsls.com.fj and register for TSLs online application by creating your own email address using Gmail, Yahoo or Hotmail.
- c. Once registered fill in the appropriate information and upload all the required documents.
- d. Submit the online application by checking in the declaration.
- e. Check your landing page on the status and progress of your application.
- f. Students will not be able to submit the online application unless all mandatory fields are filled (With the exception of Year 13 results and final programme offer letter from the eligible institutions).
- g. Late and incomplete applications will not be considered for assessment.

Provision of False Information is a serious offence under the False Information Act 2016.

Application Opening Date: 06/12/2021

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For any issues with the online application, applicants can email our IT Officer on it@tsls.com.fj. Applicants can also use our live chat facility from 8.00am to 5.00pm Mondays to Thursdays and from 8.00am to 4.00pm on Fridays or visit our website www.tsls.com.fj for more information on the scheme. All applicants must state their TIN in any queries emailed to TSLs.

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