



Ministry of Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education

Study at a High Ranked International University with a Government Scholarship – A Prestigious Offer for 2025 A/L Achievers!



In line with the Government's policy framework "*A Thriving Nation – A Beautiful Life*," the Ministry of Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education is pleased to continue its exclusive foreign scholarship program, now in its second consecutive year, designed to empower 200 high-achieving G.C.E. Advanced Level students to pursue **Bachelor's degrees at prestigious, internationally ranked universities abroad.**

Under this program, designed to nurture "*A Civilized Citizen – An Advanced Human Resource*," the Ministry will offer government-funded scholarship opportunities to approximately **25 to 50 students** for the **2026/ 2027 academic year**. The number of recipients will be progressively increased on an annual basis with the objective of awarding a total of **200 scholarships over the five-year period from 2025 to 2029,**

1. Call for Applications:

- I. Applications are invited from students who have obtained excellent results at the G.C.E. Advanced Level Examination 2025.
- II. Students from all academic fields are eligible to apply. However, priority will be given to the applicants willing to pursue studies in globally emerging fields or for fields that are not currently offered in Sri Lankan State Universities, specially those with potential to contribute to the economic growth and sustainable development of the country.
- III. Prospective candidates are encouraged to select an international university and a degree program of their choice, provided the university is ranked within the top 500 in one of the global university rankings listed below.
 - ✓ **QS World University Rankings**
 - ✓ **Times Higher Education (THE) World University Rankings**
 - ✓ **Academic Ranking of World Universities (ARWU) – Shanghai Rankings**

2. Submission of Applications and Selection procedure:

Step I:

Candidates are expected to **identify** their preferred degree program and then choose an international university as mentioned above.

Step II:

Submit your application to the online application portal of the Ministry of Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education as outlined below.

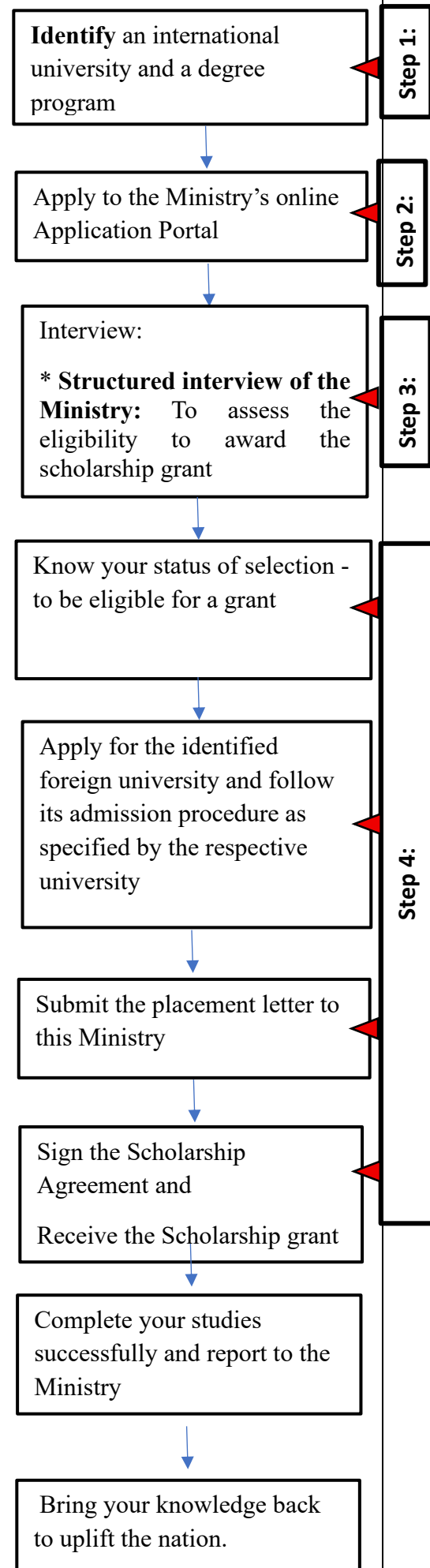
- I. Candidates are required to create a login account on the Ministry's online portal at <https://foreignscholarships.mohe.gov.lk>.
- II. **Online application and further details** can be downloaded from Ministry web site: www.mohe.gov.lk, www.moe.gov.lk
- III. The deadline for submission of applications to this Ministry is **11th May 2026**.
- IV. The online application must be completed with all required details.
- V. Applications must be submitted exclusively *via* the Ministry's online portal. **Hard copies sent by post will not be accepted.**

Step III:

- I. Candidates will be shortlisted mainly based on the academic merit. Consideration will be given to the all-island and district merit criteria.
- II. Shortlisted candidates will be called for a structured interview by the Ministry of Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education, Sri Lanka at a short notice.

Step IV:

- I. Students selected through the structured interview will be advised to apply to their chosen university and secure a placement.
- II. The scholarship grant will be awarded upon submission of the **placement letter** from the selected foreign university, and **signing the Scholarship Agreement**.



3. General Eligibility Requirements:

Applicants are required to fulfill all the eligibility criteria mentioned below.

- I. Should be a citizen of Sri Lanka.
- II. Should have a minimum mark of **30%** for the Common General paper at **G.C.E A/L examination -2025**, conducted by the Department of Examinations of Sri Lanka.
- III. Should possess a good knowledge of English (Minimum “C” Grade for General English at G.C.E A/L examination or equivalent).
- IV. Should have completed 18 years of age on or before the application deadline
- V. Should be in good health and ready to live overseas (relevant country) during the period of study.

4. Scope of Award:

4.1 The award primarily encompasses the following components, applicable for a maximum duration of four years:

- I. Tuition and other academic fees
- II. Monthly stipend to assist with food and accommodation expenses
- III. Contribution for health insurance
- IV. One-time economy class round-trip airfare

4.2 Subject to requirements and eligibility, the scholarship may also cover the following components:

- I. Visa and related fees
- II. One-time settlement allowance (warm cloth allowance, expenses in relation to transport from airport to respective university, accommodation deposit etc.)
- III. English language proficiency test fees

The overall value of the award package for a year shall be subject to a ceiling of Twenty Million Rupees (Rs. 20,000,000) per year. However, the grant amount allocated to each student will be determined by the Ministry, taking into account the candidate’s academic merit and chosen field of study. Priority will be accorded to those pursuing globally emerging disciplines, particularly fields with substantial potential to contribute to the country’s economic growth and sustainable development.

5. Terms and Conditions:

- I. This scheme will provide financial support to pursue the **Bachelor’s degrees only**.
- II. Candidates must return to Sri Lanka after completing the Bachelor’s degree.
- III. This scheme provides financial support up to a maximum of 4 academic years.
- IV. Candidates are strongly encouraged to choose foreign universities that are recognized by the University Grants Commission (UGC), Sri Lanka. Please refer to the UGC web site (<https://www.ugc.ac.lk/>)
- V. Candidates are advised to select the degree programs that are recognized by the Professional Bodies of Sri Lanka.
- VI. Candidates awarded with this scholarship would not be considered for university admission process of UGC, Sri Lanka.

- VII. Candidates are required to sign a Scholarship Agreement with this Ministry, providing their formal consent to return to Sri Lanka upon completion of the studies and contribute to the economic growth and sustainable development of the country.
- VIII. Scholarship will cover only the prescribed duration of the selected degree program and will not be extended beyond that period.
- IX. Any candidate who declines to accept the scholarship offer **after the completion of the selection process** will be rendered ineligible for consideration in any future scholarship opportunities administered by this Ministry.
- X. Any form of canvassing whether written or verbal will be considered as a disqualification for a scholarship.
- XI. Providing any false or misleading information in the application may result in disqualification at any stage of the process and could lead to the revocation of the award and the requirement to repay the grant.
- XII. **The final decision regarding the award rests solely at the discretion of the Secretary.**

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