



**Ministry of Education**  
Cayman Islands Government

# THE CAYMAN SCHOLAR AWARD

1. *The award may be given once in every calendar year to the top two scoring male and female applicants who has graduated from a local high school and who will be attending university overseas for the first time. The recipients will each be known as the Cayman Scholar. The decision of the Education Council is final.*

## **Eligibility Criteria**

- a) The award may be given once in every calendar to the top two applicants, one male & one female
  - b) Who have graduated from a Local institution only (will include high schools and tertiary intuitions such as UCCI and ICCI)
  - c) And who will be attending university overseas for the first time
  - d) To complete a Bachelor's degree, or integrated Master's as a 1<sup>st</sup> degree.
  - e) The recipients will be known as the **CAYMAN SCHOLAR**. The decision of the Education Council is final.
  - f) Degree to be pursued, University should be highly ranked for that degree programme
  - g) The awardees will not be the holder of any other scholarships from a local scholarship provider. Scholarships or grants awarded by the university are allowed.
2. Recipients must fulfil the basic qualifications and requirements to obtain a Government Scholarship.

Each candidate must be accepted at a highly competitive university approved by the Education Council which is listed on the **Quacquarelli Symonds (QS) 100 Top Universities Listing** ([QS World University Rankings 2022 | Top Universities](#)) for the current academic year.

3. Each candidate will defend his/her application to an appointed subcommittee identified by the Education Council through a video presentation.
  - a) The award will be presented at a special ceremony in keeping with the prestigious nature of this award.
  - b) The scholarship will be awarded to the two students who have the highest score on academic qualifications listed below with a minimum score of 144 academic points, plus a non-academic rating of 3.50 to 4.00 on a scale of 1-4 with no grade lower than a 3.50 – 20 points. Combinations of recognised external qualifications other than those listed above may be acceptable, provided the minimum required grades are achieved.

### Category A

**1. “A” Levels – minimum of 3 subjects with no grade lower than an A**

A*	56 points
A	48 points
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	144 points

Non-academic requirement	20 points
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OR

**2. CAPE Levels – minimum of 3 subjects with no grades lower than a 1**

1	48 points
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	144 points

Non-academic requirement	20 points
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**3. International Baccalaureate Scores – minimum of 3HL subjects with no grade lower than a 6**

HL7	56 points
HL6	48 points
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	144 points

Non-academic requirement	20 points
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OR

**4. Advanced Placement - Minimum of 6 AP level subjects with no grade lower than a 4, and at least one 5.**

AP 5	28 points
AP 4	24 points
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	148 points

Non-academic Requirements	20 points
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OR

**5. BTEC Level 3 extended diploma**

3 Distinctions	144 points
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We recognize that applicants have a variety of academic performance pathways, therefore consideration will be given to the following:

**Associate Degree**

CUM GPA 4.00	144 points
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Non-academic requirement	20 points
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**High School (HS):**

Cum HS GPA 4.0	144 points
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or 7 CXC/GCSE passes – all 1s or A's,	28 points
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**with**

SAT 1470 out of 1600 (without super scoring), or ACT 33

Non-academic requirement	20 points
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## Category B

### Non-Academic points (See Appendix A)

In addition to the general non-academic points required of all scholarship applicants, the Cayman Scholar must demonstrate over a course of at least 2 years:

- Participation in extra-curricular or community activities that shows a willingness to be active, involved and committed.
- Leadership ability or potential that has been demonstrated both within and outside the classroom.
- The energy and dedication to complete tasks, personal maturity that leads to self-discipline, and independence of intellect shown in the willingness to explore new ideas.
- The desire to accept new challenges eagerly, and the drive to succeed in meeting those challenges.

### **Requirements & Expectations to Maintain Cayman Scholar Award**

Application requirements:

- a) Must complete and submit application through the Ministry of Education Cayman Scholar Award Overseas Scholarship online portal during the application period of 15<sup>th</sup> November to 31<sup>st</sup> January annually.
- b) Eligible applicants will produce a brief bio-video for review.
- c) A panel comprised of Council Members, Private sector reps, Secretariat, & recent graduates will be formed to review, score and identify the awardees
- d) Funding award will be for the following academic year for a Fall start.

To maintain the Cayman Scholar Award, the recipient must:

- a) 3.50 GPA with a probation of 3.25
- b) UK system – 1<sup>st</sup> with probation of 65%
- c) Student to return to the island, within 3 years of their final graduation or repayment of 50% of scholarship award in cash.
- d) If student is unable to maintain the Cayman Scholar Award, they may access the standard overseas scholarship once criteria is met.