



**bermuda
scholarships.com**

ANNUAL REPORT 2017

USAGE: JAN 1 – DEC 31, 2017



STATISTICS

- Total Student Profiles = 2,420
- Student profiles created in 2017 = 820
- Total Scholarships listed = 205
- Scholarship applications = 3,096
- Scholarships shortlisted = 12,774
- Total Files on site = 17,078
- Files uploaded in 2017 = 8,171
- Employments listed = 22

SITE UPDATES FOR 2018:

- **SCHOLARSHIP SEARCH PAGE**
 - Added to 'Area of Study':
 - Under GENERAL: **Non-specific Technical, Non-specific Vocational.**
 - Under BUSINESS: **Human Resources, Marketing and Communications.**
 - Under SCIENCES: **Pure Science, Biology, Chemistry.**
 - Under HEALTH: **Drug counselling, Public Health, Rehabilitation, Social Work.**
 - **Button to 'Select scholarships requiring Financial Need Form'.**
 - **Button to 'Show All Open Scholarships'.**
- **AWARD PROVIDERS**
 - Added to 'Eligibility Criteria'
 - 'Is the award restricted to a specific school, programme **or academic year(s)?**'
- **STUDENT EMPLOYMENT LISTING**
 - This was launched in 2017 and continues to run successfully offering both students and employers a simple way to connect for employment opportunities.

SITE OBJECTIVE: Bermudascholarships.com was established to provide a single definitive interactive website for information on all the scholarships offered in Bermuda and for use by students to research and apply for relevant educational funding.

The Bermuda Scholarships website grew out of a suggestion in the Arnold Report ('Doing Better in

Bermuda' - September 2005) that, as far as possible, a generic scholarship application form be created, together with an ability for student applicants to share transcripts, references, immigration letters, etc. among the various award providers.

To achieve this goal a number of the major award providers under the auspices of the Centre On Philanthropy met in January 2010 to determine what needed to be done to make this a reality. By April the site was presented to all the award providers in Bermuda to upload their scholarship information and the site went live to the general public in May 2010.

AWARD PROVIDERS: The site enables organizations to upload their scholarship information and then either review applications online or download a customizable spreadsheet of applicants and pdfs of their profiles and documents. They are also able to highlight and seek applications for any intern programmes they run during the summer months.

STUDENTS: The site not only lists the awards but enables students to apply for them online with the click of a button. Bermuda's students can browse the site from wherever they are in the world without being required to log in or provide any information; when they are ready they can create a personal profile, which is housed on the site.

As the student completes his/her profile the system will automatically filter the awards so the student will have a short list of all relevant awards they are eligible to apply for; they can then add those to their shortlist. The site also enables them to have their official transcript uploaded securely to their profile. The site also offers useful "how to" tips on applying, interviewing and writing essays.

ADMINISTRATION: The Steering Committee (listed below) have ensured the administration of the site is on-going and improvements made as required. BFIS (Bermuda Registered Charity #440) took on responsibility for the administration of the website in 2014 and ABIC took over the website's accounts.

On December 31st all applications are archived to make way for next year's applications. The students' profiles, of course, remain on the website, enabling them to update and re-apply for scholarships the next year.

At the start of each year, presentations are made by BFIS to all Bermuda's high school graduating students to demonstrate the site to them and answer any of their questions on applying for scholarships. The site is also promoted annually in the Royal Gazette's Scholarship Supplement and 'Your Future' and 'Fast Track' career magazines.

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