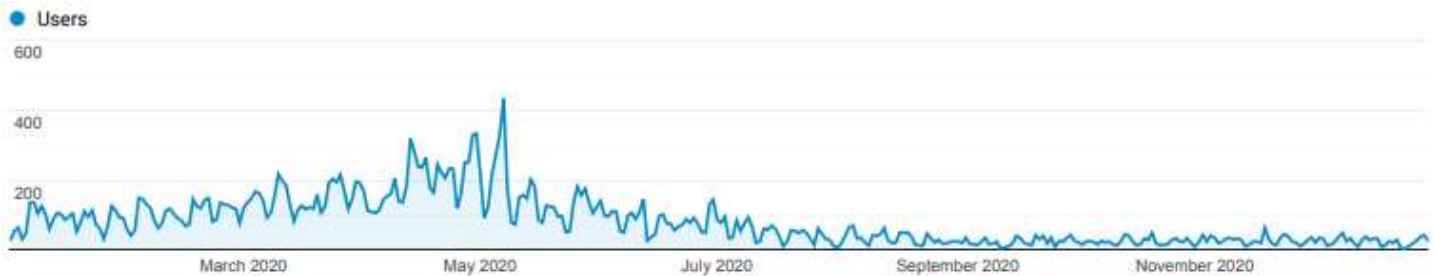


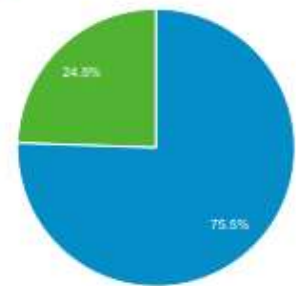


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Usage: Jan 1 – Dec 31, 2020



■ New Visitor ■ Returning Visitor



STATISTICS 2019/2020

- Total Student Profiles – 4,066/**4,671**
- Student profiles created = 897/**605**
- Total Scholarships listed = 231/**169**
- Employment listed = 12/**4**
- Scholarship applications = 3,735/**3,368**
- Scholarships shortlisted = 11,240/**10,768**
- Files uploaded = 8,407/**6,802**

SITE UPDATES FOR 2020

The one major update to the website was the addition of a facility whereby award providers can now indicate who received their awards and the amounts awarded. This will provide some valuable additional statistics. Further, amended Privacy Policy and Terms and Conditions documents were uploaded. Other than this, there were minor updates and improvements.

SITE OBJECTIVE: Established several years ago, the bermudascholarships.com website provides a single interactive site containing information on all scholarships offered in Bermuda and is to be used by students to research and apply for educational funding.

This 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 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. It was rebuilt in 2016/17.

AWARD PROVIDERS: The site enables organizations to upload their scholarship information and then after the deadline to review all applications online and/or download a customizable spreadsheet of applicants with pdfs of their profiles and documents. As noted in the update section, Award Providers are now able to indicate who their awardees are and the amounts awarded, directly on the website.

Award Providers and Employers are now also able to list any summer internship and entry-level job opportunities for students who are then able to submit applications directly to them.

STUDENTS: The site can be accessed from anywhere in the world so students can search for scholarships while in university. Initially they can do a Scholarship Search to view what awards are available without being required to log in or provide any information. Thereafter, they can complete their profiles, conduct research, short-list all scholarships they are eligible to apply for, upload the various documents required by different Award providers and then easily submit applications.

Transcripts and academic references are uploaded securely to student profiles either by their schools or by the site administrator. There are a number of useful "how to" tips on applying, interviewing, writing essays, etc.

ADMINISTRATION: The Steering Committee (listed below) have ensured the administration of the site is ongoing 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. Included in ongoing improvements is the updating of the Privacy Policy and Terms and Conditions for all parties that use/visit the website.

On December 31st each year all applications are archived to make way for next year's applications. Students' profiles remain on the website, enabling them to update and re-apply for scholarships the following year and there are no changes to award provider information, other than updating of opening dates for awards.

At the start of each year, presentations are made by BFIS Alumni to all Bermuda's high school graduating students to demonstrate the site to them and answer any of their questions on applying for scholarships. In 2020, the administration team hosted two groups from Berkeley Institute and Cedarbridge Academy in order for them to work through the website and be the designated "power users" for their respective graduating class. The site is also promoted annually in the Royal Gazette's Scholarship Supplement as well as in 'Your Future' and 'Fast Track' career magazines.

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