



## THE C.O.B C.A.R.E.S MAXINE MCCLEAN SCHOLARSHIP AND AWARDS PROGRAMME

### Basic Requirements for Eligibility

#### 1) **Years of Membership**

Candidates must be members of the Credit Union, specifically the C.A.R.E.S Programme for at least one (1) year or 12 calendar months prior to making the application.

#### 2) **Minimum Account Balance**

Candidates must have the minimum account balance by the deadline date for applications as outlined below:

<b>Level of Scholarship</b>	<b>Minimum Account Balance (\$BDS)</b>
Common Entrance/11+	175
CXC/CSEC	300
CAPE	425
BCC	425
SJPP	425
Tertiary/Undergraduate	550
CCIAA	150
Special Needs	150

#### 3) **Application Form**

All candidates must complete in full the official C.O.B C.A.R.E.S Maxine McClean Scholarship and Awards Programme application form issued by the C.O.B Credit Union.

#### 4) **Essay**

Students at the Tertiary level **ONLY** will be required to complete an essay entitled “The Importance of the Co-operative Movement in Barbados.” This essay should be no less than five hundred (500) words.

## **SCHOLARSHIP AND AWARDS CRITERIA**

### **Barbados Secondary Schools' Entrance Examination (Common Entrance/11+)**

- a) Scholarships will be awarded to the top ten (10) boys and top ten (10) girls who have successfully completed the Common Entrance examination in that year.
- b) The grade point score assigned to the student by the Ministry of Education based on the student's Mathematics and English scores as well as the Composition grade, will be used to determine the top 10 boys and top 10 girls.
- c) Scholarships are awarded for a maximum period of one year in the amount of one thousand Barbados dollars. (BDS\$1,000.00)
- d) Grants will be awarded to the next five (5) boys and five (5) girls using the grade point score assigned by the Ministry of Education based on the student's Mathematics and English scores as well as the Composition grade. Each boy and girl will receive five hundred Barbados dollars (BDS\$500.00).

### **Caribbean Secondary Examinations Certificate (CSEC/CXC)**

- a) Scholarships will be awarded to the top five (5) boys and top five (5) girls with the highest grade point average having successfully completed the CSEC Examinations.
- b) Students must complete a minimum of five (5) subjects at this level in a single sitting to be eligible for award.
- c) Scholarships are awarded for a maximum period of one year in the amount of one thousand five hundred Barbados dollars. (BDS\$1,500.00).
- d) Grade point averages will be calculated using the following table:

<b>Grade</b>	<b>GPA</b>
1	4.0
2	3.5
3	3.0
4	2.5
5	2.0

- e) Grants will be awarded to the next five (5) boys and five (5) girls using the grade point averages calculated. Each boy and girl will receive seven hundred and fifty Barbados dollars (BDS\$750.00).

### **Caribbean Advanced Proficiency Examinations (CAPE)**

- a) Candidates applying for scholarships in this category must complete both Unit 1 and Unit 2 to be eligible for awards.
- b) Candidates must complete a minimum of six (6) units including both Caribbean and Communication Studies at this level to be eligible.

- c) The top five (5) boys and top five (5) girls receiving GPAs of 3.0 or higher will each be awarded scholarships.
- d) Scholarships are awarded for a maximum period of one year in the amount of two thousand Barbados dollars (BDS\$2,000.00).
- e) Grade point averages will be calculated using the following table:

<b>Grade</b>	<b>GPA</b>
1	4.0
2	3.5
3	3.0
4	2.5
5	2.0

- f) Grants will be awarded to the next three (3) boys and three (3) girls using the grade point averages calculated. Each boy and girl will receive one thousand Barbados dollars (BDS\$1,000.00).

**Barbados Community College (BCC)**

- a) Applications for this award are open to students who have completed an Associate Degree programme.
- b) Students must complete the Associate Degree with a grade point average of 3.0 or higher to be eligible for award.
- c) The top two (2) boys and top two (2) girls with the highest cumulative grade point averages will be awarded scholarships.
- d) Scholarships are awarded for a maximum period of one year in the amount of two thousand Barbados dollars (BDS\$2,000.00).
- e) Grants will be awarded to the next two (2) boys and two (2) girls using the grade point averages awarded. Each boy and girl will receive one thousand Barbados dollars (BDS\$1,000.00).

**Samuel Jackman Prescod Polytechnic (SJPP)**

- a) Applications for this award are open to graduating students who have completed a City & Guilds Diploma Programme.
- b) The top male and top female student with the highest grade point averages 3.0 or higher will be awarded scholarships.
- c) Scholarships are awarded on a one-time basis in the amount of two thousand Barbados dollars (BDS\$2,000.00).
- d) Grants will be awarded to the next boy and girl with the highest grade point average. Both the boy and girl will each receive one thousand Barbados dollars (BDS\$1,000.00).

### **Tertiary/Undergraduate Examinations**

- a) Scholarships are open to individuals who are either pursuing or just completed studies for an undergraduate degree at Universities or Colleges (this includes Barbados Community College).
- b) Students can apply for these scholarships after completion of the first year of the Degree programme.
- c) All students must complete a minimum of five (5) courses during the academic year.
- d) The top five (5) students with the highest **cumulative** grade point averages 3.0 or higher will be awarded scholarships.
- e) Scholarships are awarded for a maximum period of one year in the amount of four thousand Barbados dollars (BDS\$4,000.00).
- f) Grants will be awarded to the next five (5) students using the **cumulative** grade point average. Each student will receive two thousand Barbados dollars (BDS\$2,000.00).

### **C.O.B C.A.R.E.S Creativity, Industry & Athletics Award (CCIAA)**

C.O.B will award members of the C.A.R.E.S Programme who have been outstanding in the Arts and Athletic activities including but not limited to the following:

- Performing Arts (Dance, Drama, Spoken Word, Rhythm Poetry, etc.)
  - Literary Arts
  - Visual Arts
  - Fine Art
  - Debating
  - Science and Technology
  - Athletics
- a) Applications for this award are open to members who have successfully represented their school, community or country in this area during competition at the **national** level (i.e. receiving a gold, silver or bronze award). (E.g. National Independence Festival of Creative Arts (NIFCA) and Inter-School competitions such as Barbados Secondary Schools Athletic Championships (BSSAC) and National Association of Primary Schools Athletic Championships (NAPSAC) will fit into this category.
  - b) Four (4) awards will be given in this area. Since C.O.B has, as a strategic objective, adopted the cultural and creative industry, preference will be given to persons excelling in the Performing, Literary, Visual and Fine Arts.
  - c) Awards are given on a one year basis in the amount of one thousand Barbados dollars (BDS\$1,000.00)
  - d) All applicants must present evidence of recognition or award in the given area.
  - e) Awards in this area will be given at the discretion of the Committee.

### **Special Needs (Differently-Able) Students**

- a) Grants in the sum of one thousand dollars each (BDS\$1,000.00) will be given to a maximum of five (5) persons who have attained some level of achievement (e.g. Special Olympics, academics at school, craft etc.) in the community. Immediate family members can apply for the awards on behalf of the special needs students. Immediate family members refer to siblings, parents, appointed guardians, grandparents, aunts, uncles and spouses.
- b) All applicants must present evidence of recognition or award in the given area.