

## **THE COPTIC SCHOLARSHIP FOR EGYPT IN CONJUNCTION WITH VARIOUS BENEFACTORS**

Covering the Diocese of Alexandria; the Diocese of Beheira, Damietta, Dakahlia, Gharbia, Monufia, Qalyubia, and Sharqia; the Diocese of Coptic Cairo; the Diocese of Cairo and Giza; the Diocese of Fayyum; the Diocese of South Sinai; the Diocese of Minya and Al-Ashmunein; the Diocese of Asyut; the Diocese of Sohag; the Diocese of Qena; and the Diocese of Luxor.

### **INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES**

This document is a guide to the application and selection process for the Coptic Scholarship. Please read this carefully to make sure that you meet all the eligibility criteria. You will also find important information about how to apply and what is needed to submit an application.

**This information is for candidates applying to the 2023 Coptic Scholarship through the Egypt constituency.**

#### **Key Dates**

Applications Open: 00:01 Central Time, Saturday 15 June 2023  
Applications Close: 23:59 Central Time, Monday 30 September 2023  
Reference Deadline: 23:59 Central Time, Monday 30 September 2023

There are 50 scholarships available for the Egypt constituency, to include both graduate and undergraduate students. The award covers the tuition for the Scholar's chosen degree. Applicants apply as representatives of their constituency.

### **ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA**

- **Nationality / Citizenship:** You must be a citizen of Egypt, holding an Egyptian passport, or equivalent proof of citizenship.
- **Education / Residency:** You must have undertaken formal study at an educational institution in Egypt for a minimum of 3 of the past 6 years and have earned your high school diploma at a school in Egypt.
- **Age:** You must meet either of the below criteria:
  - i. You must be aged 18-23 on 15 June 2023.
  - ii. You must be under the age of 27 on 15 June 2023 AND you must also have completed the academic requirements for your high school diploma on or after 15 June 2023.
- **University Commitment:** You must have been accepted to a public university in Egypt.

## HOW TO APPLY

To apply for the Coptic Scholarship, you must complete and submit your application form to your regional committee (diocese) by 23:59 Central Time, 30 September 2023.

There is no application fee for submission of the Coptic Scholarship application form; however, you must submit your application to your diocese's representative.

If unsuccessful in your first application to the Coptic Scholarships, you may subsequently re-apply only once more, subject to meeting the eligibility criteria.

### **The Coptic Scholarship application form requires you to provide:**

- Your contact information
- Evidence that you meet the eligibility criteria
- Your university unofficial transcript if you are currently enrolled in university or your undergraduate or high school transcript if you are an incoming graduate or undergraduate student, respectively
- A Curriculum Vita (CV) or Resume
- A Personal Statement
- A total of two letters of recommendation, one from your Father of Confession, and one from an Academic who has formally taught and graded you in your graduate, undergraduate, or, in the case of incoming undergraduate students, high school career

**Please also note** – before starting a Coptic Scholarship application, you should be aware of the National Coptic Charity data protection policy for applications.

### **Personal Statement:**

You will also provide a personal statement of no more than 1,000 words.

The personal statement is your chance to tell your story in your own voice: *Who are you?*

Your academic transcript, your CV / resume, and your reference letters will provide the substantive detail of your commitments and accomplishments, whereas the personal statement gives you the opportunity to make an authentic statement of who you are.

## Prompts

In your personal statement of 1,000 words, we ask you to address each of the following prompts by weaving them into your statement (the word allocation across the three is up to you):

1. Which fruit of the Spirit do you display most strongly, and how are other contexts and people helping you to develop the other fruits?
2. What would you like to learn from and contribute to the discipline of your choice in particular and the wider university community in general?
3. From your place in the world, what is the Coptic Community's greatest need?

Your personal statement should be wholly accurate and written in your own words from your own perspective. Material misrepresentation will result in disqualification of an application or, where appropriate, the rescinding of a scholarship. It should be entirely your own work, with no assistance received. Through the online application form you will be asked to confirm that the entered / uploaded personal statement is accurate, is your own work, and that no external help was given in its creation or editing.

## Guidance

Coptic Scholars are to be distinguished Leaders, accomplished Intellectuals, and adamant Believers. Leadership, Scholarship, and Faith are the guiding principles of each Coptic Scholar. Accordingly, the qualities below are what the Selection Committee will be looking for in each candidate.

### ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

specific to your discipline and field of study.

### ENERGY TO USE YOUR TALENTS TO THE FULL

as demonstrated by success in areas such as church service, sports, music, debate, and artistic pursuits, including where teamwork is involved.

KINDNESS, GOODNESS, FAITHFULLNESS, COURAGE, DEVOTION TO DUTY,  
sympathy for and protection of the weak, unselfishness, and fellowship.

### MORAL FORCE OF CHARACTER

and instincts to lead, to take an interest in the fellow members of your Coptic Community in particular and humanity in general.

### AMBASSADORIAL POTENTIAL

to culturally and intellectually bridge the East with the West, contributing to improved East-West understanding, and reconciling the Old World with the New.

## **SELECTION PROCESS**

Once the application deadline has passed, committee deliberations will ensue. 50 Scholars will be selected in accordance with the aforementioned Selection Criteria. The Coptic Scholarship for the Egyptian constituency requires an interview. All applicants will be notified with a decision regarding whether or not they will be offered a Finalist Interview for the Coptic Scholarship.

## **SELECTION CONDITIONS**

- Selection for the Coptic Scholarship in the Egypt constituency is made with regard to the candidate's financial means.
- No selection will be made if a sufficiently qualified candidate cannot be found.
- The decision of the Selection Committee is final.
- The National Coptic Charity may contact you some time after the submission deadline to ask for feedback on the application process and any interactions you have had with the N.C.C. staff and volunteers.

## **POST-SELECTION**

If you are selected for the Coptic Scholarship, you will be required to attend the 2023 Coptic Scholars Awards Ceremony. The Coptic Scholarship will announce the 2023 Scholar-Elects on Saturday 18 November 2023. The Awards Ceremony will take place on Sunday 26 November 2023. Additionally, by applying, you consent to have your photo and biography shared by the National Coptic Charity and all its associates.