

Cotton On Foundation University Scholarships

Organization background

A quality education gives every child the potential to change their world – that’s why we exist. Through a unique partnership with customers and team members, the Cotton On Foundation focuses on empowering youth globally through the delivery of quality educational projects in Uganda, South Africa, Thailand and Australia. Together, we believe we can help reduce poverty and improve the lives of those in need. We partner with communities to provide long-term opportunities across education, health, sustainability and infrastructure.

The Cotton On Foundation offers scholarships for the youth of Myanmar and Migrant communities along the Thai-Myanmar border to provide access to a further education beyond secondary school and into University or Vocational College in both Thailand and Myanmar.

Please read this document before completing your application form.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

To be eligible for a Cotton On Foundation scholarship you must be a;

- Thai Citizen, or;
- Thai Permanent Resident, or;
- Thai 10 Year Card Holder, or;
- Myanmar Citizen, and;
- Be enrolled, in the process of enrolling or have an acceptance letter to study a Bachelor’s degree at an accredited Vocational College or University in Thailand or Myanmar

Please note - Cotton On Foundation will ask for a copy of your acceptance letter if you are shortlisted.

SELECTION CRITERIA

Cotton On Foundation is looking for students who:

- Have a strong academic record
- Have a strong desire to pursue higher education
- Come from underprivileged families and/or can demonstrate financial need
- Have a vision for their contribution to their community’s development
- Are committed to returning to their own communities in Thailand/Myanmar after graduation
- We like to see evidence of matched funding through fee waivers, the student’s personal savings or through other scholarships. **Please note that this is not compulsory.**

PRIORITY SUBJECT AREAS

The Cotton on Foundation wants to ensure all students receiving a scholarship have the best chance of moving into paid work in their chosen field once they have completed their studies. As such, the following subject areas have been identified as priorities for scholarship allocation;

- Education
- Business Administration
- Medicine, Nursing & Public Health
- Agriculture
- Information and Digital Technology
- Computer Science
- Finance and accounting
- Applied Sciences, including; Environmental Engineering, Civil Engineering, Water Resource Management, Forestry, Energy and Electrification
- Vocational College (Myanmar)

OTHER FUNDED SUBJECTS

- Human Resource management
- Economics
- International communication
- Public Administration and Governance
- Hotel and Hospitality Management
- Law, Social Sciences, Political Sciences and International Development

CONDITIONS

- Scholarships are awarded for the length of the course chosen (Bachelor's degree only) by the student
- Students must maintain a full time study load and strong academic record for the duration of their course
- Scholarships will be reviewed annually and any student found not to be meeting these conditions may have their scholarship revoked

COTTON ON FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS WILL COVER;

- Tuition fees
- Academic course materials
- Living expenses (including accommodation and food)

COTTON ON FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS WILL NOT COVER;

- Expenses for the scholar's family
- Additional travel during the course of the study program
- Expenses related to field trips, participation in workshops/seminars or internships which are not contributing to degree credit
- Medical, Dental or Optical costs

BEFORE APPLYING

Please carefully read the eligibility criteria above to ensure that you are eligible before completing and submitting an application.

Use the [Supporting Documents Checklist \(below\)](#) to ensure that you have collected all required supporting documents and they are ready to submit.

Reach out to two (2) academic and or professional contacts to provide you with letters of recommendation. This can often take some time so the sooner you do this the better.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENT CHECKLIST

- Copy of recent academic records – grade transcripts (high school and or university, GED or equivalent certificates)
- Two references letters - One academic and one other, which may be a work reference or another academic reference
- We will ask for proof of acceptance into your university course if you are shortlisted
- Information on any other awards or grants you have been awarded
- Evidence of competence in English – such as a copy of your TOEFL, IELTS or GED scores, or any other English qualifications
- Any additional information you feel supports your application
- Evidence of competence in matriculation exam for students who will study in Myanmar
- A copy of the personal details page of your passport or travel document
- Essay 1 – 'About you'
- Essay 2 – 'Future career goals'

APPLICATION DEADLINE

To be considered for a Cotton On Foundation scholarship, the completed application form must be submitted **by 5pm Myanmar time Sunday 31 May 2020**. You are encouraged to submit your application as early as possible before the deadline.

Applications received after the deadline will **NOT** be considered. As the awarding of Cotton On Foundation scholarships is highly competitive, incomplete or applications that are difficult to read or understand will not be considered.

UNSUCCESSFUL APPLICANTS

Unfortunately due to the number of applications we do not inform unsuccessful applicants. If you have not heard from us **by Monday 15, June 2020** your application was not successful on this occasion.

CONTACT

If you have any further questions please do not hesitate to contact us on the details below;

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