

Glossary of Terms

- **Scholarship:** refers to a study grant
- **Awardee:** is a selected candidate who has been awarded an OAS scholarship.
- **Self-placed scholarship outside the OAS Consortium of Universities:** Candidates apply directly for admission to the universities or educational institutions of their choice and present their application for an OAS scholarship.
- **Self-placed scholarship at a university within the OAS Consortium of Universities:** Candidates apply directly to a maximum of three programs at different universities that are part of the [OAS Consortium of Universities](#) and that are in three different countries.
- **Special Caribbean Fellowships (SPECAP):** are scholarships awarded to eligible candidates from the English-speaking Caribbean Member States to complete the last two years of undergraduate studies.
- **Pre-selected Candidate:** is an applicant who has been selected for consideration by the National Commission and presented by the sponsoring Member State to be considered for an OAS scholarship.
- **Selected Candidate:** is a pre-selected candidate elected by the Academic and Technical Studies Scholarship Selection Committee to be granted a Scholarship from the OAS, subject to availability of funds.
- **Awardee:** is a candidate who has been officially announced as a Scholarship recipient from the OAS.
- **Academic and Technical Studies Scholarship Selection Committee (ATSSSC):** is the committee which reviews and evaluates the OAS Scholarship applications of the pre-selected candidates presented by the National Commissions.
- **National Commission:** is the entity chosen by a member state government to review the completed application of OAS scholarship applicants who meet eligibility requirements and rank them in accordance with the criteria established in the Manual of Procedures.
- **National Liaison Office (ONE):** is the official channel determined by each Member State government for the processing of OAS Scholarships.
- **Consortium of Universities and other educational institutions:** is a group of participating higher education institutions and other educational institutions which have signed agreements with the GS/OAS for the mutual benefit of the universities and other educational institutions of the OAS.

- **Host country:** refers to the country where the Recipient will pursue his/her studies, will conduct research and receive practical training, as applicable.
- **Sponsoring country or sponsoring member state:** refers to the OAS member state that endorses the pre-selected candidate.
- **Scholarship Recipient:** is an selected candidate who has accepted the OAS scholarship awarded to him/her
- **Grade Point Average (GPA):** The average grade (scores) earned by a student upon completion of their academic program of studies.
- **Maximum Grade Point Average:** is the highest grade point average that the host institution awards. For example, a student GPA might be 3.4 out of 4.0.
- **Class Rank:** the position of a student in his or her graduating class, expressed as the placement of the student out of the total number of students in the graduating class.
- **Permanent Resident:** any person not a citizen of the United States who is residing in the US under legally recognized and lawfully recorded permanent residence as an immigrant or a person lawfully in the country as an immigrant but who is not yet a citizen.
- **Application, application form, OAS Scholarship Application Form:** refers to the form to be used by applicants in seeking an OAS Scholarship.
- **Cap per scholarship:** is the maximum total monetary amount set for any individual OAS scholarship that may be awarded by the OAS in any given academic year.
- **Bachelor's degree or First Degree:** refers to a post-secondary formal degree program which can run from 3 – 6 years resulting in a first degree.