



NORTHERN TRUST SCHOLRSHIP 2026/2027

DEADLINE: 7TH AUGUST 2026

Scholarship Application

The Northern Trust scholarship was created to provide financial support to diverse and motivated individuals seeking to pursue a Masters Degree at the University of Botswana.

Applicants must meet the following criteria:

- First-in-the-Family to acquire an undergraduate degree
 - Cumulative GPA of 3.6 or above on a 5-point GPA scale (70% or above)
 - Citizens of Botswana
 - Have a working experience of 3 years or less
 - Full-time Graduate Programme Admission
 - Must have graduated with a degree not earlier than 2022
 - Demonstrate potential to meet academic excellence and continue formal education
 - Students with good leadership qualities
 - Demonstrate involvement in community development and volunteerism
- Vulnerable Children and Candidates from disadvantaged backgrounds, are encouraged to apply

Requirements:

- Must remain and work in Botswana for at least three (3) years after graduation with a Master's degree

All applications should be returned to the University of Botswana Foundation by 7th August 2026

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Please type or print legibly

Name

National ID

Mailing information

CONTACT INFORMATION

Where correspondence should be sent

Postal address

City/village

Cell phone number

Email address

PERMANENT CONTACT INFORMATION

Postal address





City/village
Cell phone number
Home telephone
number

DEMOGRAPHICS

Cumulative GPA

First generation
graduation student

Yes

No

First generation graduation student means that neither of the applicant's parents has a graduate university degree

EDUCATION

Please list all colleges and universities you have attended

Name of institution	Address, city, country	Years completed	Major programme

SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

Are you currently receiving any other scholarships?

Yes

No

If yes please complete the section below

Scholarship name	Name of organisation/institute	Amount per semester

REFERENCES

Please list three references that we may contact for additional information. Contact information must be current in order for us to reach referees. Request your referees to send the reference letters in a sealed envelope, clearly marked with your name and the programme you have applied for.

Name	Title and organization/institute	Telephone number	Email address



CAMPUS AND COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Please list membership in both on-campus (for educational institutions you have attended) and off-campus organizations, including civic, social and/or honor societies. Attach an additional page if necessary.

Club/organisation	Position held (general member/ executive/other)	How long did you hold that position?

SUPPORT MATERIALS

- Please submit a one page resumé summarising your employment record, leadership activities and other information pertinent to the application if any.
- Please submit a certified copy of your Certificate and official transcript from the previous universities you have attended.
- Please submit a one-page response (no more than 150 words), typed, double spaced and grammatically correct as motivation for applying for this scholarship. Include the following in your motivation:
 - Please describe your short- and long-term goals upon receiving your graduate degree.
 - Please describe any extenuating circumstances that may impede your academic success and share how this scholarship will impact your financial situation.

AGREEMENT AND SIGNATURE

All of the information provided on this application is true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I authorise the University of Botswana Foundation to review my financial and academic records in order to assess my application.

Applicant's signature

Date

Please submit applications to:

University of Botswana Foundation
Gaborone, UB Main Campus
Email: ubfoundation@ub.ac.bw

[Call 355 5063 / 4030 for Directions to the location of our Office](#)

THE CLOSING DATE FOR RECEIVING APPLICATIONS IS 7TH AUGUST 2026 AT 16.00 HOURS BOTSWANA TIME

To the Recommender:

The applicant named below is applying for a scholarship for entry to the University Of Botswana School Of Graduate Studies. Please complete this **Reference Form** along with a **separate recommendation Letter** written and signed on your **official academic or business letterhead** stationery. Return both documents before the **program application deadline of 7 August 2026**. If you have not had the applicant as a student, please adapt items 3–6 below, if applicable, and explain your knowledge and assessment of the applicant in your recommendation letter. If you do not know this student well, please feel free to say so.

Applicant's Surname

First Name

1. What is your relationship with the applicant?

☐

Teacher/Professor

☐

Employer/Supervisor

☐

Other

2. Do you know the applicant well enough to give him/her a recommendation?

☐

Yes

☐

No

*(If you checked NO, you do not need to complete the rest of this form.)***3. SUMMARY EVALUATION**

Compare the applicant with a representative group of students with similar experience and training in the same field. How do you rate the applicant on general research and scholarly ability? (Check one.)

☐

outstanding (highest 5%—comparable to best students)

☐

very good (highest 10%)

☐

good (upper 25%—ability easy to identify)

☐

average (upper 50%)

☐

below average (lower 50%)

4. RECOMMENDATIONS

I would make the following recommendation for the applicant's admission to the program and degree listed on the front:

☐

strongly recommend

☐

recommend

☐

recommend with reservations

☐

do not recommend

I feel that the applicant is qualified to serve as: (check all that apply)

☐

graduate teaching associate



- ☐ graduate research associate
- ☐ master's candidate
- ☐ doctoral candidate
- ☐ other (Please elaborate).....

5. Some gifted individuals do not perform to their potential. Is the applicant's scholastic record, as you know it, an accurate index of his/her ability?

- ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Don't know

(If you checked NO, please explain why in your recommendation letter)

6. RECOMMENDATION LETTER

- Use only clearly official, **academic or business letterhead paper**. This letter must be signed by you.
- Include the applicant's name on each page of the letter.
- Attach your letter to this *Reference Form* and send them so they arrive no later than the above-stated deadline.
- Describe the applicant's qualifications for graduate study. Please discuss topics such as:
 - ✓ performance in independent study or in research groups
 - ✓ intellectual independence
 - ✓ research interests
 - ✓ capacity for analytical thinking
 - ✓ ability to work with others
 - ✓ ability to organize and express ideas clearly
 - ✓ drive and motivation

Recommender

Please read and sign below:

I have read the recommender information on the front of this *Reference Form* to the best of my abilities.

My preferred direct contact number is:

Phone: Fax:

E-mail:

Full Name:

Signature:

