



SAMPASA-NA SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

FRAMEWORK

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Mission Statement

“The mission of the SAMPASA-NA Scholarship Program is to provide scholarships to disadvantaged students of St Martins Secondary School (SMSS) of St. Vincent and the Grenadines. To achieve this goal, SAMPASA-NA will work collaboratively with individuals, organizations, corporations and other funding sources to provide funding for this program.”

Objectives of the Program

The intent of the program is to assist disadvantaged students of SMSS with financial assistance through a formalized scholarship program initiated by SAMPASA-NA. The recipients will be provided with scholarships of varying duration based on the terms and conditions outlined in the agreement documents. Scholarships will be provided to students in Forms 2, 3, 4 and 5. Scholarships will be provided to Form 1 students on a case-by-case basis.

The program will also provide mentorship to students as they navigate through their academic tenure at SMSS, while instilling the value of community work and giving back to the less fortunate.

Types of Scholarship

The following scholarships will be offered through the SAMPASA-NA Scholarship Program:

Full Scholarship: A full scholarship will cover the cost of tuition and transportation. SAMPASA-NA will work with SMSS to determine the costs associated with each of these items. Costs will be established on an annual basis.

Partial Scholarship: A partial scholarship will cover either tuition or transportation.

Selection Process

SAMPASA-NA will work with the SMSS to select students for the program. Selection criteria include, but not limited to, financial need, academic performance, character, and willingness to give back through school or community service.

SMSS will provide a list of students who meet these criteria to SAMPASA-NA in July (prior to the beginning of the school year). Depending on the number of available scholarships, a short-list of candidates will be developed. The short-list will be developed based on an essay competition, on a topic to be selected by SAMPASA-NA.

The number of available scholarships will be determined at the beginning of each academic year based on available funding. The scholarship will be for the duration of the student's academic tenure at SMSS, however, the student will be evaluated at the end of each academic year based on the criteria listed in the "SMSS Scholarship Agreement" document.

Scholarship Recipient Responsibilities

Parents or guardians of each scholarship recipient will be required to sign an agreement that outlines the requirements and expectations of the scholarship program. The Principal of SMSS will also sign this document, attesting to the role of the school in the execution of the scholarship program. Responsibilities of the recipients include but not limited to:

1. Involvement in at least one extracurricular activity to be determined and coordinated by the SMSS,
2. Exhibiting good character,
3. Showing academic progress throughout the school year,
4. Advancement to the next grade at the end of the academic year,
5. Representing the school at functions as the need arises,
6. Participation in a SAMPASA-organized mentorship program
7. Providing contact information to SAMPASA-NA.

SAMPASA-NA Responsibilities

SAMPASA-NA will work collaboratively with the SMSS to determine eligible candidates for the scholarship program. SAMPASA-NA will provide scholarships (partial or full) depending on available funding. SAMPASA will provide mentoring to students of the program to not only help them navigate through their academic career, but also through their personal life.

SMSS Responsibilities

SMSS' responsibilities include, but not limited to:

1. Developing a list of potential candidates based on the criteria stated in the "Selection Process" and submit to SAMPASA-NA for review.
2. Providing estimates of tuition and transportation for each candidate,
3. Providing progress reports to SAMPASA-NA at the end of each academic term,
4. Facilitate student's involvement in extracurricular activity (school or community-based)

5. Disbursement of scholarship funds to scholarship recipients,
6. Providing a financial report for each student at the end of the academic year.
7. Involvement in the mentorship program,
8. Liaison between the parent/student/guardian and SAMPASA-NA as needed.

Disbursement of Funds

Scholarship funds will be disbursed by August of each school year. Funds will be disbursed based on the number and type of scholarships. SMSS will be responsible for disbursement of funds to scholarship recipients.

Donation of Funds

Donations will be received from various entities, including SAMPASA-NA, individuals, organizations, and corporations. Donations may take different forms, including, sponsorship of one or more partial or full scholarships or monetary donation towards the scholarship fund. All donations are tax-deductible.