 T.T.A.B. 2025-2026

***SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM***

The Trinidad and Tobago Association of Baltimore will award a total of ­­***three***scholarships and two book grants for attendance to an accredited college, university, vocational or technical school for the 2025-2026 academic year.

The association will sponsor **two** scholarships in the amount of **$500.00**, for tuition and fees only.

In addition, the association will administer **one** Albertine Brewster Scholarship in the amount of **$1,000** as well as **two** Book Grants on behalf of Financial Coaches Denise (Stanley) and Marlon DeFour, in the amounts of **$250.00** each.

There is an additional requirement for recipients of the book grants. Each receiver must attend a one-hour online Financial Literacy seminar, free of charge, given by the sponsors. The free session is available to all participants: however, it is mandatory for those who receive the Book Grants.

## ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

To qualify applicants must:

* Be a student seeking admission to or already enrolled in an accredited institution as a full-time student for the 2025-2026 school year.
* Meet the eligibility requirements of the school of choice.
* Possesses either of the following, depending on level of education successfully

 attained:

1. A High School Diploma or GED Certificate.
2. CXC, or equivalent certificate with at least five passes.
3. A cumulative Grade Point Average of 2.75 or better.
4. Copy of bachelor’s degree, if beyond undergraduate level.

All qualified applicants will be judged on an essay, the topics for which are listed below.

1. ***In the words of one of the United States’ former presidents, “there you go again”***

***can refer to Donald Trump winning the presidency for a second time. No one expected Mr. Trump to win elections the first time, but he did. Likewise, many doubted he would win for a second time, but he did.***

***To what factors can you attribute Donald Trump winning the presidency for an inconsecutive second term?***

1. ***There have been reports that Jamaica has secures a significant deal to export fuel to Trinidad and Tobago.***

***Can you define the particulars of this deal and what it means for the future of fuel production in Trinidad and Tobago?***

1. ***It seems that an extensive crop of young performers are beginning to dominate the SOCA scene in Trinidad and Tobago and elsewhere. During this year’s carnival celebrations, one of the premier Soca artists, Machel Montano, participated in several and was successful in a couple of the prominent carnival competitions.***

***Given his dominance on the SOCA scene for many years, do you think that Machel should no longer enter future carnival competitions, so the younger artists can get additional opportunities to appear?***

1. ***Recent reports indicate that a Nigerian company is linked with a multi-billion-dollar refinery deal in Trinidad and Tobago.***

***What can you tell us regarding the particulars of this multi-billion-dollar deal and about the Nigerian company named therein?***

1. ***The crime statistics, including the murder rates in most major American cities have dropped precipitously over the past two years.***

***Can you explain what factors may have led to these notable decreases?***

Essays must be noless than one thousand (1000) words and no more than fifteen hundred (1500) words. You can obtain scholarship applications by writing to the address or calling the number below. Please return completed applications to:

***TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO ASSOCIATION OF BALTIMORE, INC.***

***c/o Owen Charles***

***1723 Wadsworth Way***

***Baltimore, MD 21239***

Fillable application forms can be returned via email to: Piseao@aol.com. Please retain a copy of your “sent” email folder as confirmation of timely submission.

THE **DEADLINE** FOR SUBMITTING APPLICATIONS AND ESSAYS IS **FRIDAY MAY 16, 2025**. APPLICATIONS MUST BE POSTMARKED OR DELIVERED ON OR BEFORE THIS DATE.

If you have any questions or need additional information, you can contact Owen Charles:

Phone: (Mobile) 410-207-5937, or (Home) 410-254-3359; Email: Piseao@aol.com