



KEYS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMME

About the Organization:

Knowledge to Enable Your Success Inc. is a nonprofit organization established and incorporated in Barbados to benefit the youth of Barbados by promoting positive values through programmes that are designed to encourage mental, spiritual and educational growth. Our programmes aim not only to provide youth with the KEYS to enable them to improve their socioeconomic status, but more importantly to empower them to become the next generation of leaders.

The Scholarship Programme:

Knowledge to Enable Your Success Inc. has established a memorial scholarship programme to provide support to Barbadian students throughout their primary, secondary and tertiary education. Awards are granted without regard to race, color, creed, religion, sexual orientation, gender, or disability.

The Award:

The **Ellen E. Straughan Memorial Scholarship Fund** was established to honor the memory and contributions of Ellen E. Straughan, who was a great mother, hard worker, disciplinarian, religious and community minded individual who assisted and provided for the less fortunate in her neighborhood for many years. Ellen Straughan was born on April 29, 1929 and lived in Parris Hill St. Joseph until her migration to the United States in 1970. The community of Parris Hill knew her as an extremely generous woman who expressed her love for people through giving. She returned to Barbados in 1990 and continued where she left off some 20 years earlier. A cosmetologist by profession, Ellen Straughan lived a selfless life, putting others first – a way of life resulting from her strong belief in God.

Eligibility:

Applicants to the Ellen E. Straughan Memorial Scholarship must meet the following requirements:

- be a Barbadian secondary school student
- demonstrated academic and personal discipline
- have financial need

Required Essay:

- write a 2–3-page essay on the following topic: ***What is discipline and how does it impact your community?***
- essay may be handwritten or typed. Handwritten essays must be neat and legible

Required Documentation:

As part of your application, you must submit:

- a completed Ellen E. Straughan Memorial Scholarship application form
- a copy of your last two report cards. Report cards must display student name, school name and grades
- a recommendation letter from your class teacher or principal
- essay response

Your application is **not** considered complete unless all required documents are submitted.

Award:

If selected as a recipient, the student will receive a one-time award of BDS \$400 and a certificate. Award may only be used for school related expenses

Selection of Recipient:

Scholarship recipient is selected on the basis of completed application form, essay response, academic record, demonstrated leadership or participation in school and/or community activities, an outside appraisal (reference) and financial need. Selection of recipient is made jointly by Knowledge to Enable Your Success Inc. and the benefactors of the award. All applicants agree to accept the decision as final.

Scholarship Schedule:

Application period opens June 2026

Application Deadline - Submitted by August 23, 2026

Scholarship Award Recipient announced - August 27, 2026

Scholarship Award distributed – Early September 2026

Notification:

Applicants will be notified on August 27, 2026. Not all applicants to the programme will be selected as recipients.

Payment of Scholarship Award:

Knowledge to Enable Your Success Inc. processes scholarship payments on behalf of the benefactors of the award. Payments are made in one installment.



Ellen E. Straughan

2026 Memorial Scholarship

STUDENT APPLICATION FORM

(To be completed by student – please print clearly or type)

1. PERSONAL INFORMATION:

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Birth Date: _____

Home Address: _____

Telephone number: _____

Email address: _____

2. SCHOOL INFORMATION:

Primary School: _____

Secondary School: _____

Reference Name: _____

Reference Email Address: _____

Teacher:

Principal:

3. PARENT/GUARDIAN INFORMATION:

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Telephone number: _____

Parent/Guardian Email Address: _____

LIST ACTIVITIES:

4. LIST COMMUNITY SERVICE:

Signature: _____

Date: _____

SCHOLARSHIP CHECKLIST:

- Completed application form
- Essay
- Report Card
- Recommendation letter

Submit your completed scholarship application packet via the website or email it to Programme Director, Doreen King at YOURMASTERKEYS@GMAIL.COM and include in your subject line "Ellen E. Straughan Memorial Scholarship Application -Your Last Name, Your First Name".