



EMBASSY OF THE REPUBLIC OF CUBA

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GUIDELINES FOR THE SELECTION PROCESS OF FOREIGN SCHOLARSHIP STUDENTS IN CUBA

1- Established Requirements

The established requirements that foreign students must meet to benefit from a scholarship to study in Cuba are:

- a) Be over 16 years old and under 25 years old. This requirement applies only for undergraduate studies.
- b) Be a High School or pre-university studies graduate.
- c) The student must come from a low-income family, which cannot afford the studies and preferably a student from rural communities.
- d) Be a citizen of the Federation of Saint Kitts and Nevis.

To enroll in Cuban university centers, foreign citizens who wish to complete undergraduate careers, must present the documents outlined below (duly translated into Spanish and legalized, both English and Spanish copy, by the corresponding institutions in their country and by the Cuban diplomatic representation abroad).

- a) Pre-university degree, High School diploma, or equivalent level along with certificate of grades.
- b) Original Health Certificate, including negative HIV test and proof of female students not being pregnant.
- c) Ten (10) 1x1 inch size photos.
- d) Original Police Record Certificate.
- e) Birth Certificate.
- f) Scholarship award form, specifying career of choice, signed by the student. Also signed and minted by the Cuban diplomatic representation accredited in the country.

In order to enroll in Cuban university centers, foreign citizens who wish to pursue postgraduate studies, must present documents outlined below, duly translated into Spanish and legalized, both English and Spanish copy, by the corresponding institutions in their country and by the Cuban diplomatic representation abroad.

- a) Graduate degree and certificate of grades from the previous program in Cuba (does not require to be legalized)
- b) Original Health Certificate, including negative HIV test and proof of female students not being pregnant.
- c) Ten (10) 1x1 inch size photos.



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- d) Original Police Record certificate.
- e) Birth Certificate.
- f) Scholarship award form, indicating career of choice, signed and minted by the Cuban diplomatic representation and also by the student. This document will be completed digitally, with the exception of the signature.

2- Documents that must make up the student's record.

- a) Copy of the Bachelor's degree.
For the careers of Economic and Natural and Exact Sciences, students must be Bachelors of Science or with a similar Certificate.
- b) Copy of the certification of Grades of the last year of High School
- c) Original Health Certificate, including negative HIV test and proof of female students not being pregnant.
- d) Original Police Record Certificate.
- e) Birth Certificate.
- f) Ten (10) 1x1 inch size photos
- g) Scholarship award form, indicating career, signed and minted by the Cuban diplomatic representation and by the student. This document will be completed digitally, with the exception of the signature.

3- Process of legalization of the documents that make up the student's file.

- ❖ The Cuban Diplomatic Mission must thoroughly review the documentation of each student, who must present copy of degree and certification of grades, and originals of the rest of the documentation.
- ❖ The documents must be duly legalized by the Ministries of Health, Education and Justice, as appropriate, and translated and legalized by the Foreign Ministry of that country, to later be legalized at the Consulate of the Cuban Diplomatic Mission, exempt from payment.
- ❖ The selected student has to travel to Cuba with all their documentation and to be delivered to their Study Center upon arrival.
- ❖ The selected students are responsible for traveling with all the documents indicated on Point 3, otherwise they are not officially enrolled and have to return to their country.

4.- Career changes.

Career changes are not allowed. In correspondence to the rules established in the Regulation of Foreign Fellows, only in very exceptional and duly evaluated cases (Resolution 20/2019 of the MES).



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5.- Candidates' knowledge of the regulations for foreign scholarship holders.

- ❖ The selected students have to read Resolution 20/2019 of the Ministry of Higher Education of the Republic of Cuba, (Regulation established and in force for foreign students) as well as the Code of Ethics.
- ❖ The student will be given a copy of the Customs Regulations.
- ❖ The selected students have to sign with their own handwriting the scholarship award form, in which they also give their proof and agreement of the conditions set forth above.

6- Arrival of the selected students.

The arrival in Cuba of foreign students who have been awarded a scholarship must be 10 days before the fixed date of the start of the school year, which is reported in due course.

The arrival in Cuba of students outside the established date is not authorized, only allowed in exceptional cases duly consulted with the training organizations.

7- Air ticket for students

The outbound air ticket and the return ticket to their country after graduation, the vacation ticket for those who can and request to do so, academic leave, illness or other causes, will be assumed by the student, Government organization or institution that sends them or the relatives of the young person.

8-Return to your country

The foreign student who concludes his studies or is withdrawn from studies, returns to country of origin within a period of thirty calendar days from the date on which graduate documentation has been received or is notified of his withdrawal, at the end of the aforementioned period the student loses the rights that the condition of scholarship student grants.

In the case of students who request to return for Sick Leave or for family matters, they must do so with the greatest immediacy from the date of the granting of said permit.



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SUMMARY

CUBAN SCHOLARSHIPS KEY REQUIREMENTS

DOCUMENTATION TO BE PRESENTED TO THE EMBASSY ONCE ACCEPTED INTO THE PROGRAM

- a) Diploma or Certification of graduation from High School or pre-university studies, or equivalent level, and certificate of marks obtained, to be validated for subsequent studies.

In the case of graduates in Cuba selected to carry out studies of medical specialties, they must present a copy of the Graduate degree and certificate of grades from the previous program in Cuba (does not require to be legalized)

- b) Health certificate that includes certification that applicant does not carry communicable diseases and specifically the Human Immunodeficiency Virus (Human Immunodeficiency Virus/HIV), as well as disabling physical or mental impede performing on aspired careers. In the case of female students, certification that the applicant is not pregnant.
- c) Ten (10) photos of size 1"x 1" (please note that this is not passport/visa size).
- d) Certification that the applicant has no criminal record
- e) Birth Certificate

All the aforementioned documents must be duly translated into Spanish and legalized both English and Spanish copy, by the concerned institutions and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Saint Kitts and Nevis.

The deadline for submission of required documentation to our Embassy is May 22nd, 2026.