

BCA-INDUSTRY BUILT ENVIRONMENT DIPLOMA SCHOLARSHIP / SPONSORSHIP FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

General

1. What is the difference between scholarship and sponsorship? Can I choose?

The difference is in the scholarship award quantum:

- For sponsorship, the award covers an annual lump sum payment of \$7,000
- For scholarship, the award is more; you will get a monthly allowance of \$900 and school fees paid for.

When you submit your application, it will be applicable for both the scholarship and sponsorship, the top tier of the students will be considered for the scholarships and the rest for sponsorship. It will be made known to you upon offer, and then for you to decide if you wish to accept the scholarship / sponsorship.

2. What is the minimum academic requirement to qualify for the scholarship / sponsorship?

As this is a new scholarship / sponsorship, we would encourage you to submit your application and we would consider them favorably. The top tier students with excellent results will be offered the scholarships, while the others could be offered sponsorship which is also very attractive.

3. Can I concurrently hold other scholarships / sponsorships?

You are not allowed to hold other scholarships / sponsorships that come with any obligations or bonds. For awards that do not have any obligations / bonds, you would need to seek concurrence from your sponsors.

Application Process

1. Do I have to sign any deeds? Is surety required?

Yes, you would need to sign a scholarship / sponsorship deed with the sponsor. You would need to get 2 sureties who are:

- Singapore Citizens residing permanently in Singapore;
- above 21 years old; and
- gainfully employed with a monthly income of at least S\$2,000 per month, not bankrupts.

2. When will the application results be out? Do I have to pay for the school fees first? What if I have already paid school fees before I am notified of the scholarship awards, will I get the refund?

As there will be interviews prior to the awards of the scholarships / sponsorships, it will depend on the interview process. You can submit your application to us and we will keep you updated on the timeline.

- If you are a fresh diploma entrant, we estimate that the scholarship / sponsorship would be awarded around end March, we will try to match the timeline of the school fees payment. In any case, if you have already paid the school fees, we can make the arrangement to reimburse you the payment made if you are offered the scholarship;

OR

- If you are an existing diploma student, the award would be around September. If you have already paid the school fees, we can make the arrangement to reimburse the payment made if you are offered the scholarship.

Obligations

1. **Is there any minimum polytechnic results I have to maintain as I study the diploma?**

For sponsorship, you would need to pass all exams. For scholarship, you would need to maintain good results of around GPA 3.5.

2. **Can I go for full-time further study upon graduation?**

Generally you would need to serve your bond upon graduation. Serving the bond in Stage 2 comes with attractive salary and upgrading opportunities. However, you may further your study if you could get the BCA-Industry Built Environment Undergraduate Scholarship and is supported by your sponsor.

3. **Are the benefits of Stage 2 guaranteed after graduation (i.e. minimum salary, On-Job-Training and upgrading opportunities)?**

The Stage 2 perks are applicable to students who are able to get a sponsor. BCA will facilitate your interviews with potential sponsors.

4. **Can I choose not to accept an industry firm's offer of scholarship / sponsorship?**

Yes, you may choose the sponsor, but do note that you would need to have a sponsor in order for you to enjoy the Stage 2 perks.

5. **For Stage 2, am I free to choose any specialist / advanced diploma?**

You should consult your sponsor to agree on the course to take which should as much as possible be related to your work areas.