

RE: CHINA GOVERNMENT SCHOLARSHIPS 2014 - 2015

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs announces that the Government of China has invited Bahamian nationals to submit applications to become recipients of scholarships to study or continue studies in China during for the 2014 – 2015 academic year.

Before submitting an application, please review China and the Ministry's attached brochure link "**Bahamian Studying in China**" Guide, which is also available at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs' (MFA) receptionist desk. **The Ministry encourages only serious applicants to apply.**

APPLICATION CRITERIA & ELIGIBILITY:

- Bahamian nationals
- In Good Health
- Cumulative Grade Point Average of **3.00** or above
- Willing to study **in Chinese at any University** chosen by the Chinese Government
- Applications for the Bachelor's Degree should be 25 years or younger
- Applicants for the Master's Degree should be under the age of 35, and have a Bachelor's Degree
- Applicants for the Doctoral Degree should be under the age of 40 and have a Master's Degree
- Applicants for Chinese Language Training Programme should have high school Diploma, 2.00 Cumulative GPA and be under 35 years old

You may visit the following website for additional information and to register for the Chinese Government scholarship: <http://www.csc.edu.cn/laihua> or <http://www.campuschina.org> (click "online registration students' entrance", the detailed information is attached in the second attachment).

SCHOLARSHIP BENEFITS:

- Full scholarship tuition inclusive of room and board, medical insurance, textbooks and monthly living allowance.
- Roundtrip economy-class tickets to China and from China (**upon graduation**)

APPLICATION PROCEDURES:

All interested persons may complete the scholarship application form using: <http://laihua.csc.edu.cn>

When completing the application form, use the agency number **0441**. The agency name is: **Embassy of P.R. China in Bahamas.**

Preferences of Chinese University must be included on application form. You may visit the following websites to facilitate your search for a Chinese University: <http://en.csc.edu.cn/laihua> and <http://www.cucas.edu.cn>

For additional information, please feel free to contact the Ministry of Foreign Affairs' Technical Assistance Division via telephone at **1-242-356-5956/502-0013/27** or email charmainemckenzie@bahamas.gov.bs and c.c. copies of emails to nikevaeve@bahamas.gov.bs.

Completed applications should be submitted online, and copies in triplicate are to be delivered to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs' Technical Assistance Division by **4th April, 2014.**

The following application documents should be submitted to the Ministry for processing:

- Copy of passport bio pages
- Original application form for Foreign Students Scholarship (in triplicate)
- High school/university transcripts (2)
- Copy of diploma of most advanced studies (notarized and in triplicate)

- Two (2) letters of recommendation from teachers/professors (in triplicate)
- Study or research plan (800 words or more, in triplicate)
- Photocopy of Foreigner Physical Examination Form (in triplicate). Applicants should keep original
- Applicants for music studies and fine arts must submit a CD of their own work. Fine arts submissions should include two (2) sketches, two (2) color paintings and two (2) other works.

GENERAL APPLICATION PROCESS:

- Applicant completes Chinese scholarship application online.
- Applicant submits completed application with supporting documents (in triplicate) to MFA by 4th April, 2014.
- MFA contacts qualified applicants for an interview session (Overseas applicants in school will be interviewed via telephone or skype at the applicant's expense)
- MFA forwards successful applications to the Chinese Embassy, who in turn forward the applications to China for consideration.
- The Chinese Embassy notifies MFA of the successful scholarship recipients typically around the 1st week of August each year.
- Successful candidates will then be notified of the results.

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS:

STEP 1: Log on to <http://laihua.csc.edu.cn>. The applicants should register for a username and password before logging on.

STEP 2: After logging on to the system, please read the “**ONLINE APPLICATION GUIDANCE**” and follow the steps.

STEP 3: Click the button “**NEXT**” and select the scholarship you want to apply for. (Please select the Chinese Government Scholarship, unless you are applying for the other Cooperation Programme Scholarship).

STEP 4: Please note that the “**AGENCY NO.**” is one of the most crucial parts of your online application. It is listed in the first blank under the “**PERSONAL DATA**”. Please make sure that you fill it in correctly, otherwise you will not be able to continue your online application. Your “**AGENCY NO**” is **0441**.

STEP 5: Please fill in the online application form truthfully, correctly and completely following the steps listed on the left of the page. The applications are required to select the disciplines before choosing their majors. For inquires about the disciplines and majors, please refer to the “**Disciplines Index**”, which can be downloaded from “**HELP**”.

STEP 6: Preview the application form after completion, and submit it online.

STEP 7: Please download the finished application form by clicking the button “**DOWNLOAD APPLICATION**” and print it out.

STEP 8: Please prepare other supporting documents as required, and submit the full package consisting of the application form and application documents to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs' Technical Assistance Division **in triplicate**.