

**DR. MARLON CLARKE SCHOLARSHIP FOR STUDIES INFORMATION SYSTEMS
THE UNIVERSITY OF THE WEST INDIES ALUMNI ASSOCIATION (FLORIDA CHAPTER)**

As organizations continue to embrace digital transformation, information systems (IS) have become the backbone of modern business operations. These systems enable efficiency, innovation, and global connectivity—but they also introduce a growing range of cybersecurity threats. From data breaches and ransomware attacks to insider threats and system vulnerabilities, the challenges to maintaining data integrity, confidentiality, and availability are more complex than ever before.

Recognizing the critical role that well-trained information systems professionals play in safeguarding digital infrastructures, this scholarship is designed to support and encourage exceptional students at The University of the West Indies who are pursuing studies in Information Systems or related areas. By investing in the next generation of IS experts, we aim to strengthen the region's capacity to build secure, resilient, and innovative digital ecosystems.

Dr. Marlon Clarke

Beneficiaries of this Scholarship:

This scholarship not only provides financial assistance but also affirms our commitment to academic excellence, professional development, and the advancement of information security in the Caribbean and beyond.

The scholarship will benefit a full-time student who is pursuing an undergraduate degree in Management Information Systems or Computer Science or Computer Science with Management, or another closely related field.

Objectives of the Scholarship

- **To Encourage Academic Excellence** by supporting high-achieving students in the fields of Management Information Systems, Computer Science, and related disciplines, fostering a culture of academic rigor and continuous learning.
- **To Develop Future Technology Leaders** and to cultivate a pipeline of skilled professionals who can lead and innovate in the evolving digital economy, both regionally and globally.
- **To Strengthen Information Security and Systems Competence in the Caribbean** by empowering students with the knowledge and skills needed to protect and enhance information systems, addressing the increasing threats to cybersecurity and data integrity.
- **To help bridge the Financial Gaps in Higher Education** through the provision of financial assistance to talented students who may otherwise be unable to pursue or complete their studies due to economic constraints.
- **To Promote Diversity and Inclusion in Technology Fields** through the encouragement of participation from underrepresented or underserved groups, contributing to a more inclusive and equitable technology sector.
- **To Contribute to National and Regional Development** by aligning student development with the broader goals of Caribbean economic growth, digital transformation, and technological self-sufficiency.
- **To Give Back to my Alma Mater in a Meaningful way**

Application Deadline: August 15

Number of Awards: One (1)

Value of the Award: US\$1,000

Tenure:

- One (1) year with renewal for up to 2 years.
- Renewal is not automatic, and the scholarship holder is expected to reapply.

Eligibility:

This scholarship is “needs-based” with specific academic and other requirements as outlined below.

- Full time matriculated student at the University of the West Indies (UWI)
- Caribbean citizenship and residency
- Pursuing an undergraduate degree in Management Information Systems or Computer Science or Computer Science with Management, or another closely related field at any campus at The University of the West Indies.
- Rank: 2nd year or higher
- GPA Criteria (≥ 3.0)
- Record of community service related to education.

Application Process:

- Application opens June 1 and closes August 15
- Application Form is available on website: www.uwiaafl.org
- Submission:

By email to uwiaafl@gmail.com

Or

Send by regular mail to

The Scholarship Committee

The University of the West Indies Alumni Association

P.O. Box 970313

Coconut Creek, Florida 33097.

Note: Applications received whether by email or via postal service after the August 15 will not be considered.

The application package must include:

- An essay outlining the applicant’s educational and professional goals and how this scholarship will help to achieve the applicant’s career and professional goals.
- Two (2) current letters of recommendation (one character and the other, academic).
- A certified UWI transcript that indicates the student is in good standing.
- Certified copy of birth certificate.
- Picture (Head shot) of applicant.

Method of Selection:

- Committee of UWIAA Florida Chapter members

Payment to awardee:

- Funds will be disbursed to the successful applicant through the university controller/financial aid office.
- After notification of scholarship, the successful applicant will submit their school

identification number to the Florida Chapter of the University of the West Indies Alumni Association.

NOTE

- *The award may not be held jointly with any other UWI Florida Alumni Scholarship.*
- *The award may not be held jointly with any other scholarship or bursary where together the value exceeds the cost of tuition.*