



Chinmaya Mahilaa Samiti

‘Young Women Leaders Bursary Award Initiative’

Empowering Young Women Through Education: The Chinmaya Mahilaa Samiti
- ‘Young Women Leaders Bursary Award’

Chinmaya Mission (Trinidad and Tobago) invites young female leaders in our community to apply for the annual Chinmaya Mahilaa Samiti Young Women Leaders Bursary Award, 2024/2025 intake.

This award is given to an exceptional female youth leader annually who is pursuing higher education but lacks the financial resources to do so. The goal of this award is to support academic growth and leadership development for aspiring female college or university students with demonstrated financial need.

At CMTT, we value academic excellence, leadership qualities, and community engagement. Therefore, we are thrilled to provide this bursary program to one outstanding young woman leader during the annual call for applications.

This bursary presents a valuable chance to recognize and support at least one promising young female leader on an annual basis. It provides financial assistance to pursue academic goals while fostering leadership potential and a commitment to community service.



About Chinmaya Mahilaa Samiti (Chinmaya Women's Group)

Under the guidance and blessings of Swami Prakashananda, Chinmaya Mahilaa Samiti, also known as the Chinmaya Women's Group, developed the 'Young Women Leaders Bursary Award'.

As women, we believe that at the heart of our Sampradaya (tradition), is education, which we believe is an essential tool for empowering individuals.

Our accomplishments in life are not solely due to our abilities, as the kindness and support of those around us played a pivotal role in our success. We are, therefore, forever grateful to Prakriti (nature) for her role in our achievements and feel that it is our duty to give back through Sewa (volunteerism).

As a female - driven initiative, we aim to encourage others in the CMTT community to join us in supporting the educational pursuits and upliftment of our young women in their academic pursuits, and to those who lack the financial means to do so.

Your contributions can make all the difference in their journey towards success.



Application Criteria

Young Women pursuing higher education who wish to apply for the bursary must submit a request via the official application form, to highlight financial need, evidence of academic pursuit and strong leadership potential through past achievements, community involvement, or innovation initiatives.

- 1) **Financial Need:** Applicants must demonstrate significant financial need hindering their ability to pursue higher education despite their academic capabilities.
- 2) **Academic Pursuit:** Applicants must display a commitment to academic excellence and the capacity and passion to pursue and sustain their studies at a university or college level equivalent.
- 3) **Proof of enrolment** or acceptance to an academic institution is required.
- 4) **Volunteerism** / Commitment to Organization: The selected applicant must commit to being an active part of the CMTT organization, contributing through volunteering at CMTT Ashram Events or engaging in community projects initiated by the organization.
- 5) **Paying it Forward/** Willingness to Give Back: The concept of "Paying it Forward" or the willingness to give back is a fundamental expectation for recipients. The successful applicant will be required to actively participate in volunteer activities and events organized by the CMTT organization, thereby demonstrating her commitment to personal growth and community development. In addition, she is encouraged to support future applicants to the program, perpetuating the spirit of giving.



Application Process

Applicants must complete the official application and submit it in a timely manner. Applications are available at CMTT office or **Online** during the annual intake cycle. The Application Period for the 2024/2025 Young Women Leaders Bursary Award intake cycle is **open from July 5 to August 15, 2024, 9PM.**

Selection Process

To qualify, applicants must meet the eligibility criteria, fully complete the application form and submit the application before August 15, 2024.

Applicants will then be shortlisted based on the Award Criteria.

Once shortlisted, an interview with a selection panel will follow.

The members of the selection panel will be drawn from Chinmaya Mahilaa Samiti (Chinmaya Women's Group).

The successful applicant will be announced during the first week of September 2024.

Bursary Recipient Obligations

- **Academic Progress:** To continue receiving the bursary, the selected recipient must maintain satisfactory academic performance and keep the organization informed about their educational progress.
- **Reporting:** The successful applicant must provide a monthly progress report to the committee showcasing use of funds, academic achievements and involvement in community engagement activities to continue receiving the bursary disbursements. A final report will be due at the end of the year.
- **Community Engagement:** Engage in volunteer activities organized by the organization, demonstrating a commitment to giving back to the community.



Bursary Details

Bursary Value: The value of the bursary disbursed will be determined based on individual circumstances and financial need, relative to the tuition fees.

This amount can range from \$500 TTD to \$5000 TTD.

Disbursement Process: The bursary award will be submitted directly to the recipient's enrolled educational institution to support their tuition fees or educational expenses.

Donations to the Bursary Fund:

Chinmaya Mission (Trinidad & Tobago) will oversee donations and the distribution and management of funds.

If you are interested in supporting the fund please consider the following:

- Make a monthly donation of \$100
- Give a minimum of \$1000
- Combine both options above to maximize your impact.

Wish to make a Donation: Please Contact the CMTT Ashram Office:
1-868-679-3652.

Have any queries, concerns, comments or requests for additional details?

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