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The Department of Human Development, Education and Employment (DHDEE) of the Organization of American States (OAS) presents its compliments to the Permanent Missions of the English-speaking Caribbean member States, to follow up regarding the selection process of new undergraduate scholarships for the 2017 Scholarship Academic Cycle, in the framework of the **Special Caribbean Scholarships Program (SPECAF)**.

The DHDEE will convoke the Academic and Technical Studies Scholarship Selection Committee (ATSSSC), to meet in early July 2017, to review all eligible pre-selected applications presented by member States for the 2017 scholarship cycle, as indicated by the [Manual of Procedures for the Scholarship and Training Programs of the OAS](#):

**The Academic and Technical Studies Scholarship Selection Committee**

Article 45

45.1. The Academic and Technical Studies Scholarship Selection Committee (hereinafter the "ATS Scholarship Selection Committee") shall be composed of seven members appointed by the Secretary General, taking into consideration a broad regional representation.

45.2 OAS member states may present the Secretary General with the names of candidates for membership on the ATS Scholarship Selection Committee, in accordance with the criteria established in article 45.3. The recommendations should be accompanied by supporting documentation of their competence in the academic field or hemispheric issues.

45.3. Members of the ATS Scholarship Selection Committee shall be persons: (i) who have recognized competence in the academic field or development or hemispheric issues. (ii) who are of high moral character; and (iii) who do not work for the OAS or any of its organs or entities. Members shall serve in their personal capacities, and shall not receive instructions from any government.

45.4. Members of the ATS Scholarship Selection Committee shall serve for three years and may be reappointed for a maximum of three years only. If a member is unable to complete his/her term of appointment, the Secretary General shall appoint another person for the remaining period. This replacement appointment shall be considered to be for a full term if it lasts eighteen months or longer. Four of the original appointees, to be selected by lot, shall serve for eighteen months.

In light of the aforementioned, the DHDEE/OAS kindly requests the Permanent Missions, through their respective National Liaison Offices (ONEs), to contact all pre-selected candidates in order request updated information on their academic status, or any other information to be taken into consideration for this selection process. Please refer to the DHDEE last communication sent regarding eligible candidates:

1. SPECAF candidates must be enrolled in the program of study and be eligible to graduate within 2 academic years from the date of the award, or
2. SPECAF candidates must be accepted into the university for the last two years of the undergraduate degree.
3. Scholarships shall be granted for periods of no less than one academic year and for no more than two academic years.

Please submit the requested information to the Coordinator of the OAS Scholarship and Training Program, Mrs. Patricia Quiroz [PQuiroz@oas.org](mailto:PQuiroz@oas.org), **by April, 28, 2017**.

The Department of Human Development, Education and Employment of the OAS avails itself of this opportunity to send its assurances of highest consideration to the Permanent Missions to the OAS.

Washington DC, March 27, 2017