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NCCU Awards 19 Scholarships to New High School Entrants for 2026

Roseau, Dominica – August 11, 2026: The National Cooperative Credit Union (NCCU) Ltd. has awarded 19 scholarships to students entering secondary school for the 2026 academic year, providing five years of financial support to help with the cost of their education.

On Tuesday, August 11, NCCU hosted its annual scholarship ceremony, formally presenting the 2026 awards to the successful recipients and their families.

President of the NCCU Board, Clement Marcellin Jr., described the scholarship programme as one of the most meaningful ways NCCU invests in tomorrow's leaders.

"At NCCU we firmly believe that education is the bedrock for unlocking potential and shaping brighter futures. Our mission, therefore, extends far beyond the delivery of financial services; it is deeply rooted in empowering the dreams and ambitions of our community.

"Today, we have planted seeds of opportunity in the lives of these 19 young scholars, and we have every confidence that they will grow into strong, compassionate and capable leaders," said Marcellin.

The NCCU comprehensive scholarship package includes textbooks and school supplies valued at up to \$700 per student; an annual uniform allowance of \$500 for first-year students and \$300 for continuing students; full payment of school fees; and a monthly transportation allowance ranging from \$50 to \$100 per student, where applicable.

The programme also covers CCSLC examination fees for recommended third-form students and CSEC examination fees for fifth-form students, further reducing the financial burden associated with secondary education.

For the 2025/2026 academic year, NCCU provided \$136,348.80 in scholarship assistance. With the addition of the 19 new recipients, 243 students have received NCCU scholarships over the past 16 years.

NCCU Chief Executive Officer, Curth Charles, encouraged the new scholarship recipients to recognise the significance of the opportunity they have received and to remain committed to their academic journey.

The 2026 NCCU Scholarship Recipients:

1. **Grace St. Ville** — *Josephine Dublin Scholarship*
2. **Jewel Samuel** — *Dexter Ducreay Scholarship*
3. **Caleb George** — *Shand Jolly Scholarship*
4. **Shanaya Lewis** — *Edward Elwin Scholarship*
5. **Kylan Price Francis** — *Edward Elwin Scholarship*
6. **Rivaldo Charles** — *Edward Elwin Scholarship*
7. **Christiano St. Fleur** — *Edward Elwin Scholarship*
8. **Na-hyme Nelson** — *Edward Elwin Scholarship*
9. **Zion St. Hilaire** — *Kenneth Richards Scholarship*
10. **Marlon Francis** — *Hudson Savarin Scholarship*
11. **Zaila Joseph** — *Hudson Savarin Scholarship*
12. **Hordane Joseph** — *Ambrose Cuffy Memorial Scholarship*
13. **Samara Samai Charles** — *Johnson Joseph George Thomas Scholarship*
14. **Casity Demeara Devine Casimir** — *Derrick Lestrade Scholarship*
15. **Ajahni Cockrane** — *Marie Wilkins Scholarship*
16. **Lorenzo Rhael Hector** — *Rodney Isidore Lewis Scholarship*
17. **Elliana Blanford** — *Myrtle Hilton Scholarship*
18. **Sharian Etienne** — *Vernice Bellony Scholarship*
19. **Akiva Elizee** — *Haynes Baptiste Scholarship*

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About NCCU:

The National Co-operative Credit Union (NCCU) Ltd. is Dominica's leading financial cooperative, formed through a merger of seven credit unions- Castle Bruce, La Plaine, La Salette, Roseau, St. David, St. Paul, and Vieille Case. Formally inaugurated on November 1, 2010, NCCU serves over 54,000 members. Currently, NCCU is the largest credit union in the Eastern Caribbean. Guided by its mission, "To enhance the quality of life of all members, consistent with cooperative principles," NCCU remains committed to being *Your Community Financial Partner*.