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Scholarships issued by local universities remain the top picks for scholarship applicants in Singapore.

The annual survey by JobsCentral, showed that scholarships offered by National University of Singapore, Nanyang Technological University, and Singapore Management

University, rank among the five most popular among 'A' level and International Baccalaureate (IB)

diploma graduates and Polytechnic final year students.

The main reason for the popularity is that these university scholarships tend to be bondfree.

They also offer more flexibility in courses of study.

However, bonded government or corporate scholarships are still viewed as the most prestigious in terms of career path offered."

Almost 3,200 respondents participated in the BrightSparks Scholarship & Career Survey held from March to April this year.

And when compared to their predecessors, students today are more likely to know what sector they want to enter.

Less than a third said they were undecided about whether to join the public or private sector after graduating.