



**For Our Future Scholarship
創明天獎學金**

Guidance Notes to Applicants 申請指引 2024/25

1. Objective

The For Our Future Scholarship provides assistance to local university students who demonstrate excellent performance in their academic studies, diverse development or community services, and will also be invited to participate in Greater Bay Area tour to help them gain a better understanding of the region.

2. Eligibility

- 2.1. Applicants should be full-time Bachelor's degree or Master's degree students;
- 2.2. Applicants must be local students;
- 2.3. Applicants must be aged between 18 and 40;
- 2.4. Applicants must be studying for a full-time bachelor's (year 2 and above) or master's degree;
- 2.5. Continuing students should have outstanding academic performance (in the last academic year) with a Grade Point Average (GPA) of 3.3 or above out of 4.0 or 3.5 or above out of 4.3 or above;
- 2.6. Applicants who have obtained "Fail" grade* (including but not limited to University's Core Values Modules) or have been granted "deferment of an examination" in the assessment period will not be considered; and
- 2.7. Applicants are able to demonstrate excellent performance in their academic studies, personal development (sports, arts and music, etc.) and social services. They are also expected to have a strong commitment to Hong Kong and a desire to continue serving society after graduation.

** Records of CGPA and grades would be based on the official transcript of studies generated by the University at the time of scholarship assessment.*

3. Award Format and Value

- 3.1. A total of 15 students from 14 Hong Kong educational institutions will be awarded.
- 3.2. The value of each award is HK\$50,000 in cash.
- 3.3. The awardees of the scholarship will automatically become a member of the 'For Our Future' Alumni Club (the Alumni Club) and must join the Foundation's YO PLACE as a member. Please find the detailed information about the 'For Our Future' Alumni Club and 'YO PLACE' in the Appendix of For Our Future Scholarship 2024/25 **Information Note**.
- 3.4. All awardees are required to complete a total of 30 hours of community service during the coming year to receive the full scholarship (Also see paragraph 6.6 below).

4. Assessment and Selection Criteria

- 4.1. Applicants are considered according to the following accreditation criteria:
 - Academic performance and distinctive performance in academic projects;
 - Personal Development (sports, arts, music, etc.)
(Details of qualifications/awards of events or competitions should be provided);
 - Participation in social services
(Length of services, nature of services, location coverage, number and stratum of beneficiaries,

public recognition, initiation of community project, etc. should be provided); and

- Other considerations

(Experience in leadership/other training programmes, significant internship programmes, recommendations from external stakeholders and content of personal statement, etc.).

- 4.2. Eligible applicants are not guaranteed to be offered awards.
- 4.3. Shortlisted applicants are required to attend an internal interview. Applicants who do not attend the interview may forfeit the opportunity to be considered for the scholarship/award.
- 4.4. Preference will be given to applicants who have never received the award before.
- 4.5. The Student Affairs Office (SAO) will submit **no more than two** nominations for endorsement of the Student Financial Awards Committee (SFAC) by December 2024. A preliminary selection (1st Interview) will be conducted by the Greater Bay Area Homeland Youth Community Foundation Office, and 20 candidates will be shortlisted for final selection. Final selection (2nd Interview) of 15 students to be awarded will be conducted by the Scholarship Selection Committee which comprises a panel of judges who are distinguished members of the community. The decision of the Foundation is final.

5. Application

- 5.1. Applicants should submit the online application form together with supporting documents to SAO during the application period.
- 5.2. Please read the “Guidance Notes” XFOF (2024/25) Guide-e] and Information Notes (enclosed) before completing the online application via the student portal “MyHKMU” (<https://www.hkmu.edu.hk/myhkmu>).
- 5.3. Incomplete and late application will not be considered.

6. Notification of Result, Obligation of Awardees and Payment Arrangement

- 6.1. All applicants (successful and unsuccessful) will receive internal results by e-mail. The selected nominees who are not notified by March 2025 should consider their applications unsuccessful.
- 6.2. Scholarships and awards are made possible by contributions from generous donors. Successful applicants are strongly encouraged to show gratitude to the donors by writing a thank-you letter for submission through the Student Portal (MyHKMU > My Programme > Financial Assistance / Scholarships > Student Thank you Letter Collection Platform).
- 6.3. Scholarships and awards recipients are also welcome to use their own means to express sincere gratitude to donors, for example, production of a thank-you card, sending a photo with caption of achievements in a competition/event, production of craftwork, artwork, music, video and etc.
- 6.4. Successful applicants are required to reserve their time to attend the scholarship-related events, ceremonies, activities and programmes organised by the University, the Foundation and Alumni Club. They will also be invited to share their stories on the University website and social media.
- 6.5. Successful applicants are highly recommended to proactively participate in scholarship-related briefings, trainings and activities organised by the University or the donors upon invitation made by SAO.
- 6.6. Disbursement arrangement will be made via cheque, and directly made between the successful scholarship recipients and the Foundation. The first payment of HK\$40,000 will be made on the Scholarship Award Presentation Ceremony in March 2025, and the second and final payment of HK\$10,000 will be paid once awardees have completed the hours of community service with relevant proof (such as certificates or reference letters) submitted before 31 March, 2026.

7. Handling of Personal Data

- 7.1. Applicant is obliged to provide all the required information in the application including personal data. If applicant fails to provide the required information/documents, the University will not be able to process the application.
- 7.2. The personal data provided will be used for the purpose of processing applicant's application, reporting the result to donor(s) or relevant stakeholders, as well as compiling relevant statistics, and materials for publicising and review on granting the awards. Personal data and supporting documents submitted will be kept for a period of no more than three years.
- 7.3. The personal data including the academic records and information provided in the applicant's application will be disclosed or transferred to the Student Financial Awards Committee (SFAC), other offices in the University and relevant stakeholders for the purposes mentioned in the above paragraph.
- 7.4. For the purpose of promotion and public relation activities, the awardees' personal data which includes their names, programmes of study, years of study and any associated images (including any videos or photographs or sound recordings) will be published through the marketing channels (e.g. websites, social media and brochures) of the University and/or donor(s), or made available for public access through the Student Affairs Office (SAO). SAO, donor(s) or relevant stakeholders will also take photos and videos in the scholarship activities, which may include the images of you and your guest(s) (if any), and these images may be used in printed publications and/or online promotions.
- 7.5. In accordance with the Personal Data (Privacy) Ordinance, applicant has the right to ascertain whether the University holds personal data on the applicant, (and if so) to ask for a copy of such personal data, and to require any inaccuracies in such personal data to be corrected. Data access request should be made by using the form provided by the University. Copies of these forms may be obtained from the University Data Protection Officer (email address: dpo@hkmu.edu.hk or Hong Kong Metropolitan University, Ho Man Tin, Kowloon Hong Kong). The University may charge a reasonable fee to cover the administrative costs for complying with a data access request.

8. Important Dates

Application Period		15 October – 17 November 2024
Internal Interview		06 December 2024
Internal Briefing (for Applicants who passed the Internal Interview)		09 December 2024
Release of Internal Result (E-mail)		By late December 2024
External Interview	Preliminary selection	02 – 17 January 2025
	Final selection	08 – 22 February 2025
Scholarship Award Presentation Ceremony		18 – 27 March 2025
Disbursement Notification (E-mail)		Directly made between the recipients and the Foundation
HKMU Celebration Event		Late June 2025

9. Enquiries

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(15 October 2024)

**'For Our Future Scholarship' 2024/25
Information Note**

1. The Greater Bay Area Homeland Youth Community Foundation is offering the 'For Our Future Scholarship' to local students in recognition of their academic studies and contributions to society through financial support that enables them to achieve their goals and aspirations.
2. Successful candidates will be those students who have demonstrated excellent performance in their academic studies, personal development (sports, arts and music, etc.) and social services. They are also expected to have a strong commitment to Hong Kong and a desire to continue serving society after graduation.
3. Anyone who is a full-time postgraduate or undergraduate student in one of the 14 educational institutions* in Hong Kong in the 2024/25 academic year and who meets the criteria set out in this Information Note may apply.
4. The awardees of the scholarship will automatically become a member of the '**For Our Future' Alumni Club** (the **Alumni Club**) and must join the Foundation's **YO PLACE** as a member. Please find the detailed information about the '**For Our Future' Alumni Club** and '**YO PLACE**' in the [Appendix](#).
5. All awardees are required to complete a total of **30** hours of community service during the coming year to receive the full scholarship.
6. Further details of the Scholarship are given below:

Name: 'For Our Future Scholarship'

Eligibility:

An applicant for the Scholarship must be

- (i) a local student
- (ii) aged between 18 and 40
- (iii) studying for a full-time bachelor's (year 2 and above) or master's degree at a Hong Kong university/college

Accreditation Criteria:

- (i) Academic performance (in the last academic year) with a GPA \geq 3.3 out of 4 or 3.5 out of 4.3, and distinctive performance in academic projects
- (ii) Personal development (sports, art, music, etc.) (Details of qualifications/awards of events or competitions should be provided)
- (iii) Participation in social services (Length of services, nature of services, location coverage, number and stratum of beneficiaries, public recognition, initiation of community project, etc. should be provided)
- (iv) Other considerations (Experience in leadership/other training programmes, significant internship programmes, recommendations from external stakeholders and content of personal statement, etc.)

Quota & Amount of Scholarship:

HK\$50,000 per student, will be awarded to a total of **15** students from 14 Hong Kong educational institutions.

Notification of Result and Payment Arrangement:

- (i) All applicants (successful and unsuccessful) will receive results by e-mail in March 2025.
- (ii) Disbursement arrangement will be made via cheque. The first payment of \$40,000 will be made on the **Scholarship Award Presentation Ceremony** in March 2025, and the second and final payment of \$10,000 will be paid once awardees have completed the hours of community service with relevant proof (such as certificates or reference letters) submitted **before 31 March, 2026**.
- (iii) Awardees will be invited to attend ceremonies, events, activities and programmes organised by the Foundation and **Alumni Club**.

Conditions of Scholarship:

A successful candidate must comply with or agree to comply with all the requirements of the scholarship application should he/she decide to accept an award made under this scheme.

Application:

Completed applications should be submitted to the Student Affairs Office of the institution. Hard copies of application form and supporting documents of nominated students are required to be sent to the Foundation via post or courier through the Student Affairs Office of respective institution.

Deadline for applications is 5:00pm, 17 November 2024. Late applications will not be considered.

Selection Procedure:

- (i) Each university/college will recommend 1 to 2 students (maximum of 28 candidates), with nomination notes provided by school;
- (ii) A preliminary selection (1st Interview) will be conducted by the Foundation office, and 20 candidates will be shortlisted for final selection;
- (iii) Final selection (2nd Interview) of 15 students to be awarded will be conducted by the Scholarship Selection Committee, comprising a panel of judges who are distinguished members of the community.

Handling of Information & Personal Data supplied in application:

The personal data collected in this exercise will be used for activities related to the application process under this Scholarship and the compilation of relevant statistics to facilitate reviews of the award.

The Foundation may also publicise the personal data of a successful candidate (such as his/her name, gender, age, education background, public examination results, academic and non-academic achievements, extra-curricular activities/community services and employment history) and any photos or videos capturing his/her image (limited to those taken when he/she attends official events organised by the Foundation in the public domain, such as the website of and publications issued by the Foundation for the purpose of promotion or publicity).

The personal data provided in the application forms for this Scholarship will ONLY be disclosed to relevant parties:

- (a) for the purposes mentioned in the preceding paragraphs; and
- (b) for any other purposes with the consent of the data subjects, unless such disclosure is permitted under the Personal Data (Privacy) Ordinance without the consent of the data subjects.

*The 14 educational institutions in Hong Kong (arranged in alphabetical order):

Chu Hai College of Higher Education
City University of Hong Kong
Hong Kong Baptist University
Hong Kong Metropolitan University
Hong Kong Shue Yan University
Lingnan University
Saint Francis University
The Chinese University of Hong Kong
The Education University of Hong Kong
The Hang Seng University of Hong Kong
The Hong Kong Academy for Performing Arts
The Hong Kong Polytechnic University
The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology
The University of Hong Kong

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Notes on Completion of Application Form

- (a) All information provided by you in this form must be typewritten or written in English using a ball-pen in black/blue ink; you may also complete an editable PDF proforma downloaded from the Foundation's website.
- (b) Please write 'Not Applicable (N.A.)' or 'Nil' for item(s) deemed inappropriate.
- (c) Please append additional sheets to the application form, if necessary.
- (d) Documents and materials submitted with this application will not be returned.
- (e) The Greater Bay Area Homeland Youth Community Foundation may not be able to process the application if the information provided is unclear, incorrect, incomplete or without the necessary supporting document(s).
- (f) Papers and documents submitted with the Application Form should be in A4 size.
- (g) English translations must be provided if the papers and documents submitted are not in English. Submission of any papers/documents in a foreign language may not be considered.
- (h) Completed Application Forms must be returned to the Student Affairs Office of the institution together with the necessary supporting documents (including but not limited to Annexes A and B). Candidates should read and complete the "Checklist on Completion of Application Form" (Annex B) before submitting the Application Forms.
- (i) Deadline for applications is **17 November 2024**. Late applications will not be considered

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About the 'For Our Future' Alumni Club

The 'For Our Future' Alumni Club (the Alumni Club) has been established by the Greater Bay Area Homeland Youth Community Foundation (the Foundation) under the 'For Our Future Scholarship' Programme.

The Alumni Club aims to maintain connections among members and the the Foundation, and to support their ongoing development.

Each year, the Alumni Club organises a wide range of youth activities for the members on a regular basis. These activities include volunteer services, member gatherings, exchange tours, sharing sessions, and skills enhancement workshops. Furthermore, we encourage members to actively propose activities and offer suggestions to enhance our offerings.

There are two categories of membership within the Alumni Club: Official Member and Affiliate Member. All current year scholarship awardees are required to participate as Official Members. University students who have applied for the scholarship and other Hong Kong local full-time university students below 30 years of age are welcome to join as Affiliate Members.

About YO PLACE

YO PLACE is an integrated online and offline youth platform operated by the Foundation under a membership scheme. It supports Hong Kong youths with information and services in studies, careers and entrepreneurship, in order to seize opportunities in the GBA.

Members of YO PLACE can access comprehensive information about the Greater Bay Area through the Foundation's online platforms. They can apply to participate in related activities, rent offline facilities and enjoy other members' privileges offered by the Foundation.

The offline platform is a centre equipped with multimedia facilities, ie. LED wall, projector screens and shooting equipment. These facilities support youth activities, such as KOL live broadcast, training courses, workshops, and more.

To learn more details, please visit YO PLACE website: www.yoplace.org.hk