

Sir Edward Youde Memorial Scholarships 2026/27

1. Objective

This scholarships scheme, administered by the Sir Edward Youde Memorial Fund Council (the Council), aims at recognising and encouraging academic achievements of full-time undergraduate and diploma students at post-secondary and tertiary levels in the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (Hong Kong).

2. Number of Scholarships

There will be six scholarship awards for the 2026/27 academic year.

3. Provision of the Scholarships

The scholarships are tenable for the 2026/27 academic year only. Each successful candidate will receive a one-off grant of HK\$40,000. They will not be required to relinquish scholarships or bursaries concurrently held by them. Neither will the value of the scholarship be reduced in such circumstances.

4. Eligibility Criteria

Candidates should –

- (a) have the right of abode or the right to land in Hong Kong or are permitted to stay in Hong Kong without restriction;
- (b) have resided in Hong Kong for at least three years as at 1.9.2026;
- (c) be registered full-time students undertaking University Grants Committee (UGC)-funded/ publicly-funded courses at post-secondary/ tertiary levels in the 2026/27 academic year at one of the institutions listed below –

<u>Institution</u>	<u>Course</u>
City University of Hong Kong	undergraduate
Hong Kong Baptist University	undergraduate
Lingnan University	undergraduate

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The Chinese University of Hong Kong	undergraduate
The Education University of Hong Kong	undergraduate/ diploma or above
The Hong Kong Academy for Performing Arts	undergraduate/ diploma or above
The Hong Kong Polytechnic University	undergraduate
The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology	undergraduate
The University of Hong Kong	undergraduate
Vocational Training Council	diploma or above

or undertaking courses at undergraduate level in the 2026/27 academic year at the Hong Kong Shue Yan University;

- (d) be nominated by the principals of their previous secondary schools (for first year students) or by the heads of their post-secondary/ tertiary institutions (for second to final year students); and
- (e) not be engaged in full-time employment.

5. Selection Criteria

Candidates will be selected by the Council on the basis of the following –

- (a) standards of academic performance and intellectual qualities;
- (b) leadership qualities as demonstrated in their involvement in extra-curricular activities and/ or community services;
- (c) proficiency in the language in which the course is undertaken;
- (d) relevance of the courses which the candidates undertake as to their contribution to Hong Kong; and
- (e) other personal qualities and potentials, including expected future contribution to Hong Kong.

The nominated candidate is required to provide an account of, in **not more than 500 words**, preferably in English, the reasons for his/ her undertaking the course of his/ her current studies.

6. **Conditions of Award**

The scholarships will be awarded to successful candidates subject to the following conditions –

- (a) the recipient accepts that the scholarship may be terminated at any time if and when his/ her performance as reported by the institution is considered by the Council as unsatisfactory or when he/ she for any reason ceases to be a full-time undergraduate/ diploma student;
- (b) the recipient undertakes to seek the Council's prior approval if he/ she wishes to alter the study programme from that specified in the nomination form. Otherwise he/ she may be required by the Council to repay the scholarship money; and
- (c) the recipient has to abide by any other conditions laid down by the Council.

Details of the terms under which the award is granted are contained in the offer letter of award.

7. **Nomination and Selection Procedures**

- (a) **For nominees who are second to final year students**
Nominations have to be made by the heads of their post-secondary/ tertiary institutions online through the GovHK website. Declarations signed by the candidates are required to be submitted together with the nominations.
- (b) **For nominees who are first year students**
Nominations have to be made by the principals of their previous secondary schools online through the GovHK website. Declarations signed by the candidates are required to be submitted together with the nominations.
- (c) The designated link for submitting nominations is sent to the institutions concerned separately.
- (d) The closing date for nominations is **8 October 2026**.
- (e) Candidates will be invited to attend an interview to be held tentatively in late November/ December 2026 in Hong Kong. Candidates who have not received an invitation for interview from the Council by the end of December 2026 may consider themselves not being selected.
- (f) The decisions of the Council shall be final.

- (g) The results of the awards will be announced in around February/ March 2027. The nominating institutions and secondary schools will be notified of the results.
- (h) Scholarship monies will be remitted to the relevant institutions, which will be requested to make disbursement to the award recipients.
- (i) Certificates will be presented to the award recipients at the Awards Presentation Ceremony scheduled for March 2027.

8. Handling of Information and Personal Data

The Council is serviced by the Student Finance Office (SFO) of the Working Family and Student Financial Assistance Agency (WFSFAA). The personal data provided in this exercise will be used for activities relating to the processing of the nomination for an award under this scholarship scheme and the compilation of the relevant statistics to facilitate reviews of the award scheme. It may be provided to the SFO of the WFSFAA and other bureaux/ departments of the Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSARG) for purposes relating to the selection exercise as may be necessary.

The Council may publicise the personal data of a successful candidate (such as name, gender, age, education background, public examination results, academic and non-academic achievements, extra-curricular activities/ community services participated and employment history, etc.) and any photos or videos capturing his/ her image (limited to those taken when he/ she attends the official events organised by the Sir Edward Youde Memorial Fund (the Fund)) in the public domain (such as the website of and publications issued by the Fund, the SFO of the WFSFAA and other bureaux/ departments and their advisory bodies and agencies of the HKSARG) for the purpose of promoting or publicising the Fund.

The Council may also publish photos and videos taken of the awardees (which may capture the photographs, video clips, sound recordings and other records provided by the awardees or third parties) for the purpose of promoting or publicising the Fund.

The personal data provided in this exercise 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.

In accordance with Sections 18 and 22 and Principle 6 of Schedule 1 of the Personal Data (Privacy) Ordinance, candidates have the right to request access to and the correction of the data provided subject to payment of the necessary administrative charges.

General enquiries which include obtaining access and making corrections to the personal data provided by way of this nomination should be addressed to –

Access to Information Officer
General Administration Section
Working Family and Student Financial Assistance Agency
19/F, 181 Hoi Bun Road
Kwun Tong, Kowloon
Hong Kong

9. Enquiries

For enquiries, please contact the Sir Edward Youde Memorial Fund Council Secretariat at 3752 8712 or 3752 8704.

Sir Edward Youde Memorial Fund Council Secretariat
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