

'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