

香港融樂會有限公司 HONG KONG UNISON LIMITED

Scholarships for Ethnic Minority Students

Application Guidelines 2023-2024

About Hong Kong Unison

Hong Kong Unison (Unison) is a non-governmental organization founded in March 2001 and recognized as a public charitable institution (IR File No. 91/7763) in 2005. We envision Hong Kong to become a fair and compassionate society where everyone, irrespective of race, colour, or creed, enjoys equal rights and opportunities. Over the past 20 years we advocated for better Chinese language education policies for ethnic minorities, worked on expanding ethnic minority students' post-secondary options in education, and strove for equal access to public services.

Scholarships Background

Unison has been administering the Scholarship Schemes for Ethnic Minority Students since 2008. With the generous support of various donors, ethnic minority students are being supported based on criteria such as academic performance, financial need and performance in the Chinese language subject in public examinations.

In the year 2023/24, there would be two types of scholarships available, including Tertiary Education Scholarship (merit-based / financial need-based) and Chinese Performance Scholarship.

The following scholarships are being offered:

- The Amber Foundation Scholarship
- Dr. CHAN Nim Chung Scholarship
- HO & FUNG Charitable Foundation Scholarship
- LAU Man Shing Scholarship
- Mekle Tree Innovation Foundation Scholarship
- MOHAMED LEBBAI, Thasbeeh Moosa Scholarship
- Dr. WONG Kam Kuen Charity Act Scholarship

Scholarship amount:

- Tertiary Education Scholarship (HK\$15000)
- Chinese Performance Scholarship (HK\$3500-6000)

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Eligibility

- Only open to ethnic minority (Non-Chinese) residents in Hong Kong with right of abode and holding a valid HK Identity Card. Persons holding study, travel or visit visa are <u>NOT</u> eligible to apply.
- Only <u>first-year students</u> are eligible to apply for the scholarships.
- Students who will graduate from Form 6 in July 2023.
- Students who are enrolled in a full-time degree or sub-degree program offered by higher education institutions in Hong Kong in the 2023/24 academic year.
- (For merit-based Tertiary Education Scholarship) Students must be in good academic standing.
- (For financial need-based Tertiary Education Scholarship) Students must demonstrate a need for financial assistance.
- (For Chinese Performance Scholarship) Students who attain at least Level 2 in HKDSE Chinese / at least B in GCE (AL) Chinese / at least grade 5 in IB Mandarin (SL) / at least grade 4 in IB Chinese B (HL).

Selection Criteria

The following criteria will be taken into consideration in the selection of scholarship recipients:

- Tertiary Education Scholarship
 - Academic performance
 - Financial need
- Chinese Performance Scholarship
 - Chinese examination performance

Selection Board

Scholarship awardees will be chosen by the Scholarship Scheme Committee.

• The decisions of the Scholarship Scheme Committee are final and not subject to review and appeal, and the reasons for refusing to offer an award will not be given.

Application Procedure

- Students applying for merit-based Tertiary Education Scholarship must fill in the Tertiary Education Scholarship Application Form 2023-2024.
- Students applying for **financial need-based Tertiary Education Scholarship** must fill in the Tertiary Education Scholarship Application Form 2023-2024 and the Family Financial Info Form 2023-2024.
- Students applying for **Chinese Performance Scholarship** must fill in the Chinese Performance Scholarship Application Form 2023-2024.

- Students are allowed to apply for both the Tertiary Education Scholarship and the Chinese Performance Scholarship.
- Application Deadline: 18 August 2023 (Friday)
 *Applicants submitting their application by post should note that their application will be delivered according to postal delivery standards.
- Submission Method:
 - o Through Google form
 - Tertiary Education Scholarship (https://forms.gle/4oKHQfp7ACBtcpEr7)
 - Chinese Performance Scholarship (https://forms.gle/767xKs8mT3bEyiKP7)
 - By mail to the office at the following address:
 Unit C, 8/F, Worldwide Centre, 123 Tung Chau Street, Tai Kok Tsui, Kowloon

Unsuccessful applicants will not be notified. If you do not hear from us by the end of September, consider your application unsuccessful.

Important dates

19 July - 18 August	Application period
18 August	Application deadline
21 August - 25 August	Review of applications
28 August - 30 August	Email notification for successful applicants
1 September	Results announced The list of awardees will be posted on the website of Hong Kong Unison.

Application Checklist

Please check the following items before submitting your application.

Your photo
Hong Kong Identity Card
HKDSE/GCE/IB certificate
Enrolled course documents

[(For merit-based Tertiary Education Scholarship) Tertiary Education Scholarship Application
Form 2023-2024, and
Achievements/awards certificates (if any)
[(For financial need-based Tertiary Education Scholarship) Tertiary Education Scholarship
Application Form 2023-2024,
Achievements/awards certificates (if any),
Family Financial Info Form 2023-2024, and
Proof of income: financial documents like CSSA/LIFA, salary slips, bank statements of earning family members where income is reflected (recent 2 months)
[(For Chinese Performance Scholarship) Chinese Performance Scholarship Application
Form 2023-2024, and
Achievements/awards certificates of extracurricular activities related to Chinese (if any)

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