THE CHINESE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG

Office of Admissions and Financial Aid

**AIA Scholarships 2023/24**

友邦獎學金

Information Sheet

Launched in 2020, the AIA Scholarships aims to sponsor Hong Kong students with a track record of academic excellence and community service to pursue university education in Hong Kong. A maximum of 100 scholarships will be awarded to outstanding local undergraduate students at ten local universities, helping them to optimise their university experience and encouraging them to contribute to their local community. The Chinese University of Hong Kong (CUHK) is one of the participating universities of this Scholarship programme.

**The Scholarships**

The value of each award will be HK$50,000 per annum. The Scholarship recipient will be named AIA Scholar. The Scholarships are intended to be paid to each AIA Scholar throughout the duration of his/her studies for his/her nominated course with his/her university (Scholarship Term).

To be eligible for the scholarship renewal, the AIA Scholars are required to meet the following renewal criteria throughout the Scholarship Term:

* continue to study at the same University and complete the course within the indicative programme duration for that course;
* achieve a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale;
* participate in community services each year of the Scholarship Term; and
* continue to be recommended by the University for receipt of the AIA Scholarships each year during the Scholarship Term.

**Eligibility**

To be eligible, the applicants must:

* be permanent residents of Hong Kong;
* have resided in Hong Kong continuously for at least three complete years immediately prior to the commencement of their undergraduate programme;
* have received their senior secondary education in Hong Kong, including those who have studied local (e.g. Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education) and non-local (e.g. International Baccalaureate) curricula;
* be local full-time Year 1 undergraduate students in 2023/24, pursuing their first undergraduate degree immediately succeeding completion of their senior secondary school education;
* demonstrate excellent academic performance with a minimum GPA of 3.0 out of 4.0 or equivalent in Term 1 of 2023/24; and
* demonstrate a track record of community service or charitable work undertaken prior to their scholarship application.

The Scholarship will be awarded primarily on academic merit and participation in community services or charitable work. Where candidates are of equal merit, priority will be given to students from families experiencing financial difficulty and who would not otherwise have the opportunity to pursue a university education.

Indicators of proven financial need include, but are not limited to:

* being recipients of Hong Kong Government Grants/ loans; and/ or
* being from families who are recipients of Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA).

**Important Notes to Scholarship Recipients**

1. AIA Scholarships are designed to finance the tuition fees. Awardees must not accept other scholarships for the same purpose as already coved by AIA Scholarships. AIA Scholars who have been awarded an entrance scholarship or an admission scholarship by their university that subsidises their local tuition fees will be required to relinquish such scholarships once they confirm acceptance of the AIA Scholarships.

Upon conferment of the AIA Scholarships, awardees should not, or should no longer receive, any other scholarships or awards that subsidise their local tuition fees. Awardees may however continue to receive:

* other honours, recognitions and awards, such as those that support their overseas exchange studies or community service, charitable works or related outreach activities;
* those that recognise their specific contributions or achievements;
* those that support students with special educational needs (SEN) for purchasing equipment needed; or
* subsidies, grants and/or loans offered through the Hong Kong Government Student Finance Office under the Working Family and Student Financial Assistance Agency, or other bursaries awarded on the basis of financial need.
1. It is a mandatory requirement for AIA Scholars to attend the AIA Scholarship Award Presentation and Graduation events at the commencement and in the final year of the Scholarship Term respectively.

**Application Procedures**

1. Application form of this Scholarship is available at the website of the Office of Admissions and Financial Aid at <http://admission.cuhk.edu.hk> (Financing Your Studies > Scholarships > Open for Applications).
2. Please read Information Sheet, Checklist of Supporting Documents as well as all application documents carefully and follow the instructions strictly.
3. **Completed applicant profile together with all requisite documents should be submitted to your Faculty on or before 15 January 2024. Please check with your Faculty for the submission method. Late or incomplete applications will not be considered.**
4. Shortlisted candidates are required to attend a selection interview held by the University in February 2024. AIA Foundation will further select the awardees among the candidates nominated by the University.

The decisions of the University and the donor are final and not subject to review, and the reasons for nominating, shortlisting, granting or refusing to offer an award will not be given.

**Enquiries**

Please contact the Office of Admissions and Financial Aid at sfas@cuhk.edu.hk or 3943-7209.

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Checklist of Supporting Documents

I The following documents must be submitted to **your Faculty on or before 15 January 2024. Please contact your Faculty for the submission method. Late or incomplete applications will not be considered. Any applications submitted to OAFA will not be processed or considered.**

|  |  |
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| 1. | **Completed applicant profile** The applicant profile should be TYPED (except signature) in English, unless otherwise indicated, and SIGNED. Handwritten form will NOT be accepted. If the item(s) is/are not applicable, "N/A" should be marked. |
| 2. | **Completed Supplementary Form** |
| 3. | Copies of **public examination report(s)** (e.g. HKDSE, IB, GCE AL, etc.). |
| 4. | Copies of **academic transcript** with Explanation Notes of Grading System on **exchange programme** (if applicable). Any downloaded transcripts are not accepted*.* |
| 5. | Copies of supporting documents as mentioned in Sections C, D and E of the Applicant Profile. |
| 6. | Copies of the **notification letter(s) for the Financial Assistance for Secondary Students** (e.g. School Textbook Assistance / Student Travel Subsidy, etc.) (if applicable). |
| 7. | Copies of the **notification letter(s) for Government Grant/Loan** issued by the Working Family and Student Financial Assistance Agency (if applicable). |
| 8. | Copies of the **notification letter(s) for the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance** (CSSA) issued by the Social Welfare Department (if applicable).  |
| 9. | A **personal statement** in English (Please refer to Section G of the applicant profile for the topic.). You have to indicate the number of words at the end of the personal statement. |
| 10. | A copy of both sides of your **Permanent HKID card** on one page |

II Documents other than those listed above will NOT be accepted.

III Please do NOT use digital camera or smart phone to take snapshot of the supporting documents. Otherwise, these supporting documents may be considered invalid.

IV Any non-English supporting documents must be issued in the original language and accompanied by an English translation.

V Please note that the Scholarships and Financial Aid Section of the Office of Admissions and Financial Aid and/or the donor will request applicants to submit other supporting documents for information, if deemed necessary.

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Questionnaire

**Notes**:

1. Please submit this questionnaire to your Faculty together with your scholarship application before the application deadline.

2. This form will be kept anonymous and the information provided is for our internal record only.

**Question: How did you learn about the “AIA Scholarships 2023/24”?**

*(Please put a ‘🗸’ in appropriate box(es).)*

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|[ ]  Email from the Office of Admissions and Financial Aid (OAFA) |
|[ ]  Website of OAFA |
|[ ]  Poster in CUHK |
|[ ]  Your College |
|[ ]  Your Faculty / Department / Division |
|[ ]  Others, please specify: |  |
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Thank you for your sharing.

The Chinese University of Hong Kong

**AIA Scholarships 2023 – 2024**

**Applicant Profile**

Photo of

the applicant

1. **Personal Particulars**

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| --- | --- | --- |
| **Name:** |  |  |
| *(English)* |  |  |
| *(Chinese)* |  |  |

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| --- | --- | --- |
| **Study Programme**  |  |  |
| **Expected Graduation in** |  | (MM/YYYY) |

1. **HKSAR Permanent** **Residency**  **⃞** Yes **⃞** No  **→** *If No,*   **⃞** *One-way permit*  **⃞** *Others*
2. **Resided in Hong Kong continuously for at least 3 complete years immediately prior to undergraduate programme ⃞** Yes **⃞** No
3. **A full-time local undergraduate student pursuing the first undergraduate degree immediately succeeding completion of senior secondary school education in Hong Kong.**

 **⃞** Yes  **⃞** No

1. **Educational Background and Academic Achievements**
2. **Academic Results in ⃞ HKDSE or ⃞ equivalent** (Please state \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ e.g. International Baccalaureate)

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| **Subject** | **Grade/ Score** | **Subject** | **Grade/ Score** |
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1. **Academic Results at the University**

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| --- | --- |
| Grade Point Average of the 1st Semester of Year One 2023-24 (e.g. 3.43/4.3)  |  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  |
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1. **Scholarships/ Awards/ Academic Distinctions Received in the recent 3 academic years**

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Academic Year** | **Name of the Award** | **Amount (HK$)** | **Is it to support the Tuition Fee of your undergraduate programme? (Y/N)\*** |
| C1 |  |  |  |  |
| C2 |  |  |  |  |
| C3 |  |  |  |  |
| C4 |  |  |  |  |
| C5 |  |  |  |  |
| C6 |  |  |  |  |
| C7 |  |  |  |  |

\* To be verified by university

1. **Extra-curricular Activities participated in the recent 3 academic years (please add additional sheets if providing more information)**

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| --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Academic Year** | **Student Organisation/ Activities** | **Post/ Contribution** |
| D1 |  |  |  |
| D2 |  |  |  |
| D3 |  |  |  |
| D4 |  |  |  |
| D5 |  |  |  |
| D6 |  |  |  |
| D7 |  |  |  |

1. **Community Services/ Volunteer Work participated in the recent 3 academic years (please add additional sheets if providing more information)**

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| --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Academic Year** | **Name of the Organisation** | **Description of Services****(May indicate the time committed)** |
| e.g. | 2022-23 | Hong Kong Red Cross | Helper at blood donation promotion event; 40 hours  |
| E1 |  |  |  |
| E2 |  |  |  |
| E3 |  |  |  |
| E4 |  |  |  |
| E5 |  |  |  |
| E6 |  |  |  |
| E7 |  |  |  |

1. **Financial Situation of Applicant**
2. Does the applicant have financial needs\*\* to pursue his/her university education?

 ⃞ Yes →*If yes* \*\**eligible for*  ⃞ *CSSA*  ⃞ *HK Government grants/loans* ⃞ No

1. For applicant without financial needs as indicated in F1, any additional information about his or her family for consideration by the review panel?
2. **Personal Statement**

Applicant shall submit an essay in English of 500 - 600 words on what he/she thinks would be valuable for the Scholarship Selection Committee to know about himself /herself. Applicant should refer to the following guided questions when preparing for the essay.

* What are your career aspirations?
* With what you are studying, how could you contribute to the betterment of our society?
* What have you learned by volunteering? If you do not have volunteering experience, please elaborate the reason.
* How will you use the AIA Scholarships if you are awarded?
1. **Declaration**

I declare that I have fulfilled the following eligibility criteria:

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| □ | I am a HKSAR permanent resident. |
| □ | I am a full-time local undergraduate student pursuing the first undergraduate degree immediately succeeding completion of senior secondary school education in Hong Kong. |
| □ | I have resided in Hong Kong continuously for at least 3 complete years immediately prior to the commencement of my undergraduate programme. |
| □ | I attain a minimum GPA as below in the first semester of the first year of my undergraduate programme: 3.0 on a 4.0 scale, or 3.2 on a 4.3 scale, or 3.33 on a 4.33 scale  |
| □ | I have undertaken community service or charitable work prior to this application with proven record. |

I confirm the information in the applicant profile and the documents I have submitted to be true and accurate.

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Signature of applicant

Name:

Date:

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**Supplementary Form**

**A. Personal Particulars**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  Name |  |  |  | Student No. |  |
|  | (in BLOCK LETTERS, SURNAME FIRST) | (in Chinese, if applicable) (Alias) |  |  |

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Date of Birth |  | (DD/MM/YYYY) | Place of Birth |  |

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| HKID Card Number |  |

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| Home Address |  |
|  |
| Telephone |  | Mobile |  |
| Email Address (University) |  |
| Email Address (Personal) |  |

**B. Admission Channel**

Admission Channel (Please put a “√” in an appropriate circle.)

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| [ ]  JUPAS (HKDSE) | [ ]  Non-JUPAS (Local) |
| [ ]  Others (Please specify) |  |  |

**C. Education Backaground**

Secondary School Education

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| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| From (MM/YY) | To (MM/YY) | Name of School Attended | Form/ Grade |
|  |  |  |  |
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**D. Financial Situation of Applicant and Family**

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| Total Number of Family Members: |  | (including the applicant) |

**(Please provide the information on ALL household members living together with you in Part 1-2)**

**Part 1 – Income of Family Members**

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Name** | **Age** | **Relationship with the Applicant1** | **Occupation/ Employment Status2** | **Monthly Income3 (HK$)** |
|  |  | Applicant |  |  |
|  |  | Father |  |  |
|  |  | Mother |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |
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|  |  |  | **Total Monthly Income:** |  |

1. *Financial situation of the applicant will be partly considered based on the total monthly income and the number of household members living together with the applicant. Therefore, applicant should provide information of his or her younger or elder brothers and sisters who are living together.*
2. *Please specify the occupation if employed. Examples of Employment Status: student, housewife, unemployed, retired, etc.*
3. *Please include member’s monthly contribution to MPF.*

**Part 2 – Other Income** (e.g. *pension, public assistance, compensation, rents, interest from fixed/ time deposits, dividend income, financial assistance from relatives other than those listed above and from friends in Hong Kong and abroad*)

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| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Name** | **Type of Income** |  | **Monthly Amount** |
|  |  | HK$ |  |
|  |  | HK$ |  |

**Part 3 – Housing**

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Housing:** | Rented/ Purchased\* | **Monthly Rental** or **Monthly Mortgage Payment:** | HK$ |  |

*\* Please delete whichever is inapplicable.*

**Part 4 – Financial Assistance received by the Applicant**

*(Please provide copies of supporting documents.)*

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| --- | --- |
| 1. | Financial Assistance for Secondary Students(e.g. School Textbook Assistance/Student Travel Subsidy, etc.)  |
|  | Amount received:  | 2021/22 : | HK$ | 2022/23 : | HK$ |
|  |  |
| 2. | Have you applied for Government Grant/Loan for the academic years 2022/23?^(Please mark ‘Pending’ if the result has not been released yet.) |
|  |[ ]  Yes | 2023/24 : | Grant: | HK$ | TSFS/NLS Loan \*: |  HK$ |
|  |[ ]  No |  |  |
|  |  |
| 3. | Have you applied for any Bursary/Loan administered by the University for the academic year 2023/24?^(Please mark ‘Pending’ if the result has not been released yet.) |
|  |[ ]  Yes | 2023/24 : | Grant: | HK$ | Loan : |  HK$ |
|  |[ ]  No |  |  |
|  |  |
| ^ Please put a ‘✓’ in an appropriate box\* Please delete whichever is inapplicable |

**E. Personal Information Collection Statement for Applicants**

All the data provided by the applicants in this form will only be used for the purposes related to the award of scholarships. It may be accessible to office, committees or persons involved in Scholarship matters. Data users must comply with the requirements of the HKSAR Personal Data (Privacy) Ordinance. Records of unsuccessful candidates will be destroyed when no longer required.

**F. Declaration**

I have read and I agree to the Personal Information Collection Statement for Applicants. I declare that the information in support of this application is accurate and complete. I understand that any misrepresentation will disqualify my application.

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| Signature of Applicant: |  | Date: |  |

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Form on Residency Status

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| I have resided in Hong Kong continuously for  |  | complete years |
| immediately prior to the commencement of my undergraduate programme at CUHK. |

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| Signature: |  |
| Name of Student: |  |
|  | (IN BLOCK LETTERS) |
| Student ID:  |  |
| Date: |  |