



'For Our Future Scholarship' 2023/24 **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 13 educational institutions* in Hong Kong in the 2023/24 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. And all awardees will be required to attend **at least 2** activities arranged by the **Alumni Club** to receive a full scholarship for the coming year. Please find the detailed information about the '**For Our Future**' Alumni Club and '**YO PLACE**' in the Appendix.
5. 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 13 Hong Kong educational institutions.

Notification of Result and Payment Arrangement:

- (i) All applicants (successful and unsuccessful) will receive results by e-mail in March 2024.
- (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 2024, and the second and final payment of \$10,000 will be paid once awardees have joined **at least 2 activities** arranged by the **Alumni Club before 31st March, 2025**.
- (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, 20 November 2023. Late applications will not be considered.

Selection Procedure:

- (i) Each university/college will recommend 1 to 2 students (maximum of 26 candidates), with nomination notes provided by school;
- (ii) A preliminary selection will be conducted by the Foundation office, and 20 candidates will be shortlisted for final selection;
- (iii) Final selection 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 13 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

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 **20 November 2023**. Late applications will not be considered

Appendix

About the 'For Our Future' Alumni Club

The 'For Our Future' Alumni Club (the Alumni Club) is an organisation that is established by the Greater Bay Area Homeland Youth Community Foundation (the Foundation) under the 'For Our Future Scholarship' Programme.

The Alumni Club aims to sustain the connection among the members and Foundation, support the members on their further development and create positive impact to the community through the members' efforts to develop projects for social good.

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

There are two categories of Alumni Club members namely Official Member and Affiliate Member. All Scholarship awardees of the prevailing year are obliged to participate as official members, and those university students who have applied for the scholarship and other Hong Kong local full-time university students who are below 30 years old are welcome to join as Affiliate Members.

About YO PLACE

YO PLACE is an integrated online and offline youth platform which is 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 browse the information of the Greater Bay Area on the online website, learn about the services provided by the Foundation, apply to participate in related activities and rent offline facilities.

The offline platform is a centre that provides venues with multimedia facilities, ie. LED wall, projector screens and shooting equipment for youth activities, such as KOL live broadcast, training courses, workshops, etc.

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