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Hong Kong People Association – Scholarships for University Studies

Application Guidelines and Terms & Conditions

1. Objectives:

To provide financial assistance for Hong Kong students, who have high academic achievements and commitment to social service, but are financially deprived, to pursue their studies in universities.

2. Targets:

Students coming from Hong Kong via BNO Visa but find it economically unaffordable to pay overseas tuition fees to study in universities in the UK.

3. Eligibility:

- a. Applicants & their parents must be members of the Hong Kong People Association. They can register as members when submitting scholarship application
- b. Full time students aged 20 or under
- c. Applicants must be UK residents under BNO Visa or seeking asylum in the UK and are waiting for a decision¹
- d. Applicants must now reside in England, Scotland, Wales, or Northern Ireland
- e. The applicants do not have indefinite leave to remain (ILR) status or citizenship on the first day (usually 1 September) of the first academic year of the UK university undergraduate course
- f. Applicants must be admitted / have planned / are studying their first full-time undergraduate course in UK local universities.
- g. Applicants must have taken Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education Examination (HKDSE) , or have taken/will take the UK General Certificate of Secondary Education Examination (GCSE) / the UK General Certificate of Education Advanced Level Examination (A-Level) / foundation course of any UK universities; or applicants have been granted conditional / unconditional offers from UK universities
- h. Applicants' family cannot afford to pay overseas tuition fees
 - Net family Asset of £300,000 or below
 - Including liquid asset (e.g. cash, stock, bonds)
 - Net value of property (if there is a mortgage, net value would be the market value of the property net the remaining mortgage amount)
 - People / families must not possess non-residential properties / more than one residential property

¹ Refugees in the UK are eligible for university home fee status and student finance: [Eligibility for home fee status and student support in England \(parliament.uk\)](#), [Student finance for refugees, asylum seekers, and those with limited leave to remain | Undergraduate, Postgraduate, Conservatoires | UCAS](#)



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- Family annual pre-tax income should be no more than (number of household family member+1) x £12,570

4. Documents Required:

- Documents to be submitted when making applications :
 - Filled online application form
- Documents to be submitted by post or email for applicants shortlisted for interview:
 - Proof of studying in local secondary schools or university foundation courses
 - Proof or information of social service
 - HK DSE 、UK GCSE or UK A-Level exam result slips (Or Hong Kong / UK secondary school exam reports)
 - Offer letter from UK local universities (if applicable)
 - Letter from UK university with tuition fee information (if applicable)
 - Passport copy
 - BNO Visa share code (applicable when there is no visa vignette in the passport)
 - Address proof for the applicants and parents/guardians
 - Family asset & income
- Applicants accepting the scholarships must provide the following documents before HKPA releases the scholarship money:
 - Signed letter of acceptance
 - Bank account information

5. Selection criteria:

- Applicants must meet the eligibility criteria
- Academic achievements
- Social service engagement (including type of service, years of participation, role, reference from organizations)
- Family financial conditions
- Interview performance

6. Scholarship amount:

- Scholarship – about 25% to 50% of the annual tuition fee (or about £5,000 - £20,000 / year) or any amount the selection panel consider appropriate
- Bursary - £1,000 / year / student

7. Number of awards:

- Scholarship - up to 5 students / year
- Bursary - up to 10 students / year



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8. Renewing application:

Students awarded the scholarships can renew their applications for next year's study according to their family financial situations and academic progression. HKPA reserves the right to turn down a renewal application if the applicant does not meet certain academic requirements, or has improvement in family financial conditions.

9. Release of scholarships:

The awarded amount will be transferred to the applicants' or their parents' bank account directly in September to October

10. Application schedule:

- a. Application
Every 1 January to 31 March
- b. Application submission
Fill in the application form on our website at <https://hkpeople.org>
- c. Panel interview notice
Shortlisted applicants will be invited to attend a panel interview and notification will be sent via mail/email every 1 May to 31 May. Applicants must reply and confirm their attendance, as well as submit supporting documents by post or email
- d. Date & form of panel interview
Panel interview dates: 1 July to 31 July
Form: In person or online
- e. Result announcement
Results will be announced by mail/email by 31 August. Applicants need to confirm acceptance of scholarships, and provide bank account details
- f. Scholarship release
Money will be transferred to the bank accounts provided by the applicants in September or October. Applicants need to acknowledge receipt of the scholarship.

11. Interviewing panel:

- Consisting of 4 – 6 members
- Including HKPA trustee(s), professionals from the education sector, scholarship sponsors, representatives from charities, members of the parliament (MPs), etc.
- HKPA will notify applicants of selection panel members in the interview notification

12. Responsibilities of scholarship awardees:

- Must provide correct and impartial information necessary for processing the scholarship application. HKPA reserves the right to claw back all scholarship released if



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it reasonably believes an applicant intentionally submitted false or impartial information to increase the chance of being granted the scholarship.

- Must do his / her best to complete the undergraduate course to avoid wasting of resources;
- Must inform HKPA if an applicant is granted another scholarship in the same academic year. If the total sum of all scholarships exceeds total annual tuition fee, HKPA reserves the right to claw back the excessive amount
- Must attend media interviews or promotion activities arranged by HKPA to promote the scholarship programme so that more people can apply and benefit from it.

13. Personal data collection & privacy policy:

The following are the key points for the scholarship application. For details, please refer to the ***"Hong Kong People Association Privacy Policy"***.

- Hong Kong People Association collects and uses information provided by applicants and their parents for the following purposes:
 - Register as members of the Hong Kong People Association
 - For verifying the eligibility of the applicants & their parents/guardians for the application of the Hong Kong People Association – Scholarships for University Studies, as well as to verify the information provided in the application form, including passport and visa type, residential address, schools, exam results, social service, family asset and income. If an application fails, the information provided will be deleted after 3 years of result announcement. If an application is successful, information will be kept for 7 years, for audit purpose and checking by statutory regulatory authorities such as the Charity Commission.
 - Communications with the applicants and their parents/guardians regarding the scholarship application
 - Providing HKPA updates, details of seminars & activities, information of volunteer recruitment to, and collecting opinions from, applicants and their parents/guardians
 - Provide feedback to the applicants' or parents'/guardians' enquiries and suggestions.

Applicants & their parents/guardians have the right to request access, correct and erase information from our database. You may send your request to us via email to info@hkpeople.org.

14. Disclaimer

- Applicants have to bear the cost incurred during the application process, including postage fee and travelling expenses to attend interviews (if applicable). Applicants and



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their parents/guardians also have to bear their own risks and responsibility involved in the application, such as loss and damage of documents. Hong Kong People Association will not take responsibility of such loss and damage incurred. This disclaimer will not rule out the responsibility of Hong Kong People Association for any loss or damage due to its fault.

- In case of disputes, the decisions of the Hong Kong People Association shall be final.