Providence Foundation Combined Scholarships & Bursaries 2016/2017

We take pleasure to invite applications for the above awards from local universities which provide full time tertiary education to students leading to first and graduate degrees approved by the Education Department. Students nominated for the awards could be in any year of their undergraduate programme, particularly those who have just been accepted by your university, but lack the financial resources to pursue their studies.

We use an independent point rating system which is objective, fair, open and transparent to select the best qualified awardees for the awards.

(A) Assessment Criteria

(1) These are awards to be granted to students with not only good academic performance (20%), but also with real financial need and poor family financial circumstances (80%).

(2) Depending on the points to be assessed an award to be granted to a student would generally range from HK$5,000 to HK$15,000 using an independent point rating system with the following criteria:

(A) Academic performance criteria (20%)

(B) Applicant and family financial criteria (70%)

(i) Applicant’s financial need
(ii) Total family income
(iii) Family adversities
(iv) Excessive or prolonged medical expenses
(v) Family housing, whether public or private
(vi) Number of siblings studying including applicant
(vii) Family debt burden and reason caused

(C) Special difficulties (10%)

(3) Institution could submit up to 15 nominations for our consideration.

(4) In order to help the awardees so that they can concentrate on their studies without worry about financial resources, we intend to do our best to provide continuous support to the awardees throughout their university programme if possible. Hence,
we intend to give priority to previous awardees if they apply again provided that their overall rating on the independent point rating system is superior to the other applicants. Therefore, in your nomination process, please give priority to nominate our previous awardees for our consideration.

(5) If a student is not eligible for grant/loan or if the student does not apply, explain why not.

(B) Application Documents

(1) Applicants need to fill in an application form setting out the following (see attachment):
   (i) Personal particulars
   (ii) Academic performance
   (iii) Applicant’s and family's financial situation (please attach with HARD COPIES of TSFS/FASP)
   (iv) An essay in English of about 250 words by each applicant on his/her future plans and ambitions
   (v) A recommendation letter by his/her professor, lecturer or tutor who knows the student best.

(C) Application Procedures

(1) Completed application set should reach CEDARS, HKU by September 15, 2016 (Thursday) for onward transmission to Providence Foundation.
(2) Late applications will not be considered.
(3) Submission with incomplete information on candidates will be automatically rejected.
(4) Our decision on the awards will be final.
(5) It is hoped that results of our decision will be made known to universities by the end of November 2016 and that funds will be released as soon as possible.

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Providence Foundation Bursaries - Application Form

A. – Personal information (for local student only)
Name of University: ___________________________________________________________________
Name: Mr. / Ms. ___________________________________________ Date of birth: ________________
No. of family members: _________ Mobile: ________________ E-mail: ________________________
Correspondence address: ________________________________________________________________
____________________________________________________________________________________
Department: _____________________ Course of Study: _____________________ Year of study: ____

B. – Academic performance
(i) Latest Academic Result (Please attach with this application form)

C. – Applicant’s yearly financial need

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D. – Family financial background
(i) Total family monthly income: _______________________________________________________
(ii) Adversities (e.g. Unemployment, retirement, disability of parent, broken family, death of parents, 
abandonment by parents, etc.): _______________________________________________________
(iii) Prolonged medical expense (what kind of illness and amount p.m.): _____________________
(iv) Family housing (public rented / owned; private rented / owned): _______________________
(v) No. of siblings studying (including applicant): _______________________________________
(vi) Family debt burden (reason caused and amount): ______________________________________

E. – Special difficulties: _______________________________________________________________

F. – Essay and Recommendation
(i) An essay in English of about 250 words by each applicant on his/her future plans and ambitions.
(ii) A recommendation letter by his/her professor, lecturer or tutor who knows the student best.

G. – Declaration
I, _____________________ (applicant’s name), currently a student of _____________________ (university 
/ institute) in the Faculty of ________________, declare that all the information provided by me in 
support of my application for the bursaries are true and correct, including all supplementary information.

Signature: ________________________________ Date: ________________________________