

Providence Foundation Bursaries 2022/2023

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. Local or local mainland China 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) Providence Foundation Bursaries 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\$6,000 to HK\$15,000** using an independent point rating system with the following criteria:
 - 2.1 Academic performance criteria (20%)
 - 2.2 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
 - 2.3 Special difficulties (10%)

- 3) Institution could submit up to **10 applicants** for our consideration.

(B) Application Documents

Applicants need to fill in an application form setting out the following (refer to **page 3** of this document):

- (i) Personal particulars
- (ii) Academic performance
- (iii) Applicant's and family's financial situation

**** Please attach with PRINTED COPIES of application forms of Tertiary Student Finance Scheme (TSFS) / Financial Assistance Scheme for Post-secondary Students (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 (applicable to shortlisted students who will be contacted by CEDARS later).

(C) Application Procedures

- 1) Completed application set (including the application form & supporting documents) should reach CEDARS, HKU by email cedarsufa@hku.hk on or before **18 September 2022 (Sunday)** for onward transmission to The Providence Foundation.
- 2) Late applications after 18 September 2022 (Sunday) **WILL NOT** be considered.
- 3) Submission with incomplete information on candidates will be automatically rejected.
- 4) Our decision on the awards will be final.

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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

Income	Expenses
Gov't Grant \$	Tuition \$ _____, Books \$ _____
Gov't Loan \$	Hostel Fee (if any) \$ _____
Part-time job \$	Living Expense (Estimated) \$ _____
Other income \$ (Please specify)	Transportation (Estimated) \$ _____
	Other expenses \$ (Please specify)

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 : _____