

# Hong Kong Unison Scholarship Schemes for Ethnic Minority Students Chinese Performance Scholarship

# **Application Guidelines 2020**

# About Hong Kong Unison

Hong Kong Unison (Unison) is a non-governmental organization founded in March 2001 and recognized as a public charitable institution (IR File No. 91/7763) in 2005. We envision Hong Kong to become a fair and compassionate society where everyone, irrespective of race, colour, or creed, enjoy equal rights and opportunities. Over the past 19 years we advocated for better Chinese language education policies for ethnic minorities, worked on expanding ethnic minority students' post-secondary options in education, and fought for equal access to public services. We also provide Scholarships for ethnic minority students who wish to pursue their post-secondary education, provide guidance support services to schools receiving ethnic minority students and promote racial equality education in mainstream schools.

# Scholarship Scheme

Unison has administered the scholarship scheme for ethnic minorities since 2008. In 2017, in addition to our scholarship scheme for tertiary education, with the generous support of **Dr. Wong Kam Kuen Charity Acts**, we rolled out a new scholarship scheme for students who perform well in DSE Chinese and GCE (AL) Chinese exams. **Scholarship amount ranges from HK\$3,000 to HK\$6,000.** The number of scholarships to be awarded will depend on the applications received.

## Eligibility

- Ethnic minority residents in Hong Kong with right of abode and holding a valid Hong Kong Identity Card. (Ethnic Chinese students, overseas students and students holding study, travel or visit visa are NOT eligible for the application).
- <u>**HKDSE Form 6 graduates in 2020**</u> who attained at least Level 2 in DSE Chinese or at least B in GCE (AL) Chinese.

## **Selection Criteria**

- Chinese examination performance;
- Completion of the application form and answer questions therein in Chinese;
- Participation in extracurricular activities related to Chinese;
- Selection interview for short-listed candidates; and
- Commitment to participate in at least 1 community activity after selected to be scholarship recipient to support the mission of Unison.

### **Selection Process**

• Unison will conduct a preliminary screening based on the criteria above and make recommendations to the selection board.

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- The selection board will consist of a senior staff of Hong Kong Unison, a member of the Executive Committee of Hong Kong Unison, and/or an external independent person.
- Candidates with outstanding performance at the interviews will be selected to join Unison's esteemed training and capacity building workshops free of charge.

**Obligation and Duties of the Awardees** 

- Attend group interview;
- Attend the award ceremony; and
- Participate in Unison Scholarship programmes, workshops and community activities to support the mission of Unison and contribute to ethnic minority communities and the Hong Kong society as a whole.

# **Application Procedure**

- Download the application form pdf from Unison's website http://unison.org.hk/scholarships.php
- Send the completed form with supporting documents to Unison by post or deliver it in person before the deadline.
- Address: Flat 1303, 13/F, Wang Yip Industrial Building, 1 Elm Street, Tai Kok Tsui, Kowloon.
- Mailed applications must be postmarked by the deadline.
- Call us at 2789 3246 or email info@unison.org.hk for enquiries.

# **Application Deadline** On or before **5pm**, **28**<sup>th</sup> **August 2020 (Friday)** \* Late applications will not be considered.

Important dates	
28 August 2020 (Friday) 5pm	<ul> <li>Application deadline (all applications must be postmarked or submitted to Hong Kong Unison by 5pm)</li> </ul>
End August to End September 2020	<ul> <li>Review of applications</li> <li>Short-listed candidates will be invited for interview by the Selection Board</li> </ul>
Mid Oct 2020	• The list of awardees will be posted on website of Hong Kong Unison. Awardees will also be notified individually by email.
Early Nov 2020	Awardees will be invited to attend the award ceremony.



## **Application Checklist**

Please check the following items before sending out your application form to Unison.

## **You MUST provide the following documents together with the application form:**

- $\Box$  The completed application form and the questions therein;
- □ A photocopy of your valid Hong Kong Identity Card;
- □ Photocopy of your HKDSE result;
- □ A recent passport size photo taken within the last 2 years, pasted securely to the application form; and
- $\Box$  Photocopy of GCE (AL) result (if applicable).

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