

# Hong Kong Unison Scholarship Schemes for Ethnic Minority Students Tertiary Education Scholarship

## Application Guideline 2020-2021

### 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.

#### Scholarships Background

Unison has administered the Scholarship for Ethnic Minority Students since 2008. Under the generous support of various donors, we are able to financially support ethnic minority students in their pursuit of post-secondary education.

With the generous support of various donors Unison is pleased to announce the scholarship scheme for 2020-2021.

Scholarship amount is HK\$15,000 for one academic year. The number of scholarships awarded varies depending on donors.

## Scholarships Scheme

#### Who can apply?

Only open to ethnic minority (Non-Chinese) residents in Hong Kong with right of abode and holding a valid HK Identity Card.

Note: Students holding study, travel or visit visa are <u>NOT</u> eligible to apply.

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#### Eligibility

- Ethnic minority student who has taken <u>HKDSE</u>. Student who has taken other exams like IB, GCE etc are NOT eligible to apply;
- Full-time students who are enrolled or will enroll in a <u>degree programme</u> in any tertiary education institute in Hong Kong in 2020-2021 academic year. Only students who are pursuing their first degree are eligible;
- Full-time students who are enrolled or will enroll in a <u>sub-degree programme</u> in any tertiary education institute in Hong Kong in 2020-2021 academic year, AND have already <u>completed year 1 in a sub-degree programme</u>.

#### **Selection Criteria**

The following criteria will be taken into consideration in the selection of scholarship recipients:

- Academic performance;
- Financial need;
- Participation in community service and extra-curricular activities;
- Leadership skills, goals and desire to contribute to society;
- Other qualities decided by donors and the Unison Scholarship Committee.

#### **Selection Process**

- Unison will conduct a preliminary screening based on the above criteria and Shortlist candidates.
- Short-listed candidates will be <u>notified via email</u> for a briefing session.
- Short-listed candidates <u>must</u> attend the briefing session.
- After briefing session the candidates <u>must</u> come for scheduled interviews.

# Applicants not invited for briefing & interview by September end may consider their application unsuccessful.

#### Obligations and duties of the awardees

- Submit receipts of tuition fee, periodic academic reports and self-reflections to Hong Kong Unison;
- Be responsible for and committed to their studies;
- 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.

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#### **Selection Board**

Scholarship awardees will be chosen by a selection board comprised of:

- Representatives of scholarship scheme donors;
- Members of the Executive Committee of Unison;
- External independent persons;
- Representatives of the Unison Scholarship Committee.

#### **Application Procedure**

- Download the **application form pdf** from Unison's website <u>http://unison.org.hk/scholarships.php</u>
- 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.

## **Application Deadline**

On or before 5pm, 4<sup>th</sup> September 2020 (Friday) \*Late applications will not be considered

Important dates

4 September 2020 (Friday) 5pm	• Application Deadline (all applications must be postmarked or submitted to Unison by 5pm)
September 2020 End of September	<ul> <li>Review of Applications</li> <li>Short-listed candidates will be invited for briefing.         <ul> <li>Unsuccessful applicants will not be notified. If you do not hear from us by Sept end, consider your application unsuccessful.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Sept end - Early Oct 2020	Short-listed candidates will be invited for interview.
Mid October 2020	<ul> <li>The list of awardees will be posted on website of Unison.</li> <li>Awardees will also be notified individually by email.</li> </ul>





#### **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;

 $\Box$  A photocopy of your valid Hong Kong Identity Card;

□ Photocopies of HKDSE result and other relevant qualifications;

□ Photocopies of transcripts of your college/university record, if applicable;

□ Photocopies of proof of income eg current CSSA, latest salary slips etc;

□ Recent passport size photo taken within the last 2 years, pasted securely on application form;

□ Photocopy of confirmation letter of the enrolled course/ programme (for students who will start year 1 in Sept 2020)

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