

Harmony Scholarships Scheme 2026/27

Guidelines for Nominations

Objective

The Home Affairs Department is offering scholarships under the Harmony Scholarships Scheme 2026/27 (the Scheme) to recognise primary and secondary school students who demonstrate a satisfactory record of academic performance and conduct, as well as active participation in promoting racial harmony.

Eligibility Criteria

Schools

- Government Schools, Aided Schools and Caput Schools, and Schools under the Direct Subsidy Scheme (DSS Schools) with an enrolment of **30 or more non-Chinese speaking students (NCS)**, including both primary and secondary schools.

Candidates

- A student must meet the following criteria to be nominated:
 - (i) **School Enrolment:** be enrolled at an eligible school, **regardless of ethnic background (Chinese or ethnic minorities).**
 - (ii) **Performance and Conduct:** have demonstrated a satisfactory record of academic performance and conduct.
 - (iii) **Participation in promoting racial harmony:** have organised or participated in activities that promote racial harmony.

Students **who have previously received a scholarship** under the Harmony Scholarships Scheme through **nomination by the same school** are **not eligible** to be nominated again, unless they have transitioned to a new school (e.g. advancing from primary to secondary school or transferring schools).

Nomination Quota

- **Primary** schools: a maximum of **4** nominations per school
- **Secondary** schools: a maximum of **6** nominations per school

Value of Scholarship

- **HK\$1,000** each for **primary** school students
- **HK\$2,000** each for **secondary** school students

Nomination Procedure

- Schools are required to provide the following information on the nomination form:
 - (i) School information
 - (ii) School bank account details
 - (iii) Nominated student's information
 - (iv) Nominated student's participation in promoting racial harmony
 - (v) Reasons for nomination
 - (vi) Nominated student's academic performance and conduct
- A copy of the nomination form is enclosed with the invitation letter. An e-fillable nomination form is available on the website of the Home Affairs Department at https://www.had.gov.hk/rru/english/programmes/harmony_scholarships_scheme.htm.
- All completed nomination form(s), bearing the signature of the principal/ authorised person and the school stamp, should be submitted to the Home Affairs Department **on or before 27 November 2026 (Friday)** via the following means:
 - (i) **by email** to <harmony_scholarships_scheme@had.gov.hk>; or
 - (ii) **by post** to the Race Relations Unit, Home Affairs Department, 15/F, Southorn Centre, 130 Hennessy Road, Wan Chai, Hong Kong.
- Nominations with missing information or received after the deadline will not be considered.

Announcement of Results

- The announcement of the scholarship results is tentatively scheduled for March 2027. Successful candidates will receive the scholarship award and a certificate.
- The Home Affairs Department reserves the right to make the final decision regarding the award of scholarships.

Payment of Scholarship

- The Home Affairs Department will disburse the total scholarship amount to schools by bank transfer in March 2027 (tentative), for the school to subsequently distribute to the respective scholarship recipients. Further details will be announced in due course.
- Schools should ensure that the bank account details provided on the nomination form are correct. The Home Affairs Department will not be responsible for any payment delays, rejection, loss of scholarship or associated charges resulting from incorrect bank details provided by the school.
- Schools are required to distribute the scholarship and award certificates to the recipients. If a student does not have a bank account, schools may distribute the scholarship to their parents or guardians. All recipients should sign an acknowledgement of receipt, which should be returned to the Home Affairs Department as official proof of payment.
- Schools may organise their own award ceremony, however, the associated costs must not be deducted from the scholarship.

Publicity

The full list of scholarship recipients and their respective schools will be published in local newspapers and on the Home Affairs Department's website around April 2027.

Educational event

An educational event will be organised for all recipients in late 2027 to recognise their achievements and provide opportunities for their continued engagement in activities promoting racial harmony. Participation is voluntary. Further details will be announced in due course.

Enquiries

Information about the Scheme is available on our website at “https://www.had.gov.hk/rru/english/programmes/harmony_scholarships_scheme.htm”. For enquiries, please contact Miss Gloria LAW, Executive Officer (Race Relations Unit) 2, at 2835 1463 or <harmony_scholarships_scheme@had.gov.hk>.

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