

Harmony Scholarships Scheme 2023/24

Scheme Details

Objective

The Home Affairs Department (HAD) is offering scholarships under the Harmony Scholarships Scheme (the Scheme) to give recognition to students on the basis of their participation in activities promoting racial harmony in schools and community, their academic results and conduct.

Eligibility

- (a) Schools enrolled with **30 or more non-Chinese speaking students** are eligible to participate in the Scheme.
- (b) **All students regardless of their ethnicities** (i.e. Chinese or ethnic minorities) studying in any participating school are eligible.
- (c) All students being nominated should have **good academic result and conduct** in the last school year.
- (d) All students being nominated should **participate in or organise activities** promoting racial harmony in the past.

Award

- (a) Each **primary school** participating in the Scheme can nominate **four** students for scholarship valued at **\$1,000 each**.
- (b) Each **secondary school** participating in the Scheme can nominate **six** students for scholarship valued at **\$2,000 each**.

Application and Selection

- (a) Schools interested in joining the Scheme should provide the personal information and a brief description of the achievements of the nominees by completing the nomination forms. The completed forms should be signed by the School Principal or his/her delegate and returned to us by **15 December 2023**.
- (b) In order that more students may benefit from the Scheme, students who have previously received a scholarship under the Scheme should not be nominated, unless they have changed schools (e.g. graduated from primary to secondary school).
- (c) While we entrust with schools on the nomination of students, HAD reserves the right to make the final decision on the award of scholarships.

Payment of Scholarships

- (a) HAD will pay the total amount of scholarship money to schools for disbursement to the awardees in around February to March 2024.
- (b) Schools are requested to disburse the scholarships and distribute award certificates to the awardees. On the understanding that some students may not have a bank account, schools may pay the scholarships to their parents. All recipients should sign an acknowledgement of receipt which should be returned to HAD as proof of payment.
- (c) Schools may arrange their own ceremony for presentation of the scholarships but the expenses incurred must not be deducted from the scholarship money.

Publicity

- (a) The names of participating schools and awardees will be published in local newspaper(s) and posted on our website in April 2024.
- (b) Participating schools and awardees will be invited to events promoting the Scheme and/or other activities promoting racial harmony. Participation in these events is voluntary.

Enquiries

For enquiries on the Scheme, please contact Miss Maggie CHIANG, Executive Officer (Race Relations Unit) 2, by phone at 2835 1463 or by email to “maggie_y_chiang@had.gov.hk”. Information on the Scheme is also available at our website at “<http://www.had.gov.hk/rru/>”.

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Home Affairs Department

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