



Future Stars - Upward Mobility Scholarship

Opening Doors to Create Equal Opportunities for All

“Future Stars – Upward Mobility Scholarship” is a scholarship scheme implemented by the Commission on Poverty (CoP) and co-ordinated with the assistance of The Hong Kong Council of Social Service (HKCSS), with the aim of assisting youths from less privileged backgrounds in enhancing their ability to move upwards socially.

Funded by donations raised by the CoP from all walks of the community, scholarships of HK\$5,000 each are awarded to Secondary 3 to 6 students nominated by school teachers and social workers, who demonstrate resilience and a positive attitude in the face of adversity. Schools are also encouraged to nominate students with a strong interest in learning in practical subjects with the intention to apply such knowledge in their future career.

Over 430 secondary schools (including special schools and Vocational Training Council institutions) participate in the scholarship scheme each year. Since its implementation in 2014, 8 836 students have benefitted.



WHO IS ELIGIBLE FOR THE SCHOLARSHIP

Students with the following attributes may be considered for the scholarship:

- A positive attitude and persistence in the face of adversity;
- A positive value and attitude towards life;
- Aspiration and determination to climb the social ladder; and
- Potential and prominent progress in academic performance and/or personal growth

Student nominations are made by the school teacher or social worker and endorsed by the school principal.

Schools are strongly encouraged by the CoP to disseminate information on the scholarship scheme to their Secondary 3 to 6 students to allow them the opportunity to put themselves forward for consideration. Schools are also requested to nominate students who have not been awarded previously so that more needy and eligible students may benefit.



HOW TO MAKE A DONATION

- HK\$5,250 for each scholarship (out of which HK\$250 is the administrative fee for HKCSS)
- Donors are requested to indicate the number of scholarships they wish to donate by completing and returning a donation form to the CoP Secretariat. HKCSS will contact donors in due course for donor due diligence. Upon completion, donors will be advised on payment arrangement
- Donations are tax deductible and donation receipts will be issued
- Major donors who donate 30 or more scholarships each year will be invited to join our Scholarship Committee to consider the scholarship applications



HOW MAY DONORS AND STUDENTS CONNECT

- Donors will be notified of the names of the beneficiary schools and students
- Sharing by students will be sent to their sponsors in around the 1st quarter of the following year
- Donors may offer additional learning, mentorship or internship opportunities to awarded students through their schools

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