

香港融樂會有限公司 HONG KONG UNISON LIMITED

Scholarships for Ethnic Minority Students

Application Guidelines 2024-2025

About Hong Kong Unison

Hong Kong Unison (Unison) is a non-governmental organization founded in 2001 and officially recognized as a public charitable institution (IR File No. 91/7763) in 2005. Our vision is to foster a fair and compassionate society in Hong Kong, where equal rights and opportunities are enjoyed by all, regardless of race, color, or creed. Over the past 20 years, we have been at the forefront of advocating for improved Chinese language education policies for ethnic minorities, expanding post-secondary options for ethnic minority students, and striving for equal access to public services.

Scholarships Background

Since 2008, Unison has been actively administering the Scholarship Schemes for Ethnic Minority Students. Through the generous support of numerous donors, we have been able to provide financial assistance to ethnic minority students based on various criteria, including academic performance, financial need, and proficiency in the Chinese language subject in public examinations. These scholarships aim to empower and support ethnic minority students in their educational pursuits, enabling them to achieve their full potential and contribute positively to society.

In the academic year 2024/25, we are pleased to offer two types of scholarships: the Tertiary Education Scholarship (available based on merit or financial need) and the Chinese Performance Scholarship. These scholarships provide valuable opportunities for deserving individuals to pursue their educational goals and recognize outstanding achievements in Chinese performance.

The following scholarships are being offered:

- The Amber Foundation Scholarship
- Dr. CHAN Nim Chung Scholarship
- HO & FUNG Charitable Foundation Scholarship
- LAU Man Shing Scholarship
- Merkle Tree Innovation Foundation Scholarship
- Dr. WONG Kam Kuen Charity Act Scholarship

Scholarship amount:

- Tertiary Education Scholarship (HK\$15000)
- Chinese Performance Scholarship (HK\$2000-\$6000)

Eligibility

• The scholarship opportunities are **exclusively available to ethnic minority (Non-Chinese) residents** in Hong Kong who possess the right of abode and hold a valid HK Identity Card. Individuals holding study, travel, or visit visas are not eligible to apply.

For the <u>Tertiary Education Scholarship</u>, first-year students are eligible to apply, except for the <u>Amber Foundation Scholarship</u>, which is open to 3rd and 4th year university women.

Applicants must fulfill the following criteria:

- Graduating from Form 6 in July 2024.
- Enrolled in a full-time degree or sub-degree program offered by higher education institutions in Hong Kong for the 2024/25 academic year.
- (For merit-based Tertiary Education Scholarship) Having good academic standing.
- (For financial need-based Tertiary Education Scholarship) Demonstrating a need for financial assistance.
- (For Chinese Performance Scholarship) Achieving at least Level 2 in HKDSE Chinese / at least B in GCE (AL) Chinese / at least grade 5 in IB Mandarin (SL) / at least grade 4 in IB Chinese B (HL).

Selection Criteria

The selection of scholarship recipients will be based on the following criteria:

- Tertiary Education Scholarship: Academic performance and financial need.
- Chinese Performance Scholarship: Chinese examination performance.

Selection Board

The Scholarship Scheme Committee will be responsible for choosing scholarship awardees. The decisions made by the committee are final and not subject to review or appeal. Reasons for refusing to offer an award will not be disclosed.

Application Procedure

- Students applying for the <u>merit-based</u> **Tertiary Education Scholarship** must complete the Tertiary Education Scholarship Application Form 2024-2025.
- Students applying for the <u>financial need-based</u> **Tertiary Education Scholarship** must complete the Tertiary Education Scholarship Application Form 2024-2025 and the Family Financial Info Form 2024-2025.
- Students applying for the **Chinese Performance Scholarship** must complete the Chinese Performance Scholarship Application Form 2024-2025.
- Students are allowed to apply for **both** the Tertiary Education Scholarship and the Chinese Performance Scholarship.

Application Deadline: <u>14 September 2024</u> (Saturday)

*Applicants submitting their application by post should note that their application will be delivered according to postal delivery standards.

- Submission Method:
 - Through Google form
 - Tertiary Education Scholarship (<u>https://forms.gle/iWgJXxefxdCUuUxH6</u>)
 - Chinese Performance Scholarship (<u>https://forms.gle/2dasm1y6i1TPRGpo7</u>)

Unsuccessful applicants will not be notified. If you do not hear from us by the end of September, consider your application unsuccessful and your personal information will be deleted within one month.

Important dates

19 July - 14 September	Application period
14 September	Application deadline
24 September	Email notification for successful applicants
27 September	Announcement of results The list of awardees will be posted on the website of Hong Kong Unison.

By mail to the office at the following address: Unit C, 8/F, Worldwide Centre, 123 Tung Chau Street, Tai Kok Tsui, Kowloon

Application Checklist

Please check the following items before submitting your application.

- ☐ Your photo
- Hong Kong Identity Card
- HKDSE/GCE /IB certificate
- Enrolled course documents

$\hfill \square$ (For merit-based Tertiary	Education Scholarship)	Tertiary Education	Scholarship	Application
Form 2024-2025, and				

Achievements/awards certificates (if any)

☐ (For financial need-based Tertiary Education Scholarship) Tertiary Education Scholarship Application Form 2024-2025

Achievements/awards certificates (if any)

Family Financial Info Form 2024-2025, and

Proof of income: financial documents like CSSA/LIFA, salary slips, bank statements of earning family members where income is reflected (recent 2 months)

☐ (For Chinese Performance Scholarship) Chinese Performance Scholarship Application Form 2024-2025, and

Achievements/awards certificates of extracurricular activities related to Chinese (if any)

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