

The Hong Kong Jockey Club Chairman's Scholarship
Frequently Asked Questions ("FAQ")
(2025/26 Cohort)

1. Q: What do The Hong Kong Jockey Club Chairman's Scholarship cover?

A: The Hong Kong Jockey Club Chairman's Scholarship includes the following items:

- (i) a one-off cash award at scholarship acceptance;
- (ii) full tuition fee, academic and living allowance for the entire normative duration of study towards an undergraduate degree programme;
- (iii) overseas learning subsidies; and
- (iv) an opportunity to participate in an overseas leadership programme.

The actual scholarship value for an awardee depends on the institution chosen and the normative study period of the undergraduate programme, and is subject to standard of living adjustment.

Eligibility

2. Q: Am I eligible for The Hong Kong Jockey Club Chairman's Scholarship?

A: The Scholarship is open to students in Hong Kong as well as students from Mainland China and other countries and regions. To be eligible for the Chairman's Scholarship, you must fulfil ALL of the following criteria:

- demonstrate exceptional standard of academic performance;
- have a strong intention and likelihood to matriculate in a University Grants Committee (UGC)-funded undergraduate programme at any one of the following eight UGC-funded institutions or an undergraduate programme at The Hong Kong Academy for Performing Arts for their first undergraduate degree:
 - City University of Hong Kong
 - Hong Kong Baptist University
 - Lingnan University
 - The Chinese University of Hong Kong
 - The Education University of Hong Kong
 - The Hong Kong Polytechnic University
 - The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology
 - The University of Hong Kong; and
- be taking their university-entrance public examination for the first time in the same academic year at the time of their application.

However, satisfying these criteria does not guarantee an award.

3. Q: What grades do I need to obtain in order to apply for the Chairman's Scholarship?

A: The Scholarships Secretariat will assess your academic results on a case-by-case basis. Below are some examples of "exceptional standard of academic performance":

- Five or more 5** in the Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education ("HKDSE") examination and "Attained" level in Citizenship and Social Development;
- 45 out of 45 points in the International Baccalaureate Diploma ("IB") examination; or
- A full score equivalent in other public examination for university entrance.

4. Q: For applicants who are taking public examinations other than Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education ("HKDSE") or the International Baccalaureate Diploma ("IB"), what grades are required in order to apply for the Chairman's Scholarship?

A: Applicants of Chairman's Scholarship should demonstrate exceptional standard of academic performance. They should have obtained 5** in five or more subjects in the HKDSE or 45 out of 45 in the IB.

For applicants who are taking other public examinations, they can make reference to the above excellent academic performance standard in HKDSE and IB.

5. Q: I am studying outside Hong Kong and intend to pursue my undergraduate study in Hong Kong. Am I eligible?

A: Yes. Regardless of whether the applicant is a permanent resident of Hong Kong and studying in or outside Hong Kong, he/she is eligible to apply for the Chairman's Scholarship provided that he/she meets the eligibility stated in section 3 of the Application Guideline.

6. Q: I am a Non-Chinese Speaking student and do not take Chinese Language subject in HKDSE, can I apply for the Chairman's Scholarship?

A: Yes. You are advised to refer to the qualification requirements of the institutions and the specific programmes to which you are applying and may use the results of one of the following qualifications in lieu of the Chinese Language (Category A) HKDSE:

- (i) Applied Learning Chinese (Category B) in HKDSE;
- (ii) One of the Other Language Subjects (Category C) in HKDSE;
- (iii) Chinese Language in General Certificate of Education (GCE) Examination;
- (iv) Chinese Language in General Certificate of Secondary Education (GCSE) Examination; or
- (v) Chinese Language in International General Certificate of Secondary Education (IGCSE) Examination.

If you are pursuing or have obtained alternative qualifications in Chinese Language, please indicate this in the application form.

Please be reminded that you will be required to submit a proof to use alternative qualifications in lieu of the general Chinese Language requirement in HKDSE, e.g. the letter issued to Joint University Programmes Admissions System (JUPAS) for certification of specified circumstances.

7. Q: Can I submit public examination results that were obtained in more than one year?

A: No. You should be taking your university-entrance public examination for the first time at the time of application.

However, if you are allowed to split your examinations in more than one year (e.g. GCE A-Level), you are still considered a first-time candidate for a university-entrance public examination. You should only submit the results of your first attempt of each subject. Results of examination retakes will not be considered.

8. Q: I am taking General Certificate of Education (GCE) A-level / International A-Level (IAL), am I regarded as a first-time candidate for a university-entrance public examination if I obtain the qualification with two or more times of examination sittings?

A: You are regarded as first-time candidates for a university-entrance public examination for the purpose of Chairman's Scholarship eligibility consideration if it is your first time to cash in (i.e. adding up your Uniform Mark Scale (UMS) marks for an overall grade or a qualification award). The number of subjects taken by A-level applicants should depend on the requirements of the undergraduate programme(s) to which you are applying. Please note that you should submit your first cash-in grade to the Scholarships Secretariat.

9. Q: Can I still apply if I took a gap year after graduating from secondary school?

A: You may still be considered eligible for the Scholarship if you meet all the eligibility requirements stated in section 3 of the Application Guidelines. However, you may be asked to provide explanation and supporting proof for the gap period.

10. Q: Can the school nominate the same student for both Scholarships (i.e. Chairman's Scholarship and Striding On Scholarship)?

A: Each secondary school can nominate up to three students for the Chairman's Scholarship and up to two students for the Striding On Scholarship. While nominations for the two scholarships are considered separately, schools are encouraged to fully utilise their nomination quotas to provide opportunities for more deserving students. However, please note that each applicant will only be considered for one scholarship award; an applicant cannot be awarded both scholarships.

Application

11. Q: How can I apply for the Chairman's Scholarship?

A: Only ONLINE applications will be accepted.

For applicants who are currently studying in Hong Kong, the secondary school should submit and follow up on the required documents on behalf of the applicants.

For applicants who are currently studying outside Hong Kong, the applicants should submit the required documents by themselves.

Required documents:

- (i) an application form;
- (ii) a principal's nomination form; and
- (iii) a referee recommendation form.

All forms above must be duly completed and submitted in the specified electronic format.

12. Q: How many students can be nominated by the principal?

A: Principal of each secondary school can nominate up to three students for the Chairman's Scholarship.

13. Q: Can the principal nominate students for the Chairman's Scholarship and the Striding On Scholarship at the same time?

A: Yes. The nominations for the two Scholarships are considered separately. Principal of each secondary school can nominate up to three students for the Chairman's Scholarship and up to two students for the Striding On Scholarship. If the applicant is shortlisted, they would need to attend the interview for both scholarships. However, each person may only receive one concurrent scholarship offer from The Hong Kong Jockey Club Scholarships.

14. Q: Can the principal change his/her nomination after submitting an application?

A: No. We do not accept change in nomination after submission.

If school is aware that your nominated student(s) decide to withdraw admission from UGC-funded institutions or undergraduate programmes (refer to Question 2), please inform the Scholarships Secretariat as soon as possible.

15. Q: I understand that application can be submitted by a contact person of the school rather than the Principal. Can a school assign different contact persons to submit applications on behalf of different applicants?

A: No. A school should only assign one contact person to submit all applications in the same school on behalf of all students within the school.

16. Q: Who can be my referee?

A: There is no specific requirement for the status of the referee or the relationship with the referee. He/she must acquaint with you but cannot be your current school principal or have any familial relationship with you. We may contact the referee to (i) verify the identity and (ii) seek further comments.

Only one referee is required. Referee would need to complete the recommendation form which should be submitted together with the application form and principal nomination form on the scholarship's website.

If more than one referee recommendation form is submitted, only the first referee recommendation form submitted will be considered.

17. Q: When should I submit the application?

A: On or before 11:59 pm, 28 March 2025 (HK Time).

To avoid network issues near the deadline, applicants and schools should allow sufficient time to submit the online applications before the deadline.

18. Q: Is there any application/submission fee for Scholarship application?

A: No application or submission fee is required from applicants of The Hong Kong Jockey Club Chairman's Scholarship.

After Application

19. Q: What should I note after submitting the application?

A: Upon submitting the application, an acknowledgment email with an application number will be sent to you as well as the contact person of secondary school (for local applicants), to acknowledge the receipt of application, request further information (if applicable) and communicate the expected timeline for the next steps.

20. Q: What should I do if I realise part of my application is incorrect after submission?

A: Except for the contact information, the application cannot be amended after submission. You are advised to fill in the information carefully and accurately before submission.

Interview

21. Q: When will I receive the notification of interview?

A: Only shortlisted applicants will be invited to attend the interview. An email will be sent to your (applicant's) personal email address in early May 2025 to notify you of the date and time. The interview for the Chairman's Scholarship is expected to be held from Mid-May to June 2025.

22. Q: Can I attend the interview online?

A: All shortlisted local applicants must attend the interview in person at the timeslot assigned by the Scholarships Secretariat. Re-scheduling the interview or requesting an online interview will not be accommodated.

Students who are currently studying outside Hong Kong will be allowed to conduct the interview through video conferencing.

Public Examination Results and Institution Admission Results

23. Q: When shall I submit my university-entrance public examination results?

A: Upon the release of the results, the applicant should provide his/her examination results to the Scholarships Secretariat via the scholarship's designated platform **within two working days** following results release day.

Example 1: Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education Examination (HKDSE)
If the result is released on 16 July 2025 (Wednesday), you are required to submit a copy of your *Results Notice* to the Scholarships Secretariat via the scholarship's designated platform **by 18 July 2025 (Friday)**.

Example 2: International Baccalaureate (IB)
If the result is released on 5 July 2025 (Saturday), you are required to submit a copy of your *Transcript of Grades* to the Scholarships Secretariat via the scholarship's designated platform **by 7 July 2025 (Monday)**.

24. Q: What should I do after the institution has announced the admission results?

A: For students who apply for Institution admission via Joint University Programmes Admissions System ("JUPAS"):

Upon the release of the JUPAS main round offer results, the applicant should provide his/her JUPAS main round offer result to the Scholarships Secretariat via the scholarship's designated platform **within two working days** following the results release day.

If the JUPAS main round offer result is released on 6 August 2025 (Wednesday), you are required to submit a screen capture of the JUPAS main round offer results to the Scholarships Secretariat via the scholarship's designated platform **by 8 August 2025 (Friday)**.

For students who do NOT apply for Institution admission via JUPAS:

You should inform the Scholarships Secretariat via email whether your admission application is successful or not, or whether you are admitted to your desired institution and undergraduate programme within the required timeframe (usually set at two working days upon the release of institution admission results). In addition, if you receive any other scholarship from that institution, you should also inform the Scholarships Secretariat.

25. Q: If I request rechecking and remarking for my public examination results, when should I submit the results?

A: You should still submit the results to the Scholarships Secretariat via the designated email within two working days following the results release day. However, you should inform the Scholarships Secretariat about the rechecking and remarking at the time of result submission and provide the remarked grades to the Scholarships Secretariat within one working day upon the receipt of it.

Scholarship Result Announcement

26. Q: When will I receive the result of my scholarship application?

A: The result will be announced via email by the end of September 2025. Successful applicants will receive a notification email and are required to sign an undertaking letter as the acceptance of the terms and conditions of the award of the Chairman's Scholarship.

27. Q: What is the disbursement arrangement if I am awarded?

A: We will arrange direct payment to your institution.

28. Q: Can I still apply for the Chairman's Scholarship if I have received / will receive scholarships or grants from an institution/another organisation for my study?

A: No. Recipients of the Chairman's Scholarship should not or should no longer receive another full scholarship or any other scholarships or awards that subsidise their local tuition fees, academic expenses, living expenses or overseas learning expenses.

However, recipients may continue to receive other honours, recognitions and awards, such as those that recognise the students' specific contributions or achievements, and, in the case of students with special educational needs, provide for supporting equipment.

If you receive any other scholarship from the institution you are admitted into, you should inform the Scholarships Secretariat at once. The circumstances will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis.

29. Q: If I defer my undergraduate study, can I still receive the Scholarships?

A: Subject to institution's approval of your deferral, you can still receive the Scholarships upon resuming study. You should inform your institution and the Club's Scholarships Secretariat as soon as possible should you wish to defer your study.

30. Q: Can I still receive the Scholarship if I get accepted into an undergraduate programme different from the ones indicated in my application?

A: Yes. As long as your undergraduate programme is UGC-funded and at the HKAPA, you may still receive the Scholarship.

31. Q: What is JC Scholar and do I have any obligations?

A: Recipients of the Chairman's Scholarship will be named "Hong Kong Jockey Club Scholars" or "JC Scholars". Being a JC Scholar, the student will become a member of a network of past and current JC Scholars and are required to attend the scholarship award presentation ceremony of their cohort and an induction programme, and are expected to actively support the Hong Kong Jockey Club's activities to the best of their abilities.

JC Scholars are also automatically enrolled as a member of the Jockey Club Scholars Alumni Association which was established to mobilise JC Scholars to serve the community.