

# Sir Edward Youde Memorial Overseas Fellowship / Scholarship for Disabled Students 2006/07

## Information Note

1. The Sir Edward Youde Memorial Fund Council is offering an award of Fellowship / Scholarship to finance one outstanding disabled student in Hong Kong for overseas studies commencing in the 2006/07 academic year.
2. The successful candidate will be one who has attained a reasonably high standard of scholastic achievements and has demonstrated his / her ability to maintain health of body and of mind; to adapt to new environment; to be a good example to other disabled persons and a potential leader in the community. The degree of disability and the need to take up education overseas will also be taken into consideration. He / She is expected to have a strong sense of commitment to Hong Kong and should be able to contribute significantly on return from overseas studies.
3. Those who expect to commence postgraduate or undergraduate studies in any tertiary educational and / or academic institution outside Hong Kong in the 2006/07 academic year and who meet the eligibility criteria set out in this Information Note may apply. The Fellowship / Scholarship will be conferred only to a student pursuing / having pursued a study programme in a school/institution in Hong Kong and applications from students who are currently pursuing a study programme overseas at the time of application will not be considered. Application for a study programme leading to a second Undergraduate / Master / Doctoral degree or a study programme being currently pursued will also not be considered. No award may be made if candidates are judged not to have sufficient merits.
4. Further details of the Award are given below :-

**Name of Award** : Sir Edward Youde Memorial Overseas Fellowship / Scholarship for Disabled Students (for studies leading to a postgraduate or undergraduate degree).

**Duration of Award** : (a) For a Fellowship, up to three years for Doctoral degree or two years for Master degree subject to the length of the proposed study programme and the successful candidate achieving progress deemed satisfactory by the Council.

(b) For a Scholarship, up to three years subject to the successful candidate achieving progress deemed satisfactory by the Council.

**Eligibility** : (a) An applicant for the **Fellowship** must fulfil the following criteria :-

- (i) be a permanent resident of Hong Kong;
- (ii) has received at least 7 years of continuous education in Hong Kong;
- (iii) be responsible for fulfilling all application procedures and admission requirements at the institution of his / her choice and be offered a place subsequently;
- (iv) holds a good Honours degree obtained in Hong Kong or equivalent qualification OR expects to obtain such a degree or equivalent qualification before 1.9.2006;

- (v) has a good working knowledge of the language in which his / her studies will be undertaken; and
  - (vi) falls under one of the following categories of disabilities :-
    - (1) total blindness / severe low vision;
    - (2) profound hearing impairment / severe hearing impairment; and
    - (3) physically handicapped.
- (b) An applicant for the **Scholarship** must fulfil the following criteria :-
- (i) be a permanent resident of Hong Kong;
  - (ii) has received at least 5 years of continuous education in Hong Kong;
  - (iii) be responsible for fulfilling all application procedures and admission requirements at the institution of his / her choice and be offered a place subsequently\*;
  - (iv) has a good working knowledge of the language in which his / her studies will be undertaken; and
  - (v) falls under one of the following categories of disabilities :-
    - (1) total blindness / severe low vision;
    - (2) profound hearing impairment / severe hearing impairment; and
    - (3) physically handicapped.

\*Applications from students who wish to pursue medical studies overseas will not normally be considered due to the licensing requirements of the Medical Registration (Amendment) Ordinance 1995.

- Maximum Value of Award** :
- (a) Fellowship : **HK\$251,000** a year
  - (b) Scholarship : **HK\$232,000** a year
  - (c) In addition, a special one-off grant may also be given for the purchase of study aids or acquisition of supportive services depending on the merits of the case.

The Council may adjust the value of the fellowship/scholarship to take into account actual university fees, necessary living expenses and other awards held concurrently by the fellow/scholar to finance his/her studies overseas.

- Conditions of Award** :
- A successful candidate will be required to comply with or agrees to comply with the conditions of award should he / she decide to accept any award made under this scheme. In particular, such a candidate is required to work in Hong Kong for a minimum period of three years immediately upon the completion of the study programme, failing which he / she will normally be required to repay such sum, not exceeding the total value of the award so received, and upon such terms as the Council deems appropriate. A guarantor acceptable to the Council will be required.

Furthermore, the award of the aforesaid Fellowship or Scholarship is conditional upon the candidate meeting all the requirements stipulated by the chosen institution and certain language, health and immigration requirements.

***Application*** : Application Form can be obtained in person during office hours (Monday - Friday 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. & 2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. and Saturday 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon) except on Sundays & Public Holidays between 2 July 2005 and 30 September 2005 from the following two offices :-

Student Financial Assistance Agency  
11/F, Cheung Sha Wan Government Offices  
303 Cheung Sha Wan Road, Kowloon

Trust Funds , Temples & Cemeteries Joint Secretariat  
Room 2202, Wu Chung House  
22/F, 213 Queen's Road East  
Wan Chai, Hong Kong

Application Form is also obtainable by sending a return envelope (with local mailing address and stamp at HK\$3.0) to the Council Secretariat at Room 1217, 12/F, Cheung Sha Wan Government Offices, 303 Cheung Sha Wan Road, Kowloon or downloadable at :-

<http://www.sfaa.gov.hk/eng/public/index.htm>

All applications should reach the Council Secretary at Room 1217, 12/F, Cheung Sha Wan Government Offices, 303 Cheung Sha Wan Road, Kowloon on or before 30 September 2005. Late applications will not be accepted.

***Selection Procedure*** : Suitable applicants will be invited to attend a selection interview in Hong Kong. The result of the selection is expected to be announced around late February / early March 2006. Any applicant who has not received an invitation to attend an interview before the end of February 2006 may assume that his/her application has been unsuccessful. The decision of the Council shall be final.

***Handling of Information and Personal Data supplied in application*** : The Sir Edward Youde Memorial Fund Council is serviced by the Student Financial Assistance Agency. The personal data provided by means of this application will be used for activities relating to the processing of your application for an award under this fellowship / scholarship scheme and the compilation of the relevant statistics to facilitate reviews of the award scheme.

In accordance with Sections 18 and 22 and Principle 6 of Schedule 1 of the Personal Data (Privacy) Ordinance, you have the rights to request access to and the correction of the data provided subject to payment of the necessary administrative charges.

General enquiries which include obtaining access and making corrections to the personal data provided by way of this application should be addressed to :-

Student Financial Assistance Agency  
12/F, Cheung Sha Wan Government Offices  
303 Cheung Sha Wan Road, Kowloon  
(Attn.: Assistant Controller (ADM))

*Enquiries* : For enquiries, please telephone the Council Secretariat at 2150 6098 or 2150 6097.

<p>This note is for information only and has no legal force. The legally binding terms and conditions under which awards are granted are contained in the award letter.</p>
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Sir Edward Youde Memorial Fund Council Secretariat  
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