

Sir Edward Youde Memorial Overseas Fellowship / Scholarship for Disabled Students 2008/09

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 2008/09 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 mind; to adapt to new environment; to set a good example for other disabled persons and to be 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 to the society after graduation from overseas studies.

3. Those who expect to commence full-time postgraduate or undergraduate studies in any tertiary educational and / or academic institution outside Hong Kong in the 2008/09 academic year and who meet the eligibility criteria set out in this Information Note may apply. The Fellowship / Scholarship will only be conferred to a student currently pursuing / having pursued a study programme in a school / institution in Hong Kong. Applications from students who are 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 not be considered as well. No award will be granted if candidates are considered not meritorious enough.

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 depending on the length of the proposed study programme and subject to the successful candidate achieving progress which is deemed satisfactory by the Council.

(b) For a Scholarship, up to three years subject to the successful candidate achieving progress which is 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 1.9.2008;
 - (v) has a good mastery 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 / severe hearing impairment; or
 - (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 mastery 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 / severe hearing impairment; or
 - (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 (Subject to review)** :
- (a) Fellowship: **HK\$283,000**
 - (b) Scholarship: **HK\$262,000**
 - (c) In addition, a special one-off grant may be given for the purchase of study aids or acquisition of supportive services for study depending on the merits of the case.

The Council may adjust the value of the fellowship / scholarship taking into account the 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 agree to comply with the conditions of award should he / she decide to accept any award made under this scheme. In the event of non-compliance in the course of the sponsored studies, the Council may at any time prematurely terminate the fellowship / scholarship and he / she may 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 from Monday to Friday (8:45 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. & 2:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. Offices are closed on Saturdays, Sundays & Public Holidays.) between 3 July 2007 & 28 September 2007 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 postage of HK\$3.0) to the Sir Edward Youde Memorial Fund (SEYMF) Council Secretariat at Room 1217, 12/F, Cheung Sha Wan Government Offices, 303 Cheung Sha Wan Road, Kowloon, or downloading from the website of the Student Financial Assistance Agency (SFAA) (Address: <http://www.sfaa.gov.hk/eng/public/index.htm>).

Applications can be submitted by any one of the following methods:-

- (i) completing the application form with legible handwriting in blue / black ink and sending it to the Sir Edward Youde Memorial Fund Council Secretariat at Room 1217, 12/F, Cheung Sha Wan Government Offices, 303 Cheung Sha Wan Road, Kowloon by post or in person;
- (ii) inputting data in the PDF proforma downloadable from SFAA's website and sending the duly signed hardcopy of the completed PDF proforma to the SEYMF Council Secretariat by post or in person. Signature in the form of digital image is not acceptable; or
- (iii) inputting data in the PDF proforma downloadable from SFAA's website and submitting the completed proforma in electronic format to the SEYMF Council Secretariat via email (address: seymfc_application@sfaa.gov.hk) with digital signature supported by e-Cert (Personal) registered under the name of applicant and issued by a recognized Certification Authority in Hong Kong, e.g. Hongkong Post.

Deadline for applications submitted by post or email is **28 September 2007** (Hong Kong Time) while that for submission in person is at **5:45 p.m. on 28 September 2007**. Late applications will not be accepted.

Selection Procedure : Suitable applicants will be invited to attend a selection interview in Hong Kong. Result of the selection is expected to be announced in around March / April 2008. Any applicant who has not received an invitation to attend an interview before the end of April 2008 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 SFAA. The personal data provided in this exercise will be used for activities relating to the processing of 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, applicants 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 SEYMF Council Secretariat at 2150 6098 or 2150 6097.

<p>This note is for information only and has no legal binding effect. 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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