The Hong Kong Jockey Club invites applications for the Music and Dance Scholarship

The Hong Kong Jockey Club Charities Trust established the Scholarships in 1998 with an aim to nurture compassionate and socially-minded leaders for the betterment of Hong Kong. Over the past 27 years, more than 1,200 outstanding young people were supported to pursue their academic and professional aspirations.

Last year, the Trust launched **The Hong Kong Jockey Club Music and Dance Scholarship**, which supports young talents of outstanding calibre in music and dance to pursue professional performing arts studies at world-renowned institutions outside Hong Kong. The scheme includes a Junior Programme (aged 19 or below), Undergraduate Programme and Postgraduate Programme, tailored for different stages of the artistic journey.

The inaugural cohort of this Scholarship is open for applications **from 1 December 2026 to 26 February 2027**.

About the Hong Kong Jockey Club

Founded in 1884, The Hong Kong Jockey Club is a world-class racing club that acts continuously for the betterment of our society. The Hong Kong Jockey Club Charities Trust is one of the world's leading charity donors. Working with the Government, non-governmental organisations and community partners, the Club's Charities Trust proactively seeks out the root causes of social issues, bringing multiple and cross-sectoral parties together to address them through innovative approaches.

About The Hong Kong Jockey Club Music and Dance Scholarship

The Hong Kong Jockey Club Music and Dance Scholarship enables young talents of outstanding calibre in music and dance to pursue professional performing arts studies at world-renowned institutions outside Hong Kong.

Through this initiative, awardees are given the opportunity to fully dedicate themselves to their artistic development and pursuits. The Scholarship provides three programmes, tailored to support students at different stages of their artistic journey:

1. **Junior Programme**
   For applicants aged 19 or below, the programme supports up to four years of studies in junior or pre-college programmes in music or dance at world-renowned institutions outside Hong Kong.

Eligibility

- Be a permanent resident of Hong Kong;
- Have received at least three years of continuous full-time education in Hong Kong;
- Be aged 19 or below <Note 1>;
- Have a strong track record of outstanding achievement in music or dance;
- Demonstrate exceptional talent and artistic excellence in music or dance for entry to world-renowned institutions outside Hong Kong;
- Exhibit leadership qualities and a deep commitment to contribute to Hong Kong;
- Fulfil all application procedures and admission requirements of their chosen institution and subsequently be offered a place <Note 2>; and

- Have not previously received the Scholarship (or The Hong Kong Jockey Club Music and Dance Fund) for the Junior Programme.

2. **Undergraduate Programme**
   The programme supports young talents of outstanding calibre in music or dance to pursue their undergraduate studies at world-renowned institutions outside Hong Kong for up to four years.

Eligibility
- Be a permanent resident of Hong Kong <Note 1>;
- Have received at least three years of continuous full-time education in Hong Kong;
- Have a strong track record of outstanding achievement in music or dance;
- Demonstrate exceptional talent and artistic excellence in music or dance for entry to world-renowned institutions outside Hong Kong;
- Exhibit leadership qualities and a deep commitment to contribute to Hong Kong;
- Fulfil all application procedures and admission requirements of their chosen institution and subsequently be offered a place <Note 2>; and
- Have not previously received the Scholarship (or The Hong Kong Jockey Club Music and Dance Fund) for the Undergraduate Programme.

3. **Postgraduate Programme (Master's & Doctoral Degree)**
   This programme supports students with exceptional artistic achievements in music or dance to pursue a Master's degree (up to two years) or a Doctoral degree (up to three years) at world-renowned institutions outside Hong Kong.

Eligibility
- Be a permanent resident of Hong Kong;
- Have received at least three years of continuous full-time education in Hong Kong;
- Have a strong track record of outstanding achievement in music or dance;
- Demonstrate exceptional talent and artistic excellence in music or dance for entry to world-renowned institutions outside Hong Kong;
- Exhibit leadership qualities and a deep commitment to contributing to Hong Kong;
- Hold a good honours degree obtained in Hong Kong or an equivalent qualification, or be expected to obtain such a qualification;
- Fulfil all application procedures and admission requirements of their chosen institution and subsequently be offered a place <Note 2>; and
- Have not previously received the Scholarship (or The Hong Kong Jockey Club Music and Dance Fund) for the Postgraduate Programme.

Note 1: Applicants under 18 must obtain a guarantee from a parent or legal guardian.
Note 2: Applicants must meet all entry requirements of their intended programme and institution. At the time of confirming the scholarship award, they must have secured unconditional admission to one of the intended programmes and institutions listed in their application. Failure to do so may result in withdrawal of the award.

Selection Criteria
The selection for the Scholarship will comprehensively evaluate the following information about the applicant:
- Track record of artistic excellence;
- Track record of performance achievements;
- Demonstrated commitment to community service; and

- Leadership qualities and character.

Scholarship Coverage

The Scholarship supports students in pursuing professional training in music or dance at world-renowned institutions outside Hong Kong (duration as specified in each programme):

- Full tuition fees;
- Subsistence allowance and maintenance fees;
- One set of return flight ticket to the place of study; and
- Other learning subsidies.

Application Procedure

Interested students should apply for this scholarship directly by themselves. Each applicant should submit a completed application packet, which includes the following:

- Application Form (to be completed and signed by the applicant)
- School Recommendation Form
  - For Junior and Undergraduate Programme applicants: to be completed and signed by the school principal or a teacher from the applicant's current school
  - For Postgraduate Programme applicants: to be completed and signed by a teaching professional familiar with the applicant's academic background
- Referee Recommendation Form (to be completed and signed by a professional in the corresponding music/dance field, e.g. a current/retired faculty member of a tertiary institution, a current/retired player in an established music/dance professional body or organisation, etc.). The referee must not be the same person who completed the School Recommendation Form.

Interested parties should visit the scholarship website at https://jcscholarships.hk/en/scholarship/music-and-dance-scholarship. Applications must be submitted via the scholarship website by the application deadline.

Application Deadline

Friday, 26 February 2027