

Grantham Scholarships Fund
2024-25 Grantham Scholars of the Year Award
Information Notes

The Grantham Scholarships Fund Committee (“the Committee”) now invites nominations of senior secondary graduates from secondary schools in Hong Kong to compete for the 2024-25 Grantham Scholars of the Year Award (“the Award”).

The Award

2. The Award was established for recognition of senior secondary school graduates with outstanding academic achievements, who are active in extra-curricular activities and devoted to school and community services. A total of 24 awardees will be selected and they will be awarded with certificate, trophy and scholarship.

Eligibility

3. Nominees should have good characters with outstanding academic achievements, active in extra-curricular activities and devoted to school and community services. They should have completed senior secondary curriculum and minimum of two years’ studies in Hong Kong prior to their nominations for the Award, and have taken public examination, such as Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education Examination (“HKDSE”) (including four core subjects and two elective subjects), International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme (“IBDP”) assessment or the General Certificate of Education Advanced Level / Advanced Subsidiary Level (“GCE A-Level” / “AS-Level”) examination, etc.

Selection Criteria

4. The nominees will be shortlisted for attending selection interview by the Committee based on the following criteria:

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| (i) Academic merits (based on public examination results) | 50% |
| (ii) Participation in extra-curricular activities | 30% |
| (iii) Participation in community services | 20% |

Number of Nomination

5. Each school is invited to nominate maximum of two graduates for the Award with due regard to the selection criteria in paragraph 4 above.

Nomination Form

6. Nominations should be submitted online **by schools** via <https://eform.cefs.gov.hk/form/hab009/en/>. Nominees and schools have to complete the relevant sections of the online Nomination Form and upload necessary supporting documents (if any). Printed copy of the online Nomination Form(s) which is/are duly signed by the nominee(s) and school principal with school chop, together with the documents submitted online, should be sent to the Secretariat before the stipulated closing date in paragraph 10 below.

7. Schools should exercise due diligence in making nomination(s), the Committee will **not** consider any request for change once the nomination(s) is/are submitted. Incomplete or faulty applications will affect the chance of selection adversely. All documents, including the Nomination Form, will not be returned once submitted, nominees and schools are advised to make copies for future reference before submission.

Selection

8. Nominees who are shortlisted according to the selection criteria, will be invited to attend interview by interview boards made up of school principals. The interview boards will recommend awardees based on their performance of various assessments in the interview and the recommendations will be submitted to the Committee for approval.

9. The Committee reserves the right to disqualify the nominee(s) on the grounds that the nominee(s) has/have engaged, is/are engaging, or is/are reasonably believed to have engaged or be engaging in acts or activities that are likely to cause or constitute the occurrence of offences endangering national security or otherwise the exclusion of the eligibility of the nominee(s) is necessary in the interest of national security, or is necessary to protect the public interest of Hong Kong, public morals, public order or public safety.

Deadline for Nomination

10. The online Nomination Form will be closed at **5:00 p.m. on 16 December 2024**. To complete the nomination, printed copy of the online Nomination Form(s) which are duly signed with school chop, together with the **documents set out in paragraph 6** should be submitted **by schools** to the Secretariat (34/F, Wu Chung House, 213 Queen's Road East, Wan Chai, Hong Kong, **please state "Grantham Scholars of the Year Award" on the envelope.**) **within 5 working days from the date of online submission**. Otherwise, the nomination will be considered incomplete and will not be processed. Schools making more than one nomination (maximum of two nominations for each school) should submit all nominations **at the same time**.

Announcement of Result

11. Nomination(s) is/are deemed to be unsuccessful if the nominee and school have not been notified for interview by March 2025. The result of the Award will be announced tentatively in **June 2025**.

Enquiries

12. Enquiries concerning the Award should be addressed to:

Secretariat of the Grantham Scholarships Fund Committee
34/F, Wu Chung House
213 Queen's Road East, Wan Chai, Hong Kong
Tel. No.: 3718 6874 or 3718 6802

Secretary of the Grantham Scholarships Fund Committee
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