

The Hong Kong Jockey Club Music and Dance Scholarship

Frequently Asked Questions (“FAQ”)

(2026/27 Cohort)

1. Q: What do The Hong Kong Jockey Club Music and Dance Scholarship cover?

A: 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. The Scholarship supports the following items within the covered study period:

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

Covered Study Period for each Programme Type

Programme Type		Covered Study Period
Junior Programme (For applicants aged 19 or below)		Up to four years of study
Undergraduate Programme		Up to four years of study
Postgraduate Programme	Master’s Degree	Up to two years of study
	Doctoral Degree	Up to three years of study

Eligibility

2. Q: Am I eligible for The Hong Kong Jockey Club Music and Dance Scholarship?

A: The eligibility for each programme is listed below.

Programme Type	Eligibility
Junior Programme (For applicants aged 19 or below)	Applicants must: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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.
Undergraduate Programme	Applicants must: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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.
Postgraduate Programme	Applicants must: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Be a permanent resident of Hong Kong;• Have received at least three years of continuous full-time education in Hong Kong;

(Master's Degree / Doctoral Degree)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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.
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[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.

3. Q: I am currently a secondary school student in Hong Kong, and I plan to transfer to a music high school abroad. May I apply for a scholarship in this case?

A: Yes, as long as you meet all the eligibility requirements for the junior programme outlined in question 2.

4. Q: Can I apply for the Music and Dance Scholarship to support my intended programme which is related to cultural management?

A: Cannot. The intended programme must be a full-time performing arts programme in music or dance at world-renowned institutions outside Hong Kong.

5. Q: I am a Pianist. Can I apply for the Music and Dance Scholarship so to support my studies at universities or institutions in Hong Kong?

A: Cannot. The intended programme must be a full-time performing arts programme at a world-renowned institution outside Hong Kong.

- 6. Q: I am a permanent resident of Hong Kong and graduated from a local associate degree programme last year. I am planning to pursue my undergraduate studies abroad. Am I eligible for the Scholarship?**

A: Yes, associate degree holders are welcome to apply for the undergraduate programme. Please make sure you fulfil the eligibility requirements for undergraduate programme outlined in the question 2.

- 7. 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 for undergraduate programme outlined in question 2. However, you may be asked to provide explanation and supporting proof for the gap period.

- 8. Q: I am currently a Year 1 student pursuing a bachelor's degree. I plan to transfer to a university abroad for Year 2 onwards. Am I eligible for the scholarship?**

A: Yes. As long as you meet all the eligibility requirements for the undergraduate programme outlined in question 2, you will be eligible for the scholarship, regardless of which year of study you are entering.

- 9. Q: I am a permanent Hong Kong resident and studying a Master of Music in Chinese Mainland and intend to pursue a doctoral degree abroad. Am I eligible for the postgraduate programme?**

A: Yes, as long as you fulfil the eligibility stated in the question 2 for the postgraduate programme.

Application

- 10. Q: How can I apply for the Music and Dance Scholarship?**

A: Before starting an application, applicants should inform their school referees and referees to obtain their consent and email addresses.

After collecting their email addresses, applicants should start and activate the application process via the online application portal ([link](#)) on the Scholarship's official website. After activating the application process via the application portal, separate emails containing the portal login information will be sent to you, your school referee and your referee respectively.

Only complete applications submitted before the deadline via the application portal will be considered. To avoid network issues near the deadline, the applicant should allow sufficient time to gather the relevant online forms and submit the online applications before the deadline. For assistance with submitting applications, please contact info@jcscholarships.hk.

11. Q: Who can be my school referee?

A: For Junior and Undergraduate Programme applicants, a school referee should be the school principal or a teacher from the applicant's current school.

For Postgraduate Programme applicants, a school referee should be teaching professional familiar with the applicant's academic background.

12. Q: Who can be my referee?

A: For all applicants, a referee should be 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.

13. Q: When should I submit the application?

A: On or before 6:00 pm, 27 February 2026 (HK Time).

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

14. Q: What should I do after activating the application?

A: You should check whether you, your school referee and your referee have successfully received separate emails containing the portal login information. Kindly invite your school referee and referee to start completing their respective forms and coordinate with them regarding any required information and supporting documents.

Applicants should manage the submission of:

- (i) the student application form
- (ii) the school recommendation form; and
- (iii) the referee recommendation form.

All forms above must be duly completed by the respective person and submitted before the application deadline via the online application portal by the applicant.

15. Q: What documents/ materials must be submitted to support my application?

A: Please refer to section 7 and 8 of the application guidelines for more details about the required supporting document and materials.

16. Q: Is there specific requirement for the pre-audition/interview assessment materials?

A: Please refer to the section 8 of the Application Guideline for details of the pre-audition/interview assessment materials.

17. Q: How do I put my performance videos on YouTube without making them public?

A: Please upload your audio or video to the designated platform and read the [Instruction for Uploading Pre-audition and Interview Materials](#).

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 Music and Dance Scholarship.

19. Q: What is my login information for the application portal?

A: Please refer to table 1 in section 6 of the Application Guideline. Please use your provided **Login ID** (not Application Number) and registered email to login the application portal.

20. Q: I cannot receive the OTP email notification when logging into the portal.

A: Please verify that the email address you entered is valid and check the junk or spam folder of your mailbox. You may also click “Resend OTP” to receive a new OTP email notification.

21. Q: How do I save my progress in the application portal?

A: Please click the “Save and Continue” button each time before you exit the application form. After clicking the button, the information you entered in the previous section will be saved automatically.

22. Q: What browsers are recommended for accessing the online application portal?

A: All major browsers can be used to access the online application portal. However, for the best experience, we recommend using the latest version of Chrome, Firefox, Edge, or Safari.

23. Q: Can the applicant, school referee or referee change their email addresses after activating the application process?

A: Yes. After the application process has been activated, the email addresses of the student, referee, and school referee can still be updated.

However, once the student application form, referee recommendation form, and school recommendation form have been completed and submitted, their email addresses can no longer be changed.

Please note that the email for applicant to create initial application form cannot be changed.

24. Q: I realised that I have two Login IDs, which is correct?

A: Both are correct but for different purposes:

For applicants who are going to complete/view the application form, please login the application portal using the Login ID – the one with “-s”, e.g. MP26XXXX-s.

For applicants who would like to manage all forms, check the status of all forms and **make final application**, please login the application portal using the Login ID – the one without "-s", e.g. MP26XXXX.

25. Q: I realised that the referee submitted the referee recommendation form with incorrect information. Can I resubmit the application form?

A: You may directly login the application portal (using the Login ID – the one without "-s", e.g. MJ26XXXX) to return the form for resubmission. Kindly type the note to explain the reason of return for submission. The referee will then receive a notification email. Please note that if the final application has already been submitted, resubmission of forms will not be allowed.

After Application

26. 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 to acknowledge the receipt of application, request further information (if applicable).

27. 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.

Audition / Interview

28. Q: When will I receive the notification of audition / interview?

A: Only shortlisted applicants will be invited to attend the audition / interview. An email will be sent to the applicant in April 2026 to notify the applicant of the audition / interview date and time. The audition / interview for the Music and Dance Scholarship is expected to be held from Late April - May 2026.

Applicants shortlisted for audition / interview are required to follow the instructions in the email and indicate their availability. Re-scheduling the audition / interview or requesting an online audition / interview will not be accommodated.

29. Q: Is there any additional document to submit when being shortlisted for an audition / interview?

A: Yes. The applicants are required to submit relevant documents when being shortlisted. Please follow the instructions in the email and upload proof of the required documents via the application portal before the deadline provided. If any of the required documents are not available at the moment, kindly provide an explanation in the designated fields in the application portal and submit any documents that are ready.

30. Q: Can I attend the audition / interview online?

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

31. Q: Do I have to prepare my music instrument or dance background music for my audition / interview?

A: Yes. Please bring your own music instrument (except piano), all your audition related materials (e.g. costumes, background music) to the audition.

32. Q: May I have an accompanist for the audition / interview?

A: Yes, please arrange accompanists yourselves for all music pieces, if with accompaniment.

Public Examination Results and Institution Admission Results

33. Q: When shall I submit my school examination or 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 online application portal **within FIVE working days** following results release day.

Example 1: Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education Examination (HKDSE)

If the result is released on 15 July 2026 (Wednesday), you are required to submit a copy of your *Results Notice* to the Scholarships Secretariat via the scholarship's designated platform **by 20 July 2026 (Monday)**.

Example 2: International Baccalaureate (IB)

If the result is released on 6 July 2026 (Monday), you are required to submit a copy of your *Transcript of Grades* to the Scholarships Secretariat via the scholarship's designated platform **by 11 July 2026 (Saturday)**.

Example 3: Other school entrance examinations

You are required to submit a copy of your *Grade Reports or relevant Certificates* to the Scholarships Secretariat via the scholarship's designated platform **within FIVE working days after the result is released**.

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

A: Upon the release of the admission offer, the applicant should upload a soft copy of his/her admission offer letter to the online application portal **within five working days** following the results release day.

Scholarship Result Announcement

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

A: The result will be announced via email by the end of Jun - Jul 2026. 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 Music and Dance Scholarship.

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

A: It may vary from case to case. In principle, we will arrange direct payment to your institution for tuition fees and other applicable learning subsidies. For the subsistence allowance, maintenance fees, and return flight ticket, awardees are required to submit the appropriate invoices, contracts, or proof of expenses for reimbursement.

37. Q: Can I still apply for the Music and Dance Scholarship if I have received / will receive scholarships or grants from an institution/another organisation for my study?

A: No. Recipients of the Music and Dance Scholarship should not or should no longer receive another full scholarship or any other scholarships or awards that subsidise their tuition fees, academic expenses, living expenses or other 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.

38. Q: If I defer my 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.

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

A: No. You will only receive the Scholarship if you get accepted into an intended programme that you indicated in your application.

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

A: Recipients of the Music and Dance 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.