

SIR ROBERT BLACK TRUST FUND
Grants for Talented Students in Non-academic Fields 2020-21
(Information Notes)

The Sir Robert Black Trust Fund Committee (“the Committee”) now invites nominations from all primary and secondary schools in Hong Kong for Grants for Talented Students in Non-academic Fields 2020-21 (“the Grants”).

The Award

2. The Grants for Talented Students in Non-academic Fields were first introduced in 2006-07. It is a **non-renewable** award scheme which aims to encourage youth who might not be academically-oriented but are talented in either of the following areas for pursuing further studies in areas they excel :-

- (a) Visual arts and performing arts (including drama, dancing, etc.);
- (b) Music (including composing, conducting, etc.);
- (c) Design / innovations or inventions;
- (d) Sports;
- (e) Information technology;
- (f) Media production / film art; and
- (g) Others (e.g. public speaking, debate, cookery and embroidery, etc).

* Courses/trainings conducted by private tutors or applications for covering expenses related to participation in competitions or transportation fees for course/training will **not** be considered.

The Grants cover regular course/training fees only and any other expenses such as purchase of equipment, examination fees, administration fees, transaction fees, transportation fees, materials fees and annual fee, etc, are **not** eligible items.

Selection Criteria

3. A successful grantee is expected to be of good character with vision to contribute to Hong Kong. Selection of the grantees will be based on the following criteria –

- (a) Performance, potential and creativity of the students in the relevant non-academic field(s);
- (b) Circumstances of the family of the students; and
- (c) Recommendation of the schools.

Nominations

4. Each school may nominate **up to 3 students** for the Grants with due regard to the criteria set out in 3(a) and 3(b) above.

Nomination Form

5. Nominations should be made and submitted **by schools** by completing the prescribed nomination forms which are obtainable from http://www.hab.gov.hk/en/public_forms/forms.htm or the Secretariat at 34/F, Wu Chung House, 213 Queen's Road East, Wanchai, Hong Kong. Schools making more than one nomination should submit all of them **at the same time**.

Completing the Form

6. Students should think thoroughly before deciding the courses/trainings they intend to enroll, the Committee would **not** consider any request for change of courses/trainings once the applications are submitted. Incomplete or faulty applications would affect the chance of selection and amount of grant adversely. Each student should only apply for **ONE** course/training and any application for more than one course/training would not be considered. All documents, including the nomination form, would not be returned once submitted and students are advised to make their own copies for future reference before submission.

Selection of Grantees

7. All nominations will be vetted by the Committee for the purpose of selecting the successful grantees. Where necessary, the nominees may be required to attend interviews.

Award of the Grants

8. The amount of each grant will normally not exceed HK\$5,000. In exceptional and deserving cases, the Committee may consider awarding grants of up to HK\$10,000 on case by case basis. Any application for **exceeding HK\$5,000 must be substantiated with a detailed statement from the Principal, in addition to Part B of the Nomination Form, explaining why the Committee's special consideration is warranted.** The Grants would be disbursed by means of reimbursement. Successful grantees are required to submit necessary documents via their schools upon completion of the courses/trainings. The list of the required documents will be provided by the Secretariat in due course.

9. The Committee will only consider sponsoring courses/trainings which will take place **from February 2021 until January 2022**. For students who are in the graduating class in the academic year of 2020-21, i.e. Primary 6/ Senior Secondary 3/ Grade 12, the period should span **from February 2021 until July 2021** or the expected date of completion of courses/trainings (whichever is earlier), if they are selected. Except for courses/trainings of a continuous nature, those due for commencement prior to the formal announcement of the results of the captioned grant scheme will not be considered.

Deadline for Nominations

10. Completed nomination forms (Part A & B) together with all relevant documents should reach the Secretariat **by 5pm on or before 13 November 2020**. **To facilitate the processing of the applications, schools should also send the completed pdf e-forms and the relevant documents (by applicant) to the Secretariat by email (trustfunds@ctc.org.hk) by the same deadline. Late submission will not be accepted.** The Secretariat would send acknowledgement to schools by email within 2 weeks upon receipt of the nominations.

Announcement of Results

11. The results of the captioned grant scheme will be announced tentatively in **January 2021**.

Enquiries

12. Enquiries concerning the grant scheme should be addressed to:

Sir Robert Black Trust Fund Secretariat
34/F, Wu Chung House
213 Queen's Road East
Wanchai, Hong Kong
Tel. No. : 3718 6801 or 3718 6830

Secretary
Sir Robert Black Trust Fund Committee

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