

AU BAK LING CHARITY TRUST

Scholarship Scheme

Background

The Au Bak Ling Charity Trust (the “Trust”) has been established for the purpose of helping needy students studying to become teachers in Hong Kong.

Personal story of the Founder “A Poor Boy Makes Good”

The Founder of the Trust, Au Bak Ling, Lord of Georgeham, is a typical self-made man. He was born into a very poor family, thus having to start working at the age of 8, and to leave the free school he attended at 10 without completing Primary 4. As a result, self-cultivation was the only way for him to gain further knowledge. He strongly believed that poverty was just like a red hot furnace. It could smelt the good iron ore into steel and the bad stuff into ashes. He therefore studied intensively, with the help of a dictionary having both Websters’ and Jones’ pronunciation guides, and succeeded in acquiring a good command of both spoken and written English to enable him to learn everything by himself. In fact, his proficiency in both languages has made him a translation expert and also a master of Chinese couplets. Talents plus persistent self-enhancement efforts have indeed transformed him and changed his destiny from a bare-footed street boy to a leading publisher. He could pride himself on defeating the entire British publishing industry by producing good textbooks to help educate Hong Kong students, most of whom have become the mainstays of our society today. As a man full of entrepreneurial flair, steely determination and fighting spirit, he has been able to expand his business interests globally. Today, his wholly-owned Ling Kee Group comprises over 30 companies operating in Hong Kong, China, Canada, U.K. and USA, dealing mainly in educational publishing, manufacturing, hospitality services, property investment and land development, notably involved in building a new town in Canada “Auguston (區家鎮)”. The philosophy that has led to his legendary success can be aptly described by his Au’s motto: “Virtue ▪ Wisdom ▪ Courage ▪ Persistence; Diligence ▪ Prudence ▪ Humility ▪ Sincerity” (德智勇毅 ▪ 勤慎謙誠).

He has also been active in voluntary work for 4 decades, serving as President of the Hong Kong Educational Publishers Association that he founded and Hong Kong Federation of Youth Groups which he revived and steered to become the largest youth services organization. However, he has not fond of fame and personal distinction and he has therefore maintained a very low profile to avoid publicity.

He loves to work and has been working day and night incessantly for over 70 years. He fervently hopes that his personal story could inspire all teachers-to-be to achieve their career goals with success and satisfaction.

Objectives

In view of the adverse impact of the Global Financial Turmoil on the global economy and the rampant inflation plaguing Hong Kong, which would bring extra miseries to many poor families, his heartfelt sympathy towards the poor students facing financial difficulties has led him to establish this Trust to assist those in need of help by offering scholarships or interest-free loans to the eligible ones in the spirit of “A drop of water is vitally helpful like honey dew when thirsty.”

1. To encourage more elitists with aspiration and determination to join the teaching profession as a life-long career dedicated to the sacred mission of educating the young.
2. To offer scholarships to award the teachers-in-training with brilliant academic performance, especially those promising ones who require financial assistance.

3. To install the spirit of “educating the second generation is our sacred duties” into the minds of young teachers in order that they may devote their efforts to nurturing tomorrow’s leaders and better citizens for the benefit of our society.

Details of Scholarship

1. A scholarship of HK\$10,000 will be awarded to the student having brilliant academic achievements as approved by the Selection Board. The number of scholarships is limited to 50. Those students who are in desperate need of financial aid may be granted a double-scholarship of HK\$20,000 at the discretion of the Selection Board, whose decision will be final and conclusive. The scholarship fund will be paid directly in monthly installments to the awardee’s University or the Hong Kong Institute of Education to cover his/her tuition fees.
2. In case if need, the scholarship-holders may be required to use part of their leisure time to help screen the new applicants or to do other relative charitable work.

Application Requirements

All those who have been studying or accepted to be enrolled in the Faculty of Education are eligible to apply for scholarship. **Only those students who study specifically to become teachers may apply.** The processing of all applications will be undertaken by the Trust, but the approval will be made by the Selection Board, whose decision will be final and conclusive.

Monitoring and supervision

The monitoring and supervision of scholarship-holders shall be conducted by the Trust and the institutions concerned.

Application Procedures

1. Complete the Application Form, which is obtainable from the Trust at 11/F, 131 Des Voeux Road, Central in Hong Kong, Ling Kee Book Store Ltd at B/F, 131 Des Voeux Road, Central in Hong Kong or at B/F, 733 Nathan Road, Mongkok, Kowloon or the Registrar of the institution concerned.
2. The scholarship applicant must first obtain the recommendation of the institution concerned, certifying his eligibility in terms of academic achievements or financial needs before submitting the Application Form with the relevant documents.

Application Deadline

5 p.m. on 16 December 2011

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APPLICATION FORM

Application No. _____

Instructions

- (a) This Application Form must be fully completed. Put "Nil" or "N/A" to those questions/sections which are not applicable to you.
- (b) Please submit the completed Application Form and photocopies of all relevant documents to the Au Bak Ling Charity Trust office by 16 December 2011, 5 p.m. by post or by hand.

SECTION 1 — PERSONAL DATA

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____ Christian Name _____

Chinese Name: _____ Age: _____ Date/Place of Birth: _____

HK ID Card No. _____ Passport No. _____

Address _____

Home Phone No. _____ Mobile Phone No. _____

E-mail Address _____

SECTION 2 — ACADEMIC INFORMATION

Course of Study: Major _____ Minor _____

Institution Attended: _____ Year _____

Duration of the Course: _____ year. From _____ to _____ (dd/mm/yy)

Annual Tuition Fees: HK\$ _____, payable in _____ monthly installments

(A) EDUCATIONAL HISTORY (in chronological order)

Dates (dd/mm/yy)		School attended	Classes Attended	
From	To		From	To

N.B. Please provide the academic transcript(s) of the last school / institution you have attended or are attending.

(B) HKCEE SUBJECTS TAKEN AND RESULTS (Year(s) taken _____)

Subject	Grade Obtained	Subject	Grade Obtained

N.B. Please provide a photocopy(ies) of the HKCEE Results Certificate.

(C) HKALE SUBJECTS TAKEN AND RESULTS (Year(s) taken _____)

Subject	Grade Obtained	Subject	Grade Obtained

N.B. Please provide a photocopy(ies) of the HKALE Results Certificate.

(D) OTHER QUALIFICATIONS

Qualification Obtained	Year Obtained	Level	Issued by

N.B. Please provide photocopies of the relevant certificates.

SECTION 3 — EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

Name of Employer	Dates Employed	Position Held	No. of Hours per Week	Salary Per Week/ month

SECTION 4 — FINANCIAL INFORMATION

SOURCES OF INCOME	HKD per month
Income [†] (e.g. part-time job if any)	
Loans [#] (Name of loan:	
Savings [#]	
Scholarships/grants (Name(s) of Scholarship/grant#	
Credit card advances [#]	
Parents' support	
Rental Income [#]	
Total	

Family Financial Information

List out below the names of your father, mother and siblings. Please use separate sheets, if necessary.

Full Name	Relationship with Applicant	Age	Employer	Occupation	Salary [†] (HKD per month)

(1) What type of housing are you living in? Owned/Rent (Private)/Rent (Public housing)/Other*. _____

(2) Does either of your parents own a business? Yes/No*

If yes, please state the name and the type of business _____

(3) Do you own any stocks or shares? Yes/No*

If yes, please state the total amount HK\$ _____

(4) Any other properties owned by your parents? If so, please list below:

Property(ies)	Estimated Value (HKD)

(5) Is your family receiving CSSA (Comprehensive Social Security Assistance) Yes/No*

* Circle the appropriate item.

† Monthly salary and income mean the total compensation during the period 1/4/2010 to 31/3/2011, including salary, bonus, stipend, rental allowance and other income sources divided by 12.

If you are short-listed, you will be required to produce evidence to prove the information provided.

SECTION 5 — YOUR LIFE GOALS

Please state your life goals and education plan to illustrate how the scholarship may help you to accomplish your goals?

(1) What are your Life Goals?

(2) What is your Education Plan?

(3) How will this scholarship scheme help you achieve your goals?

SECTION 6 — ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

(Optional)

SECTION 7 — DECLARATION

I _____ do hereby certify that all statements made in this Application is true and complete to the best of my knowledge and has not withheld any information that might influence the consideration of this application. I understand that any misrepresentation, false declaration or omission will be sufficient cause for cancellation of this application and/or the scholarship already awarded.

If I _____ am a recipient of a scholarship granted by the Au Bak Ling Charity Trust, I hereby authorize the Trust to release information about my award through words, press release, photos, interviews, etc. to the local and overseas mass media.

ALL APPLICANTS SHOULD SIGN AND RETURN THIS DECLARATION WITH THEIR APPLICATION.

DATE

APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE

SECTION 8 — CERTIFICATION

This is to certify that _____ is a student studying/enrolled* in the Faculty of Education of this University/the Hong Kong Institute of Education* for the academic year 2011/2012. He/She* is eligible for the award of a scholarship* on merits in terms of academic achievements/financial need*, and your consideration will be appreciated.

Certified by:

Principal/Dean/Registrar*

*Please delete the inappropriate item.

NOTES:

1. Things to note when filling out this application form:
 - a. An applicant can only submit one Application.
 - b. The applicant must fill in the information correctly and clearly (use separate sheets if necessary). Incomplete application forms will not be processed.
 - c. The information provided by the applicant shall be used for verifying the eligibility of the applicant.
 - d. The information provided by the applicant shall be kept by the Trust until the applicant's application is denied.
2. The applicant must provide the following supporting documents together with the Application Form:
 - a. Copies of applicant's HK ID Card and Student ID Card;
 - b. Copies of applicant's examination and qualification certificates;
3. If needed, the Trust may send a staff to conduct spot checks to verify the accuracy of the information provided by the applicant.
4. All information provided by the applicant shall be treated with the strictest confidence.
5. Any misrepresentation, false declaration or omission will be sufficient cause for cancellation of this application and/or the scholarship already awarded.

Important dates

16 December 2011

Application deadline

- All applications must reach the Trust Office by 5 pm.

Mid-January to

February 2012

Screening and review of applications

- Short-listed candidates will be interviewed by the Selection Board.

Late February

to Early March 2012

Announcement of results

- The results will be announced and informed to the successful candidates and the institutions concerned.

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COMMENTS:

☐ Approved

☐ Disapproved

Board Member

Chairman