



Outstanding Service Awards for Tertiary Students 2020/2021

Guidelines for Applicants

1. Background

The Outstanding Service Awards for Tertiary Students (Award) were introduced in 1991 to recognize tertiary students with outstanding leadership and significant contribution to the community. The award selection is co-organized by the Hong Kong Student Services Association (HKSSA) and the Hong Kong Outstanding Tertiary Students' Services Association (HKOTSSA). Around 20 students are selected each year.

2. Eligibility

2.1 All students enrolled in full-time University Grants Committee (UGC) undergraduate programmes from the following institutions may apply:

- City University of Hong Kong (CityU);
- Hong Kong Baptist University (HKBU);
- Lingnan University (LU);
- The Chinese University of Hong Kong (CUHK);
- The Hong Kong Institute of Education (HKIEd);
- The Hong Kong Polytechnic University (PolyU);
- The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology (HKUST); and
- The University of Hong Kong (HKU).

2.2 All students from Hong Kong Shue Yan University (“HKSYU”), The Hang Seng University of Hong Kong (“HSUHK”) and Open University of Hong Kong (“OUHK”) are also eligible for the Award.

2.3 **Previous awardees and incoming exchange students are not eligible for the Award.**

2.4 Selection criteria:

- Proven record of leadership experiences and organizational skills;
- Outstanding contribution to fellow students, schools/institutions and/or the community;



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- Active participation in extra-curricular activities;
- Satisfactory results in public examinations and current academic studies.

3. Application



- 3.1 Completed application forms must be submitted to the corresponding institutions by **5 March 2021 (Friday)**.
- 3.2 Applicants should complete all relevant sections in the form and follow the required format strictly. Any alternation of the application form may lead to disqualification of the application.
- 3.3 Incomplete application form, inaccurate or false statements may also result in disqualification.

4. Interview

Short-listed applicants will be invited to attend a group interview on **24 April 2021 (Saturday)**, **please kindly reserve the date**. Short-listed applicants will be notified three weeks before the interview. Applicants who do not receive an invitation to the interview may consider their application unsuccessful.

5. Orientation Programme

Orientation activities will be scheduled for the selected candidates, tentatively in **June 2021**. Selected candidates will have the chance to meet and build friendships with our previous awardees. The details will be announced after the interview.

6. Engagement in Community Service

- 6.1 All selected candidates are required to participate in one of the HKOTSSA's existing community services between July and August 2021.
- 6.2 Selected candidates who will not be in Hong Kong or will have internships or other work commitments between July and August 2021 should discuss with the executive committee of HKOTSSA for alternative arrangements.
- 6.3 The details will be announced after the interview.



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7. Awards Presentation Ceremony & Dinner

Upon satisfactory completion of Engagement in Community Service, selected candidates will receive the Award at the Award Presentation Ceremony in October 2021. Selected candidates may not be awarded if they fail to join/complete the Engagement in Community Service.

8. Membership of HKOTSSA

All awardees will be invited to join HKOTSSA as members which was founded by the past recipients of the Award. Members will be given opportunities to meet alumni and advisors with rich experience in community services.

9. Schedule

Application Deadline	5 March 2021 (Friday)
Notification of the Interview	Mid-March
Servathon (preliminary interview)	Around the end of March
Final interview	Around the end of April
Release of Result	Around mid-May
Orientation Activity	June 2021
Engagement in Community Service	July – August 2021
Award Presentation & Dinner	October 2021



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10. Enquiries

Applicants may contact us at info.hkotssa@gmail.com if you have any enquiries. HKOTSSA will reply **within three working** days.

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