



Hong Kong Student Services Association



Hong Kong Outstanding Tertiary Students' Services Association

Outstanding Service Awards for Tertiary Students 2024/2025

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 tertiary institutions in Hong Kong and pursuing a full-time bachelor's degree are eligible for the Award.

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

2.3 Selection criteria:

- Proven record of leadership experiences and organizational skills;
- Outstanding contribution to fellow students, schools/institutions and/or the community;
- 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 HKOTSSA's designated google form (<https://forms.gle/XE4vyQ4WNqkgLAiu6>) by **30 April 2025 (Wednesday)**.

3.2 Applicants should complete all relevant sections in the form and follow the required format strictly. Any alteration 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.



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4. Interview

Short-listed applicants will be invited to attend a Servathon (preliminary interview) on **24 May (Saturday) or 25 May (Sunday)**, while the final interview will be held in **early June** (Interview details to be announced to respective applicants), **please kindly reserve the date.** Short-listed applicants will be notified one week before both interviews. 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 **July 2025**. 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 at least one of the HKOTSSA's existing community services between July and August 2025.

6.2 Selected candidates who will not be in Hong Kong or will have internships or other work commitments between July and August 2025 should discuss with the executive committee of HKOTSSA for alternative arrangements.

6.3 The details will be announced after the interview.

7. Awards Presentation Ceremony

Upon satisfactory completion of Engagement in Community Service, selected candidates will receive the Awards at the Awards Presentation Ceremony in January 2026. Selected candidates may not be awarded if they fail to join/complete the Engagement in Community Service.



8. Awards Highlights

8.1 Award Ceremony (Past guests include Miss Alice MAK Mei-kuen, SBS, JP, Secretary for Home and Youth Affairs; Mrs Regina IP LAU Suk-ye, GBM, GBS, JP ; Mr Tang Ping-keung, GBS, PDSM, JP, etc.)

8.2 Scholarship

8.3 Subsidized optional service trips/cultural tours

8.4 High table dinner

8.5 Networking opportunities with over 600 past awardees

9. 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.

10. Schedule

Application Deadline	30 Apr 2025 (Wednesday)
Notification of the Preliminary Interview	15 May 2025
Servathon (Preliminary interview)	24 or 25 May 2025
Final interview	Early June 2025
Release of Result	June 2025
Orientation Activity	July 2025
Engagement in Community Service	July – August 2025
High Table Dinner	October 2025 (TBC)
Award Presentation & Dinner	January 2026 (TBC)



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11. Terms and Conditions

Upon joining the award selection, applicants are fully aware of the terms and conditions upon use of personal data and information. You have given specific express consent to provide your personal data including personal contact details, particulars of experience in social welfare activities and membership activities of the HKOTSSA's committees and/ or working parties relevant to your application.

12. 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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