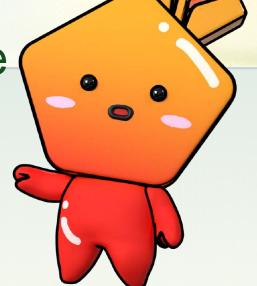
Student Finance Office Working Family and Student Financial Assistance Agency

Household Application for Student Financial Assistance Schemes



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Financial Assistance Schemes" is a family-based application form which facilitates families with child(ren) attending primary and secondary school(s) or kindergarten(s) / child care centre(s) to apply for student financial assistance.

Household Application for Student Financial Assistance Schemes

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Eligibility Criteria

Student-applicant

must be unmarried Hong Kong Residents, with right of abode, right to land or valid permission to remain without any condition of stay in Hong Kong.

Applicant

must be the parent or guardian of the studentapplicant.

(Note: Families currently in receipt of the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance should apply directly to the Social Welfare Department for school-related assistance for their children.)

Financial Assistance Schemes for Primary and Secondary Students

Secondary	Students
Financial Assistance Scheme	Details of the scheme
School Textbook Assistance Scheme (STAS)	 for needy Primary 1 to Secondary 6 students in government, aided, per caput grant schools and local schools under the Direct Subsidy Scheme cover the costs of essential textbooks and miscellaneous school-related expenses
Student Travel Subsidy Scheme (STSS)	 Home-school travel subsidy to needy primary and secondary students or students attending a full-time day course up to first degree level in a recognised institution residing more than 10 minutes' walking distance from school and need to travel to school by public transport
Subsidy Scheme for Internet Access Charges (SIA)	 for needy families whose children are full-time students receiving education at primary or secondary level, or full-time students pursuing Diploma of Applied Education (DAE) programmes or equivalent courses of the Vocational Training Council (VTC) to meet the internet access charges for e-learning at home for their children (for example, the charges on broadband Internet service or SIM cards provided by operators of fixed or mobile telecommunications services). the subsidy is granted on a household basis



The Means Test

Adjusted Family Income (AFI)

$$AFI = \frac{\text{Gross annual income of the family}}{\text{Number of family members} + (1)}$$

- Gross annual income of the family includes the annual income of the applicant and his / her spouse; 30% of the annual income of unmarried child / children residing with the family if applicable; and the contribution from relatives / friends if applicable.
- The members of a family normally refer to the applicant, his / her spouse, unmarried child / children residing with the family and the dependent parent(s) who are supported by the applicant and/or his / her spouse.
- For single-parent families of 2 to 3 members, the 'plus 1 factor' in the divisor of the AFI formula will be increased to 2.

Levels of Assistance

2023/24 school year - AFI Between (HK\$)	Level of Assistance
0 - 43,495	Full*
43,496 - 84,105	Half
> 84,105	Ineligible (applications not successful)

- * AFI thresholds for full level of assistance for 3-member and 4-member families are \$52,657 and \$48,445 respectively in the 2023/24 school year.
- For 2-member single-parent families and 3-member single-parent families, they are regarded as 3-member families and 4-member families respectively for determining the AFI thresholds for full level of assistance and calculation of AFI.
- Please note that the AFI is <u>not</u> the average monthly income of a family.

Amount of Assistance

School Textbook Assistance

For the 2022/23 school year, the TA grant rates for various class levels are listed as follows:

	P1-P6	S1-S3	S4	S 5	S6
Full Grant	\$ 5,726	\$ 6,012	\$ 6,108	\$ 5,304	\$ 3,506
Half Grant	\$ 2,863	\$ 3,006	\$ 3,054	\$ 2,652	\$ 1,753

For the 2023/24 school year, the TA grant rates for various class levels will be announced later.

Amount of Assistance

Student Travel Subsidy

➤ The subsidy is calculated on the basis of the average unit fare relevant to the districts in which the student studies and resides during term-time.

Subsidy for Internet Access Charges

Full rate of subsidy for SIA in the 2023/24 school year is \$1,700 per household while half rate is \$850 per household.

Application Procedures

For applicants who have been disbursed with textbook assistance (TA) in previous school year

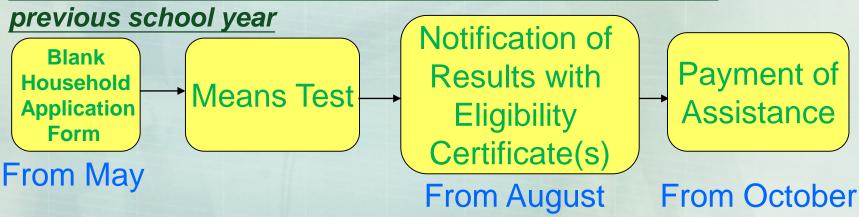
Pre-filled electronic / paper-based
Household
Application Form

Payment of
Assistance
+ Issue of
Notification
of Results

From March

From July / August

For applicants who have NOT been disbursed with TA in



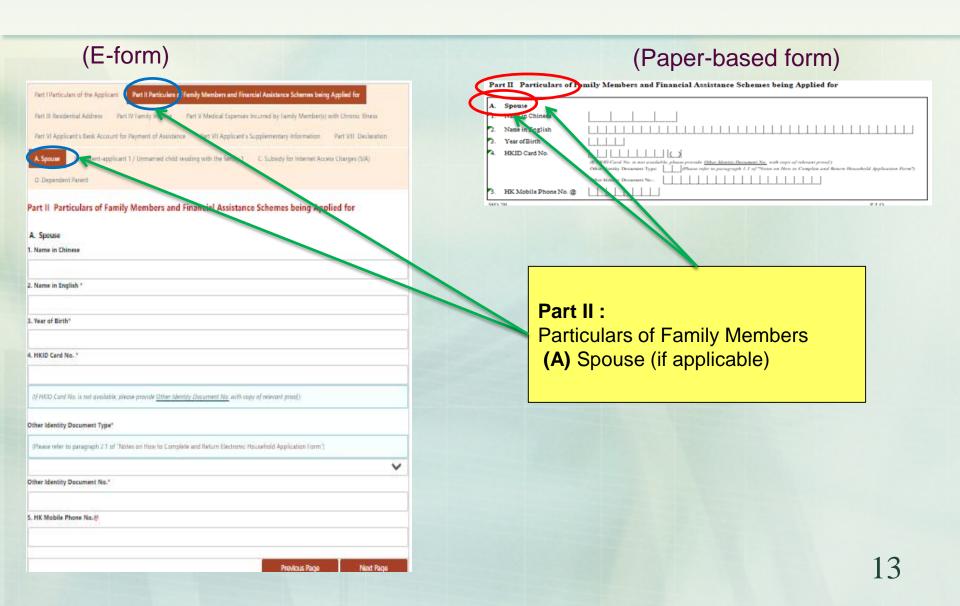


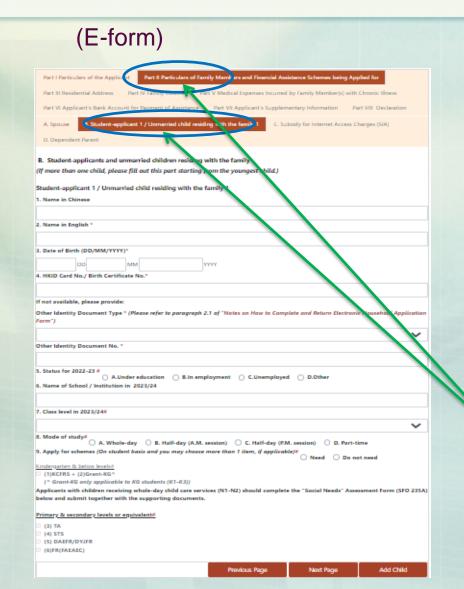
SFO E-link (https://ess.wfsfaa.gov.hk/espps)



- Applicants may complete and submit the electronic application online, or submit the completed paper-based application form with copies of supporting documents to the SFO direct by post or in person to SFO's Cheung Sha Wan office and Mong Kok office.
- Applicants are encouraged to use electronic application form (E-form).
- If applicants have submitted their electronic application forms and copies of relevant supporting documents online, they need <u>not</u> submit paper-based application forms and copies of relevant supporting documents separately.

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Estate / Village *			10. Your marital status during the period from 1.4.2021 to 31.3.2022 # A. Married B. * Divorced/Separated/Widowed/Single/Others (Please specify:
No. & Name of Street * District			(**Please provide spouse's information in Part II) Paper-based application form is needed in the next school year (Note: Applicants who do not put "r" in the box will be treated as opting for electronic application form in the next school year. To facilitate application and for environmental protection, the SFO encourages applicants to submit electronic application.) Ethnicity ** Note** A Chinese
Area * 1. HK 2. KLN 3. NT 4. OHK(Outside HK) 5. Year of Birth * 6. HKID Card No. *			
(If HKID Card No. is not available, please provide Other Identity Document No. with copy	of relevant proof.)		





(Paper-based form)

	Student-applicant 1 / Unmarried child residing with the family 1	Student-applicant 2 / Unmarried child residing with the family 2
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3. Status for 2022-23	A. Under education B. In employment	#
6. Name of School / Institution in 2023/24	C. UnemployedD. Other	C. UnemployedD. Other
7. Class level in 2023/24		
8. Mode of study	# A. Whok day B. Half-day (A.M. sess on)	# A. Whole-day B. Half-day (A.M. sessi
	C. Half-day, P.M. session) D. Part-time	C. Half-day (P.M. session) []D. Part-time
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1 item, if applicable)	Primary & secondary levelor equivalent:	# Primary & secondary levels or equivalent:
	(3) TA (4) STS	(3) TA (4) STS (5) DAEFR/DYJFR (6) FR(FAEAEC)

- **(B)** Student-applicant and Unmarried Children Residing with the Family
- → Unmarried children residing with the family will only be counted as 'family members' under the Adjusted Family Income (AFI) mechanism if information is provided in this Section.

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C. Subsidy for Internet Access Charges (SIA)

(On household basis and <u>only applicable to families with students of primary and secondary levels.</u> Not applicable to families with pre-primary students only.)

SIA will be disbursed to eligible families.

For families which do not need SIA, please put win the box.

__Do not need

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Part II (C):
-Subsidy for Internet
Access Charges

Put a " $\sqrt{}$ " if you do not need SIA

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2. Spouse Mode of employments Pull-time Part-time Position (Please specify period if it is not a whole year)* EXAMPLE HOUSEWIFE (1.4.2022 - 30.9.2022); PART-TIME CASHIER (1.10.2022 - 31.03.2023)	Total =
Total Annual Income (\$) Including bonus / allowance / part-time income (excluding Mandatory Provident Fund (MPF) / Provident Fund contribution by employee) Salary (\$) *	

HOUSEHOLD APPLICATION FORM FOR STUDENT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE SCHEMES Video on e-Submission Click HERE to watch the videos introducing how to complete and submit the electronic application form online. (Please read the Guidance Notes and "Notes on How to Complete and Return Electronic Household Application Form" carefully before [Applicable to the Kindergarten and Child Care Centre Fee Remission Scheme (KCFRS), Grant for School-related Expenses for Kindergarten Students (Grant-KG), School Textbook Assistance Scheme (TA), Student Travel Subsidy Scheme (STS), Subsidy Scheme for Internet Access Charges (SIA), Diploma of Applied Education Fee Reimbursement (DAEFR) / Diploma Yi Jin Fee Reimbursement (DYJFR) and Fee Reimbursement (Financial Assistance Scheme for Designated Evening Adult Education Courses) (FR(FAEAEC))] (# Please select the appropriate item,* are mandatory items and @ are optional items.) Application Progress Upload Saved Form Part I Particulars of the Applicant Part II Particulars of Family Members and Financial Assistance Schemes being Applied for Part III Residential Address Part IV Family Income Part V Medical Expenses Incurred by Family Member(s) with Chronic Illness Part VI Applicant's Ban't Account for Payment of Assistance Part VII Applicant's Supplementary Information Part VIII Declaration Part VI Applicant's Bank Account for Payment of Assistance (The account must be under the applicant's name and please provide copy of the bank statement / first page of bank book) Please enter the bank account number ectly. The account holder statement or passbook. Account holder's name in English ' Applicant's bank account no. Bank Code Bank Account Number (e.g. Standard Chartered Bank 003; HSBC 004; Hang Seng Bank 024) Bank name

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Part VI:

Since the subsidies will be disbursed to the bank account of the eligible applicants through autopay, the applicant must provide a valid bank account and supporting proof to SFO.

Submission Deadlines

Financial Assistance Scheme	Submission deadline (in 2023/24 school year)
School Textbook Assistance Scheme (STAS)	Household Application Form for Student Financial Assistance Schemes on or before 31 October 2023
Student Travel Subsidy Scheme (STSS)	Household Application Form for Student Financial Assistance Schemes submitted on or after 1 November 2023 and passed the means test, payment of STS (if applicable) may be effected from the date of receipt of application or the date of admission of the student-applicants to school, depending on the circumstances of individual cases.
Subsidy Scheme for Internet Access Charges (SIA)	Household Application Form for Student Financial Assistance Schemes submitted at a date on or after 1 February 2024 (i.e. in the latter half of the 2023/24 school year), partial payment of SIA will be made to the successful applicants.

Important Note:

Under normal circumstances, the SFO will <u>not</u> accept any "Household Application for Student Financial Assistance Schemes" submitted on or after 1 March 2024.



Enquiry



Hotline



Counter



WFSFAA's Website



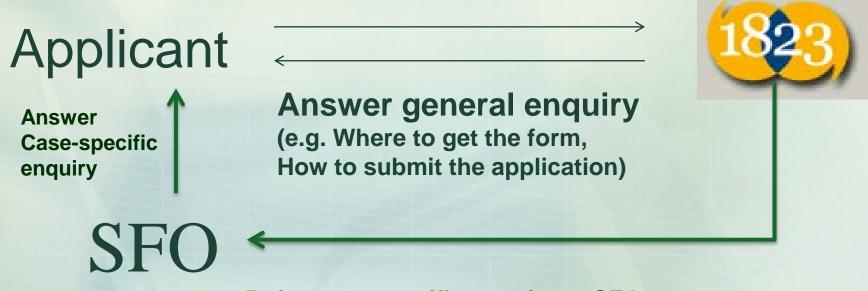
Leaflet on Household Application for Student Financial Assistance Schemes



Sample Form

(Hotline:2802 2345)

- Press (4) for other languages,
- Then press (1) Bahasa Indonesia, (2) Hindi, (3) Nepali, (4) Punjabi,
 (5) Tagalog, (6) Thai, (7) Urdu, (8) Vietnamese and (0) Other languages



Refer case-specific enquiry to SFO (e.g. Progress of application processing)



SFO Counter Service

Room 1206, 12/F, One Mong Kok Road Commercial Centre
1 Mong Kok Road, Kowloon

8:45am to 1:00pm

2:00pm to 5:45pm

(Monday to Friday)

No service on Saturdays, Sundays and Public Holidays

Support for People of Diverse Race

Telephone interpretation service through three-way telephone conference amongst the SFO staff member, the interpreter and the applicant can be arranged when necessary.

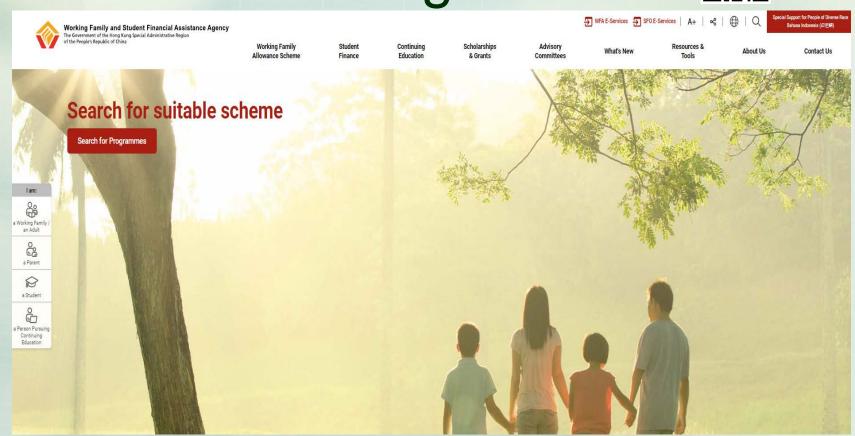
You may also approach support services centres for people of diverse race for assistance in filling in the application form or interpretation services.

WFSFAA's Website

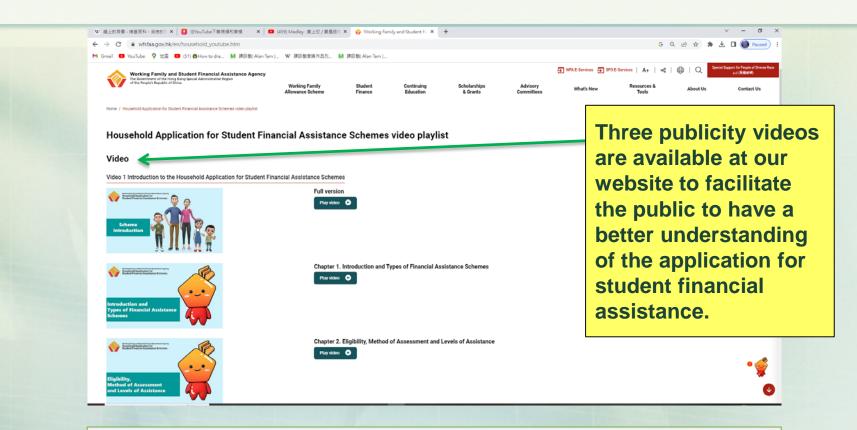
Please visit WFSFAA's website for application details

www.wfsfaa.gov.hk/sfo





WFSFAA's Website



(https://www.wfsfaa.gov.hk/en/household_youtube.htm)



Leaflet, Sample Form and Household Application Form

- Leaflet and Sample Form (translated into eight languages, i.e. Bahasa Indonesia, Hindi, Nepali, Punjabi, Tagalog, Thai, Urdu and Vietnamese), and Household Application Form (Chinese / English) are available at
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 - Primary and Secondary schools
 - District Offices of Home Affairs Department
 - Regional Education Offices of the Education Bureau
 - District Social Welfare Offices of the Social Welfare Department
 - Support Services Centres for people of diverse race
 - WFSFAA's website (www.wfsfaa.gov.hk/sfo)

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