

## **HKSAR Government Scholarship Fund – Talent Development Scholarship 2024/25** **Information Sheet**

### **Aim**

The Talent Development Scholarship (TDS) aims to give recognition to students who have demonstrated achievement in non-academic areas and to provide support to these students to further develop their talent and potential.

### **No. and Value**

- Around 250 awards for PolyU government-funded current students
- The value of each award is fixed at HK\$10,000.

### **Eligibility and Selection Criteria**

- To **current students** pursuing **full-time government-funded degree or above level programme leading to PolyU awards**. (Inbound exchange students are not eligible.)
  - Both local and non-local students are eligible.
  - The applicants **MUST** have a **cumulative GPA of at least 2.5** by end of Semester One of 2024/25.
  - To be eligible, applicants should possess demonstrated achievements within the recent three years (1 January 2021 – present) and continuously striving for improvement and excellence in any of the following areas.
    - (1) Sports and games;
    - (2) Music and performing arts;
    - (3) Culture, arts and design; OR
    - (4) Innovation, science and technology.
  - In addition, applicants should provide evidence of active participation in the certain area of talent (i.e. “Track Record” within the recent three years) and at least:
    - a) receive an award# in **international, national or regional competitions/performances\***; or
    - b) represent an institution or relevant association in **international, national or regional competitions/performances\*** and have good recommendation/assessment by the institution or relevant organisation on the capacity or talent; or
    - c) receive an award# in **local/inter-school/inter-institution competitions\***.
- # Only Hierarchical Prizes/Awards will be considered for the award of TDS. Consolation/ Commendable Awards will only be considered as proof of active participation.
- \* All competitions/performances must be priorly approved by Education Bureau (EDB)
- Participation in activities alone only serves as evidence of active participation and striving for improvement and excellence in a certain non-academic talent. (i.e. will be considered as “Track Record” only.) Applicants will **NOT** be awarded TDS based only on “Track Record”, with examples as follows:
    - a) Participation/ achievements in non-approved competitions/ performances
    - b) Being a team member/ committee member of a school team/ club/ society
    - c) Participation in Intra-school/ intra-institution activities
    - d) Work-related activities (e.g. internship/ helpers or workers of an event etc.)
    - e) Examinations on musical instruments and sports activities
    - f) Language proficiency tests (e.g. IELTS, TOFEL etc.)

Please refer to the **List of APPROVED TDS Activities (Annex I)** for the eligible competitions/performances and the **List of Activities pending for EDB’s approval (Annex II)** for reference. Please note that any competitions/performances that are NOT on the approved list and/or NOT submitted to Student Affairs Office (SAO) for EDB’s prior approval by 8 December 2024 will **ONLY** be considered as “Track Record” and proof for active participation in the certain area of talent.

- Applicants may be awarded the TDS more than once throughout their studies of the relevant programme, and each application will be considered based on individual merits. Applicants

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who have been awarded the TDS in the previous year(s) **MUST** be able to provide **NEW evidence** of award(s) and achievement(s) attained after receiving the TDS award in the previous academic year(s). Applicants are required to provide proof (e.g. award certificate, certification letter, photo of trophy/medal with awardee's name, official announcement on the competition's official website etc) of the awards/prizes received.

- PolyU Sports Team members are required to print out the results posted on the USFHK website and/or other official websites of the competitions, if available, as proof of the award(s) where award certificate(s) cannot be provided. In case the results are not available on websites or your name is not listed in the posted results on the website, please mark on the form that the proof is "Not Available" and our Office will verify those items on your application with the PolyU Sports Team coaches. You do not need to approach your coaches for written proof separately.
- The disciplinary record(s) of the applicants with PolyU (if any) may be taken into consideration in the processing of applications.

### Application and Enquiry

- Interested students may apply through the [e-Application System](#) **on or before 23.59 on 2 April 2025 (Wednesday)**. **Late applications will NOT be accepted. Applicants are strongly advised to submit their application BEFORE application deadline and not to wait until the very last minute.**
- For further enquiries, please contact us at [sao.sch@polyu.edu.hk](mailto:sao.sch@polyu.edu.hk).

### Remarks

- The applications will be vetted by a PolyU selection panel and the recommended applications will be submitted to the HKSAR Government Scholarship Fund for final approval.
- The applicants will be notified of the selection results sometime in June/July 2025.