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RCHK Scholarship Programme 2026-27

Open to current and prospective students of Renaissance College Hong Kong

*What we want to see is the **child in pursuit of knowledge**, not knowledge in pursuit of the child.*

George Bernard Shaw

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Introduction

General Information

The Renaissance College **Scholarships and Financial Aid Programmes** provide pathways for motivated and ambitious secondary students who strive for excellence and are empowered to take progressive action. The programme is open to current and prospective students of Renaissance College Hong Kong.

Full scholarships are attainable for **students from Year 7* to Year 13**. At the same time, the Financial Aid programme is offered on a needs basis throughout the academic year to all year levels, provided the College has places available.

Scholarship criteria are based on demonstrated academic ability, artistic and creative aptitude, sporting prowess and a commitment to service and leadership. Applicants should choose from one of five scholarships: academic, music, drama (theatre), visual arts and sports. Candidates are advised that the process is detailed and rigorous.

The scholarship application period for the next academic year is from **5 January 2026 to 6 March 2026**. The Scholarship Selection Test date is 21 March 2026. Applicants will be notified about the testing schedule by 16 March 2026. Shortlisted applicants will be notified about the interview schedule in April or May 2026. All applicants should be eligible to enter Renaissance College in August 2026. The **full timeline** is available on page 12.

This document includes all required information, deadlines and application forms. For questions, please contact the Scholarship Manager, Ms Wilma Shen, at scholarships@rchk.edu.hk.

*Year 6 students can apply with the aim that they will enter Year 7 in August 2026.

Information Session

We invite current and prospective parents and students to join our information session in **February**. This event offers an opportunity to gain insights into various scholarship opportunities and speak with current RCHK scholars.

Scholarship Information Evening		
Date	**Tuesday, 3 February 2026**	
Time	6.30pm - 8pm	
Venue	Renaissance College Hong Kong, Performing Arts Centre (PAC) 5 Hang Ming Street, Ma On Shan	Directions
Target audience	Current & prospective parents and students	
Registration	Walk-in, no RSVP required	

Types of Scholarships

Academic Scholarships

Academically ambitious students often show high levels of abstract thinking, verbal and numerical reasoning, spatial relations, rapid information processing, memory and word fluency. They possess the ability to be flexible and cooperative, as well as a commitment to performance and high academic standards.

Students applying for academic scholarships should demonstrate a proven ability to develop advanced analytical, critical, and creative thinking skills essential for achieving success in the International Baccalaureate (IB) Middle Years Programme (MYP), Diploma Programme (DP), and Career-related Programme (CP).

A key feature of Renaissance College MYP and DP/CP Programmes is student involvement in the Creativity, Activity, and Service (CAS) Programme. Renaissance College students have the opportunity to participate in public speaking and debating, as well as sporting and arts competitions and events, student leadership programs, and community service. Renaissance College scholarship students should strive to engage in rigorous and stimulating learning and enrichment experiences both within and beyond the classroom.

Music Scholarships

Students can apply for a performance-based Music scholarship or a technical Music scholarship with a focus on the creation and compositional work of music.

Students will be expected to act as role models for the Music curriculum and after-school activities, both assisting teacher-led activities and running their own ensembles. As mentors to younger students, Music Scholars will have opportunities to work with primary students and enjoy enhanced performance opportunities. Music Scholars are expected to select Music in Years 10 and 11 and DP Music in Years 12 and 13.

Students applying for Music Scholarships should strive to develop their ability and love for music through music creation, analysis, performance, and reflection, as well as attending a range of music activities both inside and outside school. Music is timetabled within the

	regular curriculum, but students also have the opportunity to participate in various musical activities and demonstrate their leadership potential. In recent years, Music Scholars have been awarded places for further education at prestigious institutions such as Berklee College of Music, Eastman School of Music, Imperial College London, and Manhattan School of Music.
Theatre Scholarships	Theatre Scholarships are offered to students who demonstrate a commitment to, passion for, and outstanding achievement in Theatre. Students are expected to excel in one or more of the following focus areas in Theatre: Performer, Creator, and Leader. Students can apply for a performance-based Theatre scholarship, focusing on performing, directing, and creating, or a technical Theatre scholarship, focusing on design, stagecraft, and technical theatre. Candidates will make significant contributions to the Theatre Arts and have relevant experience contributing either at Renaissance College, their current school community, or within the wider community. Theatre Scholars will be active contributors to Theatre activities at the Renaissance College and will help engage other members of the school community in Theatre. Theatre scholars study Theatre in Years 10 and 11 and Theatre as a subject in Years 12 and 13.
Visual Arts Scholarships	Visual Arts scholarships honour students who demonstrate outstanding artwork with clear evidence of technical proficiency and a distinctive personal aesthetic. Students are expected to excel in the practice of marking art, alongside becoming informed and critical observers of visual culture and media. Students will need to become informed, reflective, and critical practitioners within the school and local community, and must be willing to participate in the co-curricular activities offered by the Visual Arts department. Additionally, a willingness to work with others and share their knowledge of Visual Arts within the school and wider community is an essential attribute of a Visual Arts scholar. Talented art students will be exposed to a stimulating environment, a multi-disciplinary approach, a wider and deeper understanding of art

	within its historical and cultural context, and a broader sense of career perspectives and opportunities. Visual Arts scholars are expected to study Visual Arts in Years 10 and 11 and DP Visual Arts in Years 12 and 13.
Sports Scholarships	Sports Scholarships are awarded to students in recognition of outstanding achievement in Sports. Students applying for this scholarship must achieve a very high level in their chosen sport, in which RCHK competes in our **seasonal sports programme**. Prospective candidates must demonstrate high achievement and effort in Physical and Health Education and athletic programmes, and have a commitment to leading and developing the sports culture at the college. Sports Scholars are expected to attend and assist in sports and promotional events at the college, such as tournaments, scholarship evenings and the School Fair. It is expected that a sports scholar be committed to representing the school team in their chosen sport in our domestic leagues, while also participating in the school team in competitions abroad. Under the Sports Scholarship programme, students must maintain a very high standard in Physical and Health Education classes and co-curricular commitments whilst meeting overall academic standards. They are also expected to continue developing their sporting skills and knowledge beyond school commitments.

Youth Empowerment Scheme Scholarships (YES)	Renaissance College has introduced a Youth Empowerment Scheme (YES) scholarship to support deserving students in Hong Kong. These Financial Aid Scholarships provide 100 per cent of tuition fees. Applicants are strongly advised to consider the following general **admissions criteria**: • Applicants must be able to cope with an English-medium curriculum. • Applicants must demonstrate self-discipline and responsibility. • Applicants are advised that the process is rigorous and detailed.	
	Application	Here is the **application form** .
	Deadline	There is **no deadline** for YES scholarship applicants. Fully completed applications are considered on a needs basis throughout the academic year, provided the College has places available.
	Selection Process	All applicants will first go through the College's general admissions process to ensure they can cope with an English medium curriculum. This scheme is based on the financial needs of applicants, so a full disclosure of the applicant's financial background is required to allow the College to allocate funds responsibly. Applicants and their parents, guardians or sponsors will then be invited to attend an interview at the College. The interview allows us to assess whether the College can provide a sustainable learning and pastoral programme for the applicant. It also allows applicants and their families to become better acquainted with the philosophy and practices in place at RCHK.
	Selection Policy & Eligibility	The Renaissance College Scholarship Programme Committee will select students for admission to this scheme. General admission criteria will inform and

		guide all selection decisions. To be eligible to apply, the applicant must: • Have a place of abode in Hong Kong • Have a parent, guardian or sponsor in Hong Kong • Have proficient written and spoken English • Provide evidence of economic circumstances that qualify them for financial aid
	Award Disbursement	The YES scholarship covers 100% of tuition fees for an entire academic year, subject to the student's continuing eligibility. Depending on the applicant's financial situation, the YES scholarship may also cover extra expenses such as textbooks, stationery, school uniforms, field trips, lunch programmes, and miscellaneous charges.
	Maximum Duration	Students are eligible to hold a place in the scheme on an annual basis for an agreed tenure. The Renaissance College Scholarships Committee will review the financial situation of each family on a yearly basis to take into consideration the economic changes; therefore, a re-application for each academic year is required on an ongoing basis.

Eligibility

Both new applicants to the College and current students of RCHK are welcome to apply. To be eligible to apply for a Renaissance College Scholarship, students must be of the required age and be able to undertake full-time study at the college commencing **in August 2026.**

Scholarship **entry-year** levels are as follows:

Academic Scholarships	Years 7 – 13
Music Scholarships	Years 9 – 13
Theatre Scholarships	Years 10 – 13
Visual Arts Scholarships	Years 10 – 13
Sports Scholarships	Years 10 – 13

All applicants are strongly advised to consider the following general admissions criteria before deciding to proceed with an application:

- Applicants must be able to cope with an English-medium curriculum,
- Applicants must demonstrate self-discipline and responsibility.

Application

Submission Documents

Application Forms	Academic Scholarship
	Music Scholarship
	Theatre Scholarship
	Visual Arts Scholarship
	Sports Scholarship
	Youth Empowerment Scheme (YES)
Referee Evaluation Forms	Part 1
	Part 2

Application Deadline

Completed and signed application forms and referee statements must be sent to the Admissions Office no later than **4.00 pm, Friday, 6 March 2026**. Applications must be completed in ink and cannot be sent by email. Applicants must attach all supporting documentation to their application.

Application Requirements

- Applicants must be full-time students (studying at RCHK or outside)
- Applicants must demonstrate evidence of an outstanding academic record
- Applicants must be committed to extra-curricular and community service activities: participation in school and or community clubs and projects
- Applicants must demonstrate leadership either in their academic, extra-curricular activities or community activities

Applications will not be considered if they are:

- Submitted late
- Not signed
- Incomplete
- Not accompanied by required supporting documentation
- Completed in pencil

Students who applied for a Renaissance College Scholarship in previous years and were unsuccessful may apply again for the August 2026 entry.

Timelines

6 March 2026	Applications close at 4:00 pm
by 16 March 2026	Notification of testing arrangements posted to all Academic scholarship applicants
21 March 2026	Academic Scholarship Selection Test conducted at Renaissance College
April to May 2026	Music, Theatre, Visual Art, and Sports Scholarship applicants attend workshops and audition at Renaissance College
May to June 2026	Interviews for Academic and Other Scholarships conducted at Renaissance College
June 2026	Posting of all performance reports: All applicants are advised of the outcome

Selection Process

All complete applications received by the due date will be screened to ensure applicants satisfy the basic eligibility criteria. Following general testing and specialist auditions, short-listed candidates will attend a guided interview with a Scholarship Programme Panel. The final scholarship selection will be made by the Renaissance College Scholarship Programme Committee.

Selection stages and timelines

Academic Scholarship Selection	The selection of academic scholars is based on the results of screening, testing, and interviews coordinated by the Renaissance College Scholarships Committee. The scholarship test includes individual assessments in the areas of mathematics, science (for students in **Year 8 and above**), language, writing, and academic potential. Applicants will be notified of the testing date, time, venue and assessment procedures **by 16 March 2026**. All students who sit for the scholarship test will receive notification by **May 2026** on whether they have been successful in proceeding to the next interview stage. After attending the subsequent group and individual interviews, successful students will be offered a scholarship place to enter Renaissance College, commencing in **August 2026**.	
	Scholarship Test	**Details of Testing** The scholarship examination will be held on **21 March 2026 at Renaissance College from 1:00pm to 4:00pm.** We offer scholarships at the following levels: • **Level 1:** Designed for students to sit the test during their final year of primary school for entry into the first year of secondary school the following year (entry into Year 7 in RC). The tests are also suitable for entry into the second year of secondary school (Year 8 in RC).

		• **Level 2:** Designed for students to sit the test during their second year of secondary school, for entry into the third year of secondary school the following year (entry into Year 9 in RC). The tests are also suitable for entry into the fourth year of secondary school (Year 10 in RC). • **Level 3:** Designed for students for entry into Year 11 and above.
Music Scholarships Selection		The two-stage selection process is based on musical talent, aptitude, and academic ability. In the first stage, all applicants are required to submit a recording of a recent performance on a USB thumb drive (or its equivalent, such as a digital file accessible via a QR code included in the application) along with their application. The second stage involves an audition performance session for shortlisted candidates conducted at Renaissance College. Students will be asked to perform an individual audition using their chosen instruments. Students are advised to present pieces that are appropriate to their level and not attempt works that are either below or above their current capabilities. When selecting an audition piece, students should aim to choose works that enable them to demonstrate technical skill, clarity, and range on their chosen instrument. Students can also opt to submit a portfolio of creation and compositional work to demonstrate their versatility within the subject area. The second stage will take place in May 2026 at the Performing Arts Centre, located at Renaissance College. After subsequent individual interviews, successful students will be offered a Music scholarship place for entry to Renaissance College by **June 2026**.
Theatre Scholarships Selection		There are three key components to the Theatre Scholarship interview and audition process: 1) The Interview, 2) The Audition/Showcase, 3) The Reflection. For the interview session, applicants are asked to present a Theatre Portfolio that showcases their interest, experience, and skills in

	Theatre/ Technical Theatre. The Theatre Portfolio, while it can be presented in any way that the candidates prefer, should also be printed as a document for the panel to keep and refer to. Students will be asked questions regarding how they envision their future as scholars, and there will also be questions that relate directly to the work they will present in their Theatre Portfolio. For the audition (performance-based), candidates will perform two monologues: one contemporary and one Shakespearean, both selected from a prescribed list. The list will be made available to students once they have submitted their applications. Applicants will also be asked to perform an improvisation solo. As for the showcase (technical theatre), students will prepare and create, in the black box theatre space, two contrasting technical moments in theatre from a prescribed list of plays. Candidates can use actors if they wish, and if they need more than one technician to bring their showcase to fruition, they can bring along assistants as needed to help operate the equipment as desired. The reflection is an opportunity to talk through the creative process they experienced when preparing for the audition/showcase and what they intend their audience to feel during their performances/showcases. Theatre auditions will take place in **May 2026** at the Black Box Theatre of Renaissance College. Following subsequent individual interviews, successful students will be offered a scholarship place for entry to Renaissance College by **June 2026**.
Visual Arts Scholarships Selection	Selection is conducted in **two stages**, based on proficiency and aptitude in the Visual Arts, as well as academic ability. **At the first stage**, all applicants will be invited to submit an Art Digital Portfolio, which should include a maximum of 10 slides that reflect the "process of making" as well as the finished outcomes. The "process of making" could include the development of ideas, progress, designs, and artistic influences, as well as the display of a variety of media, such as watercolour, acrylic, and printmaking. Within the Digital Art Portfolio, students should include a minimum of 6 artworks with 2 produced specifically for the scholarship application, 2 produced outside the school curriculum, and *2 produced at school/within the school curriculum.

	The second stage involves an exhibition/interview session conducted at Renaissance College. Shortlisted students will be invited to present their portfolio of work. Candidates are advised to carefully select their work to demonstrate a range of Visual Arts skills and techniques. Students will exhibit their work and provide an oral presentation to an interview/selection panel. Evidence of prior achievements and references will also be taken into consideration. The second stage is scheduled to take place around **May 2026** at Renaissance College. Successful students, should they pass the following interview session, will be offered a scholarship place to enter Renaissance College by June 2026. **Internal Year 9 second and third trimester students will not have yet produced artwork in school. These students can select 2 other artworks of their choice.*
Sports Scholarships Selection	Applicants should ensure they provide relevant and informative references from their chosen referees with their application. The selection process for Sports Scholarships will also be two parts and assessed against qualitative criteria. Firstly, the selection panel may request that the applicant provide further evidence of their achievement in the sport, such as video evidence, or participate in sports-specific skills and fitness tests on a specified date during the selection process. For qualifying candidates, the second stage is a face-to-face interview with the Sports Scholarship Selection panel, scheduled for around **May 2026**. Successful candidates, after completing the final interview, will be notified of their final results by **June 2026**.

Selection Criteria

The Renaissance College Scholarship Programme Committee will select students for a College Scholarship. General selection criteria will inform and guide all selection decisions. The general Scholarship Selection Criteria include Personal Qualities, Application Requirements, and Knowledge of International Baccalaureate Programmes.

Personal Qualities

Renaissance College seeks applications from globally minded young people who:

- Possess skills necessary to conduct purposeful, constructive research
- Can make sound decisions and solve complex problems
- Can receive and express ideas confidently in English
- Demonstrate a commitment to learning languages other than English
- Approach unfamiliar situations without anxiety
- Have acquired a critical mass of significant knowledge
- Have integrity, honesty, and a sense of fairness and justice
- Show sensitivity towards the needs of others through service to the community
- Respect the views, values and traditions of other individuals and cultures
- Give thoughtful consideration to their own learning

Knowledge of International Baccalaureate Programmes

Students should inform themselves about the International Baccalaureate Programme and its expectations (www.ibo.org).

In addition to satisfying general Scholarship Selection Criteria, the Committee will select students in accordance with the specific selection criteria for the Scholarship Types that the candidate has applied for.

Special Consideration

Applicants and their families who believe that special consideration should be given to an application due to specific circumstances or events not able to be communicated in other parts of the application should submit a letter marked CONFIDENTIAL and headed: "Special Consideration for (insert full name of applicant)". All requests for special consideration must be supported and, if necessary, verified.

Ranking

Academic Scholarship applicants will initially be ranked according to a combination of many factors such as the academic merit on the outcome of the scholarship selection test, effort and achievement grades (or its equivalent such as Classroom Expectations or Approaches to Learning grades), involvement with school events and extra-curricular activities as well as community and service programmes, and demonstrated and potential leadership from evidence provided.

Students with a strong commitment to academics and a demonstrated talent, ability, or pursuit that brings honour to the college will be viewed highly. Most students who are successful in attaining an Academic Scholarship are highly accomplished in one or more creative, active, or service pursuits.

For other scholarship types, applicants will initially be ranked based on a combination of audition/interview performance, academic merit, effort, and achievement results within the preceding eighteen-month reporting period. In addition, supporting documents, referee reports, portfolios, and evidence of a case for special consideration will be carefully reviewed to determine whether the applicant will be shortlisted for an interview.

Applicants are responsible for providing sufficient supporting documentation to support any claim for special consideration.

Other scholarships

Receipt of other scholarships will not necessarily preclude students from consideration; however, applicants are required to inform Renaissance College of any other scholarship or award they hold.

Offer and Notification

Students and their families will be advised in writing of the outcome of their applications. For students who are unsuccessful, this will include an individual report on each applicant's testing and interview outcomes.

Scholarship Offer

Students and their families will be notified in writing of the scholarship offer and its terms and conditions. Students must agree to accept the conditions of the scholarship and provide personal information relevant to assessing their ongoing eligibility to the college upon reasonable request. This information will remain confidential among the college scholarship administrator, the Head of the College, the applicant, and their family.

Award Disbursement

The value of a Renaissance College Academic Scholarship or other Scholarship types covers 100% of tuition fees for an entire academic year, subject to a student's continuing eligibility to hold the scholarship.

Extraneous Expenses

The Renaissance College Scholarship Programme does not provide financial assistance to students and their families for expenses extraneous to tuition fees. These include expenses such as:

- Textbooks
- Stationery items
- School uniforms
- Field trips
- Lunch programme
- Miscellaneous levy

ESF Financial Assistance

Renaissance College allocates 2% of its fee income to a hardship fund. This fund is designed to assist families who have experienced a sudden and unexpected change in their circumstances within the past 12 months. This scheme is **open only to current students of Renaissance College Hong Kong**.

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