

# **RCHK Scholarship Programme**

## **2025-26**

Open to current and prospective students  
of Renaissance College Hong Kong

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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 **6 January 2025 to 7 March 2025**. The Scholarship Selection Test date is 29 March 2025. Applicants will be notified about the testing schedule by 17 March 2025. Shortlisted applicants will be notified about the interview schedule in April or May 2025. All applicants should be eligible to enter Renaissance College in August 2025.

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](mailto:scholarships@rchk.edu.hk).

\*Year 6 students can apply with the aim that they will enter Year 7 in August 2025.

## Information Session

We invite current and prospective parents and students to join our information session in February. This event is an opportunity to get insights into different scholarship opportunities and speak with current RCHK scholars.

### Scholarship Information Evening

**Thursday, 13 February 2025**

**6.30 - 8.00 PM**

Renaissance College Hong Kong, Performing Arts Centre (PAC)

5 Hang Ming Street, Ma On Shan

[Directions](#)

No RSVP is required. We look forward to seeing you there!

## 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 have the ability to be flexible and cooperative, a commitment to performance and high academic standards.

Students applying for academic scholarships should show a demonstrated ability to foster advanced analytical, critical and creative thinking skills essential to 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 become involved in public speaking and debating, sporting and arts competitions and events, student leadership programs, and service to the community. 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, as well as 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, and by 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 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 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 significantly contribute to the Theatre Arts and have relevant experiences contributing either at Renaissance College, their present 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 making 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 take part in the co-curricular activities within 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 at the College 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, which needs to be a 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 an expectation that a sports scholar be committed to representing the school team in their chosen sport in both the ISSFHK and HKSSF leagues whilst also taking part in the school team in any overseas competitions such as ACAMIS tournaments, which are hosted by International schools, often in neighbouring countries. It would be advantageous for prospective candidates if they have previously participated in a second RCHK Black Kites sports team.

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 be able to 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



		<p>guide all selection decisions. To be eligible to apply, the applicant must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Have a place of abode in Hong Kong</li> <li>• Have a parent, guardian or sponsor in Hong Kong</li> <li>• Have proficient written and spoken English</li> <li>• Provide evidence of economic circumstances that qualify them for financial aid</li> </ul>
	Award Disbursement	<p>The Renaissance College 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.</p>
	Maximum Duration	<p>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.</p>

## Eligibility

Scholarship entry-year levels are as follows:





<b>Academic Scholarships</b>	for Years 7 – 13
<b>Music Scholarships</b>	for Years 9 – 13
<b>Theatre Scholarships</b>	for Years 10 – 13
<b>Visual Arts Scholarships</b>	for Years 10 – 13
<b>Sports Scholarships</b>	for Years 10 – 13

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, age-appropriate students must be able to undertake full-time study at the college commencing August 2025. 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 be able to demonstrate self-discipline and responsibility

## Application

### Submission Documents

Application Forms	<a href="#">Academic Scholarship</a> 
	<a href="#">Music Scholarship</a> 
	<a href="#">Theatre Scholarship</a> 
	<a href="#">Visual Arts Scholarship</a> 
	<a href="#">Sports Scholarship</a> 
	<a href="#">Youth Empowerment Scheme (YES)</a> 
Referee Evaluation Forms	<a href="#">Part 1</a> 
	<a href="#">Part 2</a> 

### Application Deadline

Completed and signed application forms and referee statements must be sent to the Admissions Office no later than **4pm, Friday, 7 March 2025**. 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 August 2025 entry.

## Timelines

<b>7 March 2025</b>	Applications close at 4:00 pm
<b>by 17 March 2025</b>	Notification of testing arrangements posted to all Academic scholarship applicants
<b>29 March 2025</b>	Academic Scholarship Selection Test conducted at Renaissance College
<b>April to May 2025</b>	Music, Theatre, Visual Art, and Sports Scholarship applicants attend workshops and audition at Renaissance College
<b>May to June 2025</b>	Interviews for Academic and Other Scholarships conducted at Renaissance College
<b>June 2025</b>	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.

Academic Scholarships	<p>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 (Year 8 and above), language, writing and academic potential.</p> <p>Applicants will be notified of the testing date, time, venue and assessment procedures <b>by 17 March 2025</b>. All students who sit for the scholarship test will receive notification on whether or not they have been successful in proceeding to the next interview stage by <b>May 2025</b>. After attending the subsequent group and individual interviews, successful students will be offered a scholarship place to enter Renaissance College, commencing <b>August 2025</b>.</p>
	<p><b>Scholarship Test</b></p> <p><b>Details of Testing</b></p> <p>The scholarship examination will be held on <u>29 March 2025 at Renaissance College from 1:00pm to 4:00pm</u>.</p> <p>We offer scholarships at the following levels:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Level 1:</b> 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).</li> <li>• <b>Level 2:</b> 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</li> </ul>

		<p>RC). The tests are also suitable for entry into the fourth year of secondary school (Year 10 in RC).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Level 3:</b> Designed for students for entry into Year 11 and above.</li> </ul>
<b>Music Scholarships</b>	<p>The two-stage selection process is based on musical talent, aptitude, and academic ability. In the first stage, all applicants are requested to submit a recording of a recent performance on a USB thumb driver (or its equivalent, such as a digital file that is accessible via a QR code included in the application) together with the application.</p> <p>The second stage involves an audition performance session on 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 appropriate to their level and to not attempt works that are below or above their present capabilities. In choosing audition pieces students should strive to select works that allow 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.</p> <p>This second stage will take place in <b>May 2025</b> at the Performing Arts Centre, Renaissance College. After subsequent individual interviews, successful students will be offered a Music scholarship place for entry to Renaissance College by <b>June 2025</b>.</p>	
<b>Theatre Scholarships</b>	<p>There are three key components to the Theatre Scholarship interview and audition process:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) The Interview,</li> <li>2) The Audition/Showcase,</li> <li>3) The Reflection.</li> </ol> <p>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 with regard to how they view their future as</p>	

scholars, and there will also be questions that relate directly to the work they will have presented in their Theatre Portfolio.

For the audition (performance-based), candidates will perform two monologues, one contemporary and one Shakespearean, 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 they will need to help operate the equipment as they wish.

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 2025** 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 2025**.

### Visual Arts Scholarships

Selection, in two stages, is based on Visual Arts proficiency and aptitude, and 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 artist influences as well as displaying 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 choose their work carefully to demonstrate a range of Visual Arts skills and techniques. Students will exhibit their work and provide an oral presentation to an

	<p>interview/selection panel. Evidence of prior achievements and references will also be taken into consideration.</p> <p>This second stage will take place around <b>May 2025</b> at Renaissance College.</p> <p>Successful students, should they pass the following interview session, will be offered a scholarship place to enter Renaissance College by June 2025.</p> <p><i>*Internal Year 9 second and third-trimester students will not have as yet produced artwork in school. These students can select 2 other artworks of their choice.</i></p>
<p><b>Sports Scholarships</b></p>	<p>Applicants should ensure they provide relevant and informative references from their chosen referees with their application.</p> <p>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 achievement in their sport through video evidence or participate in sports-specific skills and fitness tests on a given date during the selection process. For qualifying candidates, the second stage is a face-to-face interview with the Sports Scholarship Selection panel around <b>May 2025</b>.</p> <p>Successful candidates, after completing the final interview, will be notified of their final results by <b>June 2025</b>.</p>



## 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](http://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 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 able to be supported and verified if necessary.

## 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 successful in attaining an Academic Scholarship are highly accomplished in one or more creative, active or service pursuits.

In the case of other scholarship types, applicants will initially be ranked according to a combination of audition/interview performance, academic merit, along with an effort and achievement results within the immediate eighteen-month reporting period. In addition, supporting documents, referee reports, portfolios, and evidence of a case for special consideration will be taken into careful account in determining whether the applicant will be short-listed 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, but applicants are required to inform Renaissance College of any other scholarship or award that 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. Successful applicants will be advised in writing of the terms and conditions of the scholarship. At the time of accepting the offer, they must accept the conditions of the scholarship and agree to provide relevant personal information to enable the college to assess eligibility (if necessary).

### Scholarship Offer

Students and their families will be advised in writing of the scholarship offer and the terms of the scholarship. Students must agree to accept the conditions of the scholarship and agree to provide personal information relevant to assessing their ongoing eligibility to the college on reasonable request. This information will remain confidential between the college scholarship administrator, the Head of the College, and 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 fund for hardship cases. This fund is designed to help families who have encountered a sudden and unexpected change in circumstances during the past 12 months. **This scheme is only open to current students of Renaissance College Hong Kong.**

**ESF Financial Assistance Scheme** 