



Hong Kong Student Services Association



Hong Kong Outstanding Tertiary Students' Services Association

Outstanding Service Awards for Tertiary Students 2023/2024

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/AJMbqUniXX1LERRZA>) by **12 May 2024 (Sunday)**.

3.2 Applicants should complete all relevant sections in the form and follow the required format strictly. Any alternation 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 a **Saturday or Sunday around mid-late May**, while the final interview will be held in **late May or 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 **June or July 2024**. 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 2024.

6.2 Selected candidates who will not be in Hong Kong or will have internships or other work commitments between July and August 2024 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 October 2024. Selected candidates may not be awarded if they fail to join/complete the Engagement in Community Service.



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8. Awards Highlights

8.1 High Table Dinner (Past guests include Mrs Regina IP LAU Suk-ye, GBM, GBS, JP ; Mr Tang Ping-keung, GBS, PDSM, JP, etc.)

8.2 Mentorship Program (Mentors are senior executives and seasoned experts from various industries)

8.3 Scholarship (\$3000)

8.4 Full-subsidised/highly-subsidized optional service trips/cultural tours

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 2024 (Tuesday)
Notification of the Interview	Early May 2024
Servathon (preliminary interview)	Mid to late-May 2024
Final interview	Late May or Early June 2024
Release of Result	June 2024
Orientation Activity	June / July 2024
Engagement in Community Service	July – August 2024
Award Presentation & Dinner	October 2024



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11. 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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