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美國中學交流計劃 獎學金 (2011 年創辦)

The 10th Annual Selection NOTES ON APPLICATION

Before filling in the application form, please read the following notes carefully:

(A) The Scholarship Program

- Name : "YES I CAN" U.S. High School Exchange Scholarship
Organizer. : "YES I CAN" Education Fund Ltd.
Period : 2021-2022 School Year
Amount : a) "U.S. High School Exchange Program" amounting to HK\$119,000
(non-transferable to cash)
b) Pocket Money totaling HK\$12,000 (paid in instalments)

(B) Scholarships Available for the year

- Open to all local Form 3 - 5 students
 - "YES I CAN" Wan Chung Construction Group Scholarship (donation of Mr. Wong Law-Fai)
 - "YES I CAN" Teacher Ma The Unity of Theory and Practice Scholarship (donation of Cultural Link Centre)
 - "YES I CAN" CBK Love Pay Forward Scholarship (donation of CBK Holdings Ltd)
 - "YES I CAN" Wa Lok Tak Scholarship (donation of Faat Jyu Yan)

(C) Requirements

1. 15 to 18 years of age (Applicant's date of birth must fall between 15/3/2003 and 1/8/2006).
2. Form 3 - 5 students.
3. School results with failures in no more than three subjects in the whole of the most recent academic year (passes in English, Chinese, and Mathematics are a must, with good overall academic results being an asset but not a prerequisite).
4. Able to communicate in basic English, sufficient to meet the needs of living in the United States (good English is an asset but not a prerequisite).
5. Active in school and participation in extra-curricular activities, willing to help with a positive outlook and leadership abilities.
6. Special considerations will be given to students with financial difficulties.



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(D) Submission of Application

1. Application Deadline: **October 31, 2020 (Saturday)**
2. Submission of Documents:
 - a) Please visit <http://www.yesican.org.hk> to download the application form and read the notes on application.
 - b) Visit <https://forms.gle/ChaepGt5tAire1T29> to fill in the application personal information and upload documents.
 - c) Please ensure all documents uploaded are correct.
 - d) All documents should be in one pdf file. Name the file by applicant's full name, surname first, e.g. chan_siu_ming.pdf.
 - e) Documents to be submitted:
 - i) Application form completed **BY HAND** (Computer typed responses will not be considered)
 - ii) Photocopy of your latest school report for the whole year
 - iii) List of extra-curricular activities in and out of school, certificates and awards, etc. (Please do not send in photocopies of all certificates)
 - iv) List of social services (Please do not send in photocopies of documents for proof)
 - v) An essay of self-introduction written **BY HAND** (either English or Chinese, about 1,000 words/characters)
 - vi) Recommendation letters from schools and/or social service organizations, if any.
 - f) Applicants should press "submit" to complete the uploading process.
 - g) Supplementary documents after submitting the google form is not accepted. Please ensure all documents are included.

(E) Points to Note

1. Applicants must attend the Scholarship Meeting on November 14 to understand the Scholarship, the Exchange Program and their study plan. Those who fail to attend this meeting will not be considered further in the application process.
2. Applicants should have documentary proofs ready for inspection anytime from the day of application, including students' academic documents, parents' work, income and financial assistance, etc.
3. All application announcements, notifications and results will be posted on the YES I CAN website. Students should go on our web page for any updates.



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(F) Application Procedures

Stage 1 : Selection of Successful Applicants

All applicants are required to take part in tests and other activities organized by the "YES I CAN" Office to fully understand the Scholarship Program, its nature, concepts and options of studies upon completion of the exchange year. Those who fail to participate fully at this stage will not be able to carry on to the next stage.

October 31	Application Deadline	December 12	First Interview
November 14	Scholarship Meeting	December 19	Final Interview
November 28	English Test (Multiple Choice and Essay Writing)	December 23	Announcement of Initial Selection Results
		January 3	1) Meeting of Scholarship Winners 2) Inspection of Documentary Proofs to confirm the award

Stage 2 : Submission of Application to the U.S. Exchange Program Office

1. Scholarship Winners are required to hand in a completed application form to Cultural Link Centre Ltd. (hereinafter abbreviated as "CLC") before a specified deadline. Should applicants fail to do so, the "YES I CAN" Administrative Office reserves the right to give the award to another applicant.
2. CLC will contact and arrange with the Scholarship Winners individually to inform them about the details of the application.
3. After the submission of applications and relevant documents, CLC and the American educational institutions will monitor the progress of the applications and guide the Scholarship Winners through to Stage 3.



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Stage 3 : Applying for a U.S. Visa

1. CLC will arrange for the Scholarship Winners to apply for a U.S. visa at the American Consulate General, which has the authority and absolute right to issue or reject a visa application. Applicants are to comply with the decisions of the Consulate General. Past experiences prove a 100% success rate as CLC has been fully prepared in assisting such applications.
2. Should the American Consulate General refuse to issue a visa to a Scholarship Winner, the relevant scholarship application for the year will be deemed to a close. The scholarship award cannot be redeemed in cash. The applicant cannot claim payment for any external expenses he/she has incurred during the course of the scholarship application procedures, such as traveling expenses, photocopying fees, etc. from CLC or the "YES I CAN" Administrative Office. The Administrative Office reserves the right to give the scholarship award to another applicant, or retain it for the following year.

Stage 4 : Matching of American Host Families and Schools

1. The American educational institutions will arrange for the matching of host families and high schools with the Scholarship Winners. In most cases, the match will be done. However, host families and high schools in the United States join the exchange program on a voluntary basis. If the institutions fail to finish the matching by September 15, 2021, the scholarship award will be withdrawn. The applicant's application will then be deemed unsuccessful and he/she cannot claim payment for any external expenses he/she has incurred during the course of the scholarship application procedures, such as traveling expenses, photocopying fees, etc. from CLC or the "YES I CAN" Administrative Office.
2. Form 3 and Form 4 Scholarship Winners can retain their scholarship awards for the following year (that is, after finishing Form 4 or 5), but they cannot be over the age of 18 by July 31 of their year of participation. Form 5 Scholarship Winners will be awarded a New Zealand Study Tour or New Zealand high school study in its stead, departure to be made within one year. Budget for such substitute plan should not exceed that of the US High School Exchange Program.



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Stage 5 : Summer Voluntary Service (1)

1. The "YES I CAN" Fund encourages Scholarship Winners to contribute to society by way of voluntary service. They are expected to actively participate in such work as arranged by the "YES I CAN" Office. Their performance and comments given by their superiors during the course of their voluntary service make up the final consideration for the award of the scholarships.
2. The voluntary work arrangements will commence on the Scholarship Winners' successful application for a US visa and after the end of the current school year to the day of the flight to the United States. Scholarship Winners should discuss with the relevant social service organizations on the schedule of work.
3. The summer service may include such areas as promotion for the Scholarship Program for the purpose of introducing the meaning behind the setting up of the Scholarship Program to more people so as to facilitate the raising of funds for more scholarship awards. This may include such promotional work as press conferences, and media interviews.

Stage 6 : The Journey

1. From the time of handing in the application forms to the US office, all Scholarship Winners are to follow strictly the arrangements made by CLC for the application procedures of the "U.S. High School Exchange Program".
2. Before the start of the journey to the United States, the Scholarship Winners are to attend the "YES I CAN" Scholarship Award Presentation Ceremony.
3. On arrival to the US, the Scholarship Winners must comply with the rules and regulations set forth by the American education institutions. They must show respect for the lifestyles of their host families, follow school rules and regulations.

Stage 7 : Return to Hong Kong - Summer Voluntary Service (2) and Promotion of the Scholarship Program for the Following Year

1. On return to Hong Kong, the Scholarship Winners will resume part two of their voluntary service by making use of what they have learned from their stay in the United States to help other social service organizations and people in need.
2. The Scholarship Winners should consider themselves having the duty to participate in the promotion of the Scholarship Program for the following year to duly explain their first-hand experience of their journey overseas as enhancement of the meaning of the Program to the public.



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(G) The Scholarship Amount and Pocket Money

1. Scholarship Amount: Scholarship Winners will each be awarded one year in the "U.S. High School Exchange Program". Program fees include round-trip air tickets, school fees, food and accommodation provided by the host families and insurance, but not payable in cash.
2. Pocket Money: The Scholarship Winners will each receive a sum of HK\$12,000 as pocket money issued by instalments, as follows:

Instalments	Issue Dates		
(1)	June – July, 2021	Fees for US visa application	To be paid directly to CLC
(2)	July – September, 2021	Pocket money	To be delivered to and signed by the Scholarship Winner
(3)	On completion of summer voluntary service	Pocket money	To be delivered to and signed by the Scholarship Winner

(H) Duties of Scholarship Winners

- 1) On announcement of their successful applications, Scholarship Winners are to join the Organizer in introducing the scholarship to the public for the purpose of fund raising with a view to benefiting more students.
- 2) Scholarship Winners are requested to write letters of thanks to the donors of the scholarships, or to meet them in person.
- 3) All Scholarship Winners are required to participate in voluntary services as arranged by the organizer in the summer vacation before and after the journey overseas.
- 4) On arrival to the United States, the Scholarship Winners are required to hand in reports of their experiences to their donors once every two months and agree to the organizers' public display of these reports. Failure in doing so will result in affecting the issue of the upcoming payment of pocket money.
- 5) On completion of the Exchange program, the Scholarship Winners are required to hand in a combined report on their experiences living and studying in the United States.
- 6) On their return to Hong Kong, Scholarship Winners are required to participate in part two of the voluntary service, and coordinate with the Scholarship Office in the promotion of the Scholarship Scheme for the following year.



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(I) Final Decision

The Organizer reserves the right to disqualify any Scholarship Winner if Scholarship Winners fail to carry out the requirements for the scholarship, or fail to fulfill the ethics requirements of the Organizer.

(J) Donations, applications and enquiries

Please do not hesitate to contact Yes I Can Alumni Association by calling or WhatsApp message 5113 3738.

(Information on the pages above may be amended in accordance with changes arising from continuous assessments concerning the Scholarship Program, with the last amendment being made on September 14, 2020.)

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