Tertiary Student Finance Scheme – Publicly-funded Programmes (TSFS)

資助專上課程學生資助計劃

For Local Full-time UGC-funded Students

Introduction

If you are a full-time UGC-funded CityUHK student and have the right of abode in Hong Kong or have resided/had your home in Hong Kong continuously for three complete years immediately prior to the commencement of your programme, you are eligible to apply for financial assistance through this Scheme which is administered by the Hong Kong Government. For guidelines of application, please visit the following websites of the **Student Finance Office (SFO)**[學生資助處], which is under the **Working Family and Student Financial Assistance Agency (WFSFAA) of the Hong Kong SAR Government**.

http://www.wfsfaa.gov.hk/sfo/tc/postsecondary/tsfs/overview.htm (Chinese version) http://www.wfsfaa.gov.hk/sfo/en/postsecondary/tsfs/overview.htm (English version)

The Scheme offers assistance in the forms of grants and/or loans to cover students' tuition fees, academic expenses, compulsory union fees and living expenses. As this is the main source of financial assistance, you are strongly advised not to miss the application periods. Continuing and new students are normally invited to submit applications in April and August each year respectively. The earlier the application is submitted, the earlier the application is processed.

Enquiries

Student Finance Office (SFO) Enquiry Hotline : 2152 9000 24-hour Automated Enquiry Hotline provided by SFO : 2802 2345

2025/26 Application

Online Application Form (E-submission)

All TSFS applicants are required to complete and submit their applications through the online application form at "eWFSFAA" (eWFSFAA.gov.hk). No hard copy of application form can be submitted / processed.

After successfully logging in to "eWFSFAA", applicants should select "Post-secondary and Tertiary Level" under "Scheme Directory", and then select "Tertiary Student Finance Scheme – Publicly-funded Programmes (TSFS)" under the "Apply" section.

For Course Coding Sheet, please visit the Student Finance Office website: https://www.wfsfaa.gov.hk/en/sfo/postsecondary/tsfs/coding.php

(Please note that your Institution Course Code means "Programme" + "Major" codes as enlisted in AIMS. For details, please click here).

Online demonstration on E-submission of TSFS applications:

https://ess.wfsfaa.gov.hk/demo/tc/tsfs/registration_gd.html (Chinese version) https://ess.wfsfaa.gov.hk/demo/en/tsfs/registration_gd.html (English version)

Importance of Complete and Accurate Information

To ensure you have filled in each and every item of information in the appropriate parts accurately and attached all documentary proofs

when submitting the online application form, you are highly recommended to read through the information, such as "<u>Guidance Notes</u>", "<u>Illustration of Reporting Income & Assets</u>", "<u>Importance of Providing True and Complete Information</u>" and "<u>Common Mistakes in Completing Application Forms</u>", enlisted in SFO's website: https://www.wfsfaa.gov.hk/en/sfo/postsecondary/tsfs/forms.php.

All unavailable information / supporting documents at the time of submitting the application form should be stated in Step 12 "Additional Information" of the online application form and applicants should take the initiative to submit to the SFO once available.

If applicants notice discrepancies in / omissions of the reported family income / assets after submission of the application form, they must take the initiative to inform SFO in writing as soon as possible. Applicants may make use of the online upload function after SFO acknowledged receipt of their applications to submit the relevant documents via "eWFSFAA" (eWFSFAA.gov.hk).

Otherwise, any information / supporting document(s) reported / provided only upon the SFO's enquiry will be treated as misrepresentations and/or omissions and the application may be rejected.

Submission of Declaration (paper signing selected) & Supporting Documents

Applicants should submit the signed declaration (paper signing selected) and the required supporting documents to the SFO directly within 7 days from the date of submitting the online application form through the following means:

A. Online upload

- Through "eWFSFAA" (eWFSFAA.gov.hk)
- Select "Post-secondary and Tertiary Level" under "Scheme Directory", and then select "TSFS / FASP / NLSFT / NLSPS ("Upload / Submit / View Documents")" under the "Provide Supplementary Information" section
- File formats PDF or JPEG
- File capacity 40 MB (about 100 black and white pages)
- If you have a large volume of supporting documents, please use other means to submit the documents in one go.
- B. By mail to the SFO / through the SFO's drop-in boxes (together with the Reply Slip)

Address: Student Finance Office

Working Family and Student Financial Assistance Agency

12/F, One Mong Kok Road Commercial Centre

1 Mong Kok Road, Kowloon (Attn: Application Team (TSFS))

Application Period

For Full-time Current Students: (Application deadline: 23 May 2025)

In 2025/26 academic year, TSFS applicants should submit their applications through the online application form at "eWFSFAA" (eWFSFAA.gov.hk) from 15 April to 23 May 2025.

Please note that the earlier you hand in your application, the earlier your application will be processed and you may obtain your Government Grant and Loan / Non-means-tested Loan in time to cover your tuition fee for 2025/26.

Late application should be submitted through the online application form at "eWFSFAA" (eWFSFAA.gov.hk).

For Full-time New Students

To be announced

For Local Full-time Postgraduate (by Research) UGC-funded Students:

Application should be submitted within one month after registration of 2025/26 programme which starts before March 2026. Application after March 2026 will not be accepted.

Maximum Grant & Loan Offered to CityUHK Students

To be announced

Student Travel Subsidy Scheme (STS)

Eligibility

- Study in full-time UGC-funded programme
- Succeed in TSFS application
- Reside beyond 10 minute's walking distance from normal place of study
- Require to travel to school by public transport

Students wish to apply for student travel subsidy, they should do so through the TSFS online application. The applicants who have been approved to receive any kind of travel allowance are NOT entitled to apply for STS from the SFO.

If applicants did not indicate wish to apply for STS together with the TSFS application but wish to re-apply for STS afterwards, they have to submit a separate STS application by using Form TSFS/STS/18C available on WFSFAA website.