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Policies and Procedures

RENAISSANCE COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMME

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

George Bernard Shaw

Renaissance College Hong Kong (RCHK) is a world-class coeducational independent school and an IB World School. Located in the heart of Hong Kong’s New Territories, the College was established as the flagship of the English Schools Foundation (ESF) in 2006 to serve the needs of the local and international expatriate community in Hong Kong.

Students are educated from Year one to university entrance on one campus, guided by an experienced international faculty. Our student body comprises 41 nationalities, with 21 languages represented on campus. English is the medium of instruction.

Apple Asia describes Renaissance College as a leading school in the region and technology is integrated college-wide throughout the curriculum.

Renaissance College encourages students to pursue knowledge, learn through service, and strive to build a better world through action.

Our Creativity, Action and Service (CAS) programme is integral to college life. Students participate in a myriad of artistic, musical, sporting, and service activities conducted on and off-campus.

The Renaissance College Scholarships Programme provides pathways for motivated and talented secondary students who strive for excellence and are empowered to take progressive action.

Full scholarships are available for students from Year 7 to Year 13. 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, visual arts and sports. Candidates are advised that the process is detailed and rigorous.

The deadline for receipt of applications is 4 March 2022. The Scholarship Selection Test date is 25 March 2022. Applicants will be notified about the testing schedule by 18 March 2022. Short listed applicants will be notified about the interview schedule in April or May 2022. All applicants should be eligible to enter Renaissance College in August 2022.

Types of Scholarships

- Academic Scholarships
- Music Scholarships
- Theatre Scholarships
- Visual Art Scholarships
- Sports Scholarships

1. Academic Scholarships Description

Academically talented 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) and Diploma Programme (DP).

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 community. Renaissance College scholarship students should strive to engage in rigorous and stimulating learning and enrichment experiences both within and beyond the classroom.

2. Music Scholarships Description

Renaissance College invites talented music students to apply for Music Scholarships. Students can apply for a performance-based Music scholarship or a technical Music scholarship with a focus on 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 enjoying enhanced performance opportunities. Music Scholars are expected to study 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.

3. Theatre Scholarships Description

Theatre Scholarships are offered to students who demonstrate a commitment to, passion for, and who have outstanding achievement in Drama and Theatre Arts. Students are expected to excel in one or more of the following focus areas in Drama and Theatre Arts: Performer, Creator, and Leader. Students can apply for a performance-based Theatre scholarship, with a focus on performing, directing, and/or creating, or a technical Theatre scholarship, with a focus on design, stagecraft, and/or technical theatre.

It is expected that candidates will make a significant contribution to Drama and Theatre Arts at the college and that they have relevant experiences contributing either at Renaissance College, or their present school community, or within the wider community.

Theatre Scholars will be active contributors to Drama and Theatre Arts activities at the Renaissance College, as well as helping to engage other members of the school community in Drama and Theatre. Theatre scholars are expected to study Theatre in Year 10 and 11 and Theatre as a subject in Years 12 and 13.

4. Visual Art Scholarships Description

Visual Art scholarships honor 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 take part in the co-curricular activities within the art department.

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 Art scholars are expected to study Visual Art subject in Years 12 and 13.

5. Sports Scholarships Description

Sports Scholarships are awarded to students in recognition of outstanding achievement in Sports. Students applying for this scholarship must be achieving at a very high level in their chosen sport, which needs to be a sport in which RCHK competes in our seasonal sports programme. (<http://www.rchk.edu.hk/content/sports>). 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 neighboring 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.

Eligibility

Below are the entry year levels:

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

Both new applicants to the college and current students at the college 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 2022. 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

Conditions

Application

The complete Scholarship Programme, Folio (including applicant and referee forms) is downloadable from the school's website: <https://www.rchk.edu.hk/scholarship-application/>

Alternatively, you may request a folio from:

Scholarships Manager
Renaissance College
5 Hang Ming Street
Ma On Shan
New Territories
Hong Kong
Telephone: (852) 3556 3536

Completed and signed application forms and referee statements must be sent to the Admissions Office no later than **4pm, Friday, 4 March 2022**. Applications must be completed in ink and cannot be sent by email. Applicants must attach **all** supporting



documentation to their application.

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 2022 entry.

Application Timeline

Successful students are offered Academic or Other Scholarships following an extensive selection process.

4 Mar 2022	Applications close at 4:00 pm
by 18 Mar 2022	Notification of testing arrangements posted to all Academic scholarships applicants
25 Mar 2022	Academic Scholarship Selection Test conducted at Renaissance College
April to May 2022	Music, Drama, Visual Art and Sports Scholarship applicants attend workshop and audition at Renaissance College
May to June 2022	Interviews for Academic and Other Scholarships conducted at Renaissance College
June 2022	Posting of all performance reports: All applicants advised of 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. Final scholarship selection will be made by the Renaissance College Scholarship Programme Committee.

Academic Scholarships Selection

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.

Applicants will be notified of the testing date, time, venue and assessment procedures by 18 March 2022. All students who sit for the scholarships test will receive notice on whether or not they have been successful in proceeding to the next interview stage by May 2022. After attending the subsequent group and individual interview, successful students will be offered a scholarship place for entry to Renaissance College, commencing August 2022.

Music Scholarships Selection

The two-stage selection process is based on musical talent and aptitude, and academic ability. At the first stage all applicants are requested to submit a recording of a recent performance on an USB thumb driver together with the application.

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.

This second stage will take place in May 2022, 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 June 2022.

Theatre Scholarships Selection

There are three key components to the Theatre Scholarship interview and audition process - The Interview, The Audition/Showcase and 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 with regard to how they view their future as a scholar, 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 application. 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 are allowed to 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 audition/showcase, and what they intend their audience to feel during their performances/showcases.

Theatre auditions will take place in May 2022, 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 2022.

Visual Art Scholarships Selection

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 portfolio, which should include a minimum of 6 studio pieces a maximum 10-slide digital portfolio which reflects the process of making as well as the outcome.

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 so that they 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.

This second stage will take place around May 2022, at Renaissance College.

Successful students, should they pass the following interview session, will be offered a scholarship place for entry to Renaissance College by June 2022.

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 achievement in their sport by way of video evidence or to 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 May 2022.

Successful candidates, after completing the final interview, will be notified of their final results by June 2022.

Selection Criteria

The Renaissance College Scholarship Programme Committee will select students for a Renaissance College Scholarship. General selection criteria will inform and guide all selection decisions. The general Scholarship Selection Criteria includes 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
- Are able to make sound decisions and to 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

Application Requirements

- Are full-time students
- Demonstrate evidence of an outstanding academic record
- Are committed to extra-curricular and community service activities: participation in school and or community clubs and projects
- Demonstrate leadership either in their academic, extra-curricular activities, or community activities

Knowledge of International Baccalaureate Programmes

- Students should inform themselves about the International Baccalaureate Programmes 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 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.

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 which they hold.

Ranking

Academic Scholarship applicants will initially be ranked according to academic merit on the outcome of scholarship selection test, effort and achievement results within the immediate twelve-to-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 interview.

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 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 interview.

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

Offer Process 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).

Award Disbursement

The value of a Renaissance College Academic Scholarship or other Scholarship types covers 100% 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

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.