

SAWL SCHOLARSHIP FUND – APPLICATION FAQs

1. Who can qualify for the scholarships?

A student with a disability who is either a Singapore citizen or a Permanent Resident of Singapore.

2. What is the minimum education level to qualify?

The student must be pursuing at least secondary level education in Singapore.

3. Which students are eligible to apply for the Scholarship?

Financially needy students with

- (a) physical or intellectual disabilities
- (b) who have displayed scholastic aptitude, and
- (c) are attending Secondary schools, the Institute of Technical Education, Junior College, Pre-University, Polytechnic, Tertiary Institutions or Special Schools.

4. What type of physical or intellectual disabilities would enable a student to be eligible for the Scholarship?

For physical disabilities, any type of physical disability, including hearing and visual impairments. For intellectual disabilities, the student must:

- (a) have Special Educational Needs (SEN), because of developmental disabilities/conditions such as autism spectrum disorder, attention deficit hyperactivity disorder, specific language impairment (SLI), dyspraxia, dysgraphia, and Pervasive Developmental Disorder (PDD); and
- (b) be attending a Special School.

5. Is Dyslexia considered an intellectual disability for the purposes of the Scholarship?

No.

6. Do students with physical/intellectual disabilities need to support their applications with formal diagnosis from a medical professional?

Yes, but if they are unable to produce a certified report because for eg the report has been misplaced, they should state the reasons for the non-production in the application form and attach a report from the school evidencing the disability.

7. Is there any criteria on academic results for secondary school applicants?

There is no strict criteria but the student must be performing at an average or better than average level compared to his peers in school.

8. Who can provide recent testimonials for the students?

The Year Head / Form Teacher / Subject Teacher / CCA Teacher /Class teacher who knows the student well, meaning that this teacher must have taught the student in the past year or is currently teaching the student.

9. If the parents are self-employed, how do they send evidence of their income?

If the parents do not have an IRAS Notice of Assessment, please submit the estimated income per month, and state the parents' occupations.

10. How will successful applicants receive their scholarship awards?

The Fund will inform the school or institution that a certain sum has been transferred to the relevant school or institution. A list of the successful applicants with the amount each applicant has been awarded will also be sent to the school or institution. The respective teachers can then disburse the awards to the successful applicants.

For Tertiary students, a bank transfer will be made to their bank account.

11. Upon receipt of the award, must the student acknowledge receipt or the teacher?

The student or the guardian (for special needs students) must acknowledge receipt of the amount transferred to them by the school or institution, by email.

12. How many students can apply for this scholarship ?

Any student who qualifies as per the criteria stated in the application form may apply. There is no limit on the number of students who can apply.

13. Is there a limit to the number of scholarships awarded ?

No. The Trustees of the Fund will review and assess all the applications received and will award scholarships to deserving cases accordingly.

14. Do the students need to attend any interviews?

No.

15. If student has applied for other scholarship/bursary, and amount has not been confirmed, can the student still submit an application to the Fund?

Yes, but please state so in the form and provide information on what other scholarship/bursary has been applied for, the estimated amount of that scholarship/bursary and when the results of that application will be known.

16. Are past/current recipients also eligible to apply for this scholarship?

Yes, if they satisfy the criteria spelt out in the application form.

17. The student will be graduating and not attending any school next year. Is he still eligible to apply?

No, the student may only apply if he is going to be studying in a school. So he should only apply after he has obtained a place in a school.
