

# George Y Soh Social Service Scholarship

The George Y Soh Social Service Study Award was established by Dr George Soh, who is a NUS Dentistry alumni and also a Board Member of NUS Faculty of Dentistry Development Campaign Committee, to support Social Work students from the Department of Social Work who have demonstrated long term commitment and contributions to social services in Singapore. This Scholarship is for Social Work students who are in their **third or fourth year of study, i.e. currently in your 6<sup>th</sup> semester and after.**

The award of the study award will commence with the AY2017/2018 cohort.

## **Application Period**

Applications will be opened for 2 weeks in November.

## **Value of Scholarship**

The Scholarship value shall be based on the Singapore citizen tuition fee rate (excluding the MOE Tuition Grant) of the academic course that the awardee is pursuing. The tenure of each scholarship shall be one academic year. Successful applicants may apply again for the scholarship the following year, if they meet the eligibility requirements.

## **Disbursement**

The Scholarship shall be awarded in or after the student's 6th semester (that is, in the student's Year 3 or Year 4), or when the student is no longer able to change his/her Major, whichever is earlier. If the Scholarship is awarded in the 6th Semester, the tuition fees for the 5th and 6th semesters will be reimbursed. If the Scholarship is awarded in the 8th Semester, the tuition fees for the 7th and 8th semesters will be reimbursed.

## **Eligibility**

Students must meet the following eligibility conditions:

- Singapore Citizen or Singapore Permanent Resident, with the latter being required to have completed National Service. In the case of Singapore Permanent Residents, priority will be given to Malaysian Citizens;
- Minimum GPA of 3.8; (students with a GPA of 3.6 to 3.8 may be considered if they have a strong community service track record)
- Community service criteria:
  - (i) Strong weightage will be given to applicants who have demonstrated a sustained and committed contribution over time to the community service users and who have established and maintained direct contact with service users;
  - (ii) Only work with the local underprivileged and/or underserved local community will be considered;
  - (iii) Sustained involvement in volunteering whereby applicants who have been and continue to be involved in varied domains (direct service, planning, programme, leadership, etc.) as well as who have participated in various domains of volunteering involvement (e.g. persons with physical/mental issues, children from

low income homes) would be assessed favourably. Notwithstanding the foregoing, sustained commitment to serve one specific group of service users may also be assessed favourably. Short term student activities not involving community service would be deemed as not meeting this criteria.

- (iv) Strong weightage will be given for achievements/contributions made recently in the year immediately preceding the date of application.
- (v) The following will not be deemed as meeting this criteria:
  - a) Overseas community service or work experience;
  - b) Internships which form part of the course curriculum and/or which allow the applicants to gain course credits;
  - c) Work on nature or animals;
  - d) Activities organised by for-profit organisations.

Awardees are not allowed to hold any other form of free aid, for example, bursaries and scholarships from the University or other organizations.

### **Application Process**

Students are required to do the following to apply for the Scholarship during the application period:

- i. Submit your application at this link: <https://myaces.nus.edu.sg/applicantPortal/app/login> and select “Faculty-administered Scholarship”;
- ii. Submit a 300-words personal statement on your involvement in community service, including your roles and activities, and supporting documents on your community service to Ms Wendy Lim at [swkbox10@nus.edu.sg](mailto:swkbox10@nus.edu.sg) with your name and student number; and/or
- iii. Submit your hardcopy supporting documents to the Office of Financial Aid to complete your application for financial aid, if you are applying for financial aid as well.

The supporting documents, including National Service Certificate, must be submitted by email to Ms Wendy Lim at [swkbox10@nus.edu.sg](mailto:swkbox10@nus.edu.sg), within the application period.

Successful applicants will be notified by email.

### **Upon Successful Application**

Submit the **Acceptance Form**.