

**Felizberta Lo Padilla Tong School of Social Sciences
'Educational Milestone' –Scholarship
for Ethnic Minority Students in Social Work Studies
Application Guidelines for 2026/27**

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1. Objective

This scholarship aims to award ethnic minority (EM) students who are successfully admitted to any social work programmes in SFU and have demonstrated determination to become a committed social worker for serving the related fields after graduation.

2. Scholarship Coverage

- Full tuition fee and subsistence allowance (if any) throughout the normal duration of the programme (after deducting government subsidies)

3. Eligibility

Applicants must:

- Be a holder of HKID Card;
- Come from a non-Chinese-speaking ethnicity;
- Be assessed by SFU as having financial needs for the grant of the subsistence allowance, such that the student will be receiving any amount (15% / 25% / 50% / 75% / 100%) of the Government's Annual Tuition Fee subsidy under the Financial Assistance Scheme for Post-Secondary Students; and
(In case there are students who are NOT eligible to receive this Annual Tuition Fee subsidy but has demonstrated genuine financial needs (e.g. family crisis), special recommendation can be made to the selection panel to consider these students on a case-by-case basis.)

- Successfully obtain an offer from SFU to pursue studies in Social Work, either under the Bachelor's or Higher Diploma Programme, in full-time or part-time mode.

4. Application Procedures

Applicants have to fill in an application form and submit the form together with the supporting documents (i.e. cap screen of academic result, relevant certificates, and a letter of reference) in soft-copy to Felizberta Lo Padilla Tong School of Social Sciences (sss@sfu.edu.hk) **before 11:59 p.m. on 3 August 2026 (Monday)**.

Late submission will NOT be considered.

5. Selection

5.1 Selection Criteria

The following criteria all carry the same weighting:

- (a) academic merit;
- (b) track record in social services (as volunteer or employee), and passion to serve the community;
- (c) personal responsibility & integrity;
- (d) resilience in the process of growth; and
- (e) intellectual curiosity and motivation

5.2 Selection Mechanism

A selection panel consisting of the Dean and Associate Dean of the School, a representative from the Senior Management of SFU, Director of the SFU's Career Centre, and a representative from Lee Hysan Foundation would be formed. Candidates shortlisted by the panel may have to attend an interview.

Continuous support to the scholarship (up to 4 years per student) will be subject to an annual review of each student's satisfactory academic performance.

6. Announcement of Results

The successful nominations will be announced to students through email at early September 2026.

7. Obligation of Awardees

Awardees are required to declare that they would finish their social work study in SFU

and that they would work in related fields or perform volunteer work after graduation.

8. Use of Information

Apart from supporting the application for the Scholarship, the information provided by the applicants may be used for the promotional activities of the School or the University.

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