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APPLICATION/ELIGIBILITY

Q1: When can I expect to know my application outcome?

A: Applicants will be notified by July.

Q2: Do I need to send hard copies of my supporting documents for my application?

A: No. We will contact you if we require them.

Q3: I will not receive my official final year results before 25 March 2024 – should I still apply?

A: Yes, you may apply as long as your results will be available in time for the universities you applied to consider you for admission in Academic Year 2024/2025.

Q4: Must I have secured a place in a Singapore university before applying for the Dr GKS Scholarship?

A: No, you may put in an application for the Scholarship and concurrently submit your university application(s). You will only be required to have a confirmed place in NUS, NTU, SMU, or SUTD if you are eventually offered the Dr GKS Scholarship, as you will be required to pursue your undergraduate studies in one of these 4 universities. We will not be able to offer you a scholarship if you are unable to obtain a place in NUS, NTU, SMU or SUTD, or if you decide to pursue your studies in another university.

Q5: Can the Dr Goh Keng Swee Scholarship Fund help me secure a place in a Singapore university?

A: No. You are required to submit your university applications separately and adhere to the respective university's admission deadlines and guidelines.

Q6: I already have a degree, but intend to read a 2nd degree in a university in Singapore – can I still apply for the scholarship?

A: Yes.

Q7: Is the Dr GKS Scholarship offered to Masters/Ph.D students?

A: No, the Dr GKS Scholarship is awarded for undergraduate studies only.

Q8: Do I need to take the pre-admission tests such as the SAT or TOEFL, to apply for the scholarship?

A: Only the SAT is required for the scholarship application. TOEFL may be required for your university application(s). Please check with the relevant university for more details.

Q9: I currently do not have a valid passport – may I still apply?

A: While you may still apply at this point without a valid passport, you should find out about the passport application processes in your country and take note of the timelines to apply / renew your passport. If you are eventually offered the Dr GKS scholarship, you will need a valid passport to travel to Singapore.

SAT

Q1: What is the SAT? Can I take other tests such as the TOEFL or ACT in place of the SAT?

A: The SAT is a standardised test which assesses your Reading, Writing and Mathematics skills. It is compulsory for you take the SAT in order to be considered for the Dr GKS Scholarship.

Q2: How do I register for SAT? How do I know when the test dates are?

A: You may check the test dates available in your country on the College Board website (<http://www.collegeboard.org/>) and register for a test through the website.

Q3: I have missed the date to register for the SAT. Can I be exempted from taking the SAT?

A: As SAT is a requirement for the Dr GKS Scholarship, it is advisable to register and take the SAT early.

Q4: I have taken the SAT more than once. Can I combine the better scores of the different sections?

A: No, all sections have to be taken in one sitting. Combining section scores from different sittings is not allowed.

Q5: What is the earliest SAT validity accepted for application?

A: Your SAT scores should be obtained within the past 5 years (i.e. the date you took the SAT should be after March 2019).

SELECTION/INTERVIEW

Q1: What are the selection criteria for the Dr GKS Scholarship?

A: We assess applicants based on their overall academic and non-academic achievements.

Q2: How many times do I have to travel to Singapore for assessments for my application?

A: You will not be required to travel to Singapore for any of the assessments. If you are shortlisted, you will be notified via email from April onwards with further details on how to complete the required assessments online.

SCHOLARSHIP TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Q1: What happens if I do not do well in university?

A: Your scholarship officer from the Association of Banks in Singapore (ABS) will track your progress in university. He or she will discuss with you the problems you face which may be hindering your development in university and assist you as much as possible in overcoming them.

Q2: Could I defer serving my bond, to read a Master's degree first?

A: You will be required to start work in an organisation approved by the Association of Banks in Singapore (ABS) upon completion of your undergraduate studies in order to fulfil the requirements and objectives of the scholarship.

Q3: Will I be allowed to choose whether to work in a company of my choice in Singapore or a Singapore-based company in my home country?

A: You will have the option to seek suitable job openings in your desired organisation and propose it to your scholarship officer prior to deployment. Your proposal will be considered carefully before the final deployment outcome is determined.

Q4: What are some examples of companies I may work for?

A: Dr GKS scholarship recipients have worked at DBS Bank (DBS), OCBC Bank (OCBC), United Overseas Bank (UOB), Standard Chartered Bank, Merrill Lynch, KPMG, amongst others. Scholarship recipients have also worked in organisations not related to the finance sector including the Urban Redevelopment Authority of Singapore (URA), Proctor and Gamble, Oracle and CrimsonLogic.