

Music Office's School Care Subsidy Scheme opens for applications from schools

The 2019 School Care Subsidy Scheme is now accepting applications from schools. The deadline for applications is November 15.

Organised by the Music Office of the Leisure and Cultural Services Department, the scheme aims to encourage music groups from local kindergartens, primary, secondary and special schools and tertiary institutions to care for the community. It is hoped that students will extend their care and good wishes to the beneficiaries of local social welfare organisations through music performances, and thereby enhance social integration and harmony. In addition, students can gain performing experience and serve the community, as well as benefit by building up team spirit and organisational skills through the activities.

Each activity can receive a maximum subsidy of \$2,000 to cover costs including transportation, allowances for professionals and other miscellaneous items for each performance.

Successful applicants must complete their performances between January and May next year. Outstanding teams will be invited to perform and share their experiences at the Gala Concert, to be held on July 13. All participating schools will be awarded certificates of commendation at a presentation ceremony during the Gala Concert.

Applications will be evaluated according to the proposed activity's feasibility, ingenuity and interactive elements, as well as the music group's prior experience in organising and performing at events for the community. Application forms are now available at all music centres of the Music Office or downloadable from the website:

www.lcsd.gov.hk/en/mo/activities/communityprogrammes/2019schoolcaresubsidyscheme.html. Completed forms must be faxed to the Music Office at 2824 1989.

Over 300 school music groups have participated in the School Care Subsidy Scheme since its launch in 2009. The scheme is sponsored by the Sino Group.

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