

Strive and Rise Programme starts recruiting third cohort

â€‹The Strive and Rise Programme has started recruiting 4 000 mentees for the third cohort today (October 31).

Secondary One to Secondary Four students from underprivileged families, particularly those living in subdivided units, may submit applications through the Programme's mobile application starting today and approach their schools or the non-governmental organisations that assist the Government in implementing the Programme (see Annex) for enquiries if more information or assistance is required. Applications will close on November 20.

The Programme is formulated and implemented by an interdepartmental task force led by the Chief Secretary for Administration. Through tripartite collaboration among the Government, the business sector and the community, the Programme provides focused support for Secondary One to Secondary Four students from underprivileged families, particularly those living in subdivided units. The Programme comprises three key elements, namely mentorship, personal development plans and financial support. Through a one-year intensive foundation training that includes mentorship and a structured programme covering orientation, basic training, diverse group activities, Mainland study and exchange tours, etc, the Programme will help mentees broaden their horizons, reinforce self-confidence, develop a positive outlook on life, set goals for the future and strive for upward mobility.

In addition, the Programme will provide start-up financial support of \$5,000 for mentees to implement their personal development plans under the guidance of their mentors. Upon successful completion of the Programme, a scholarship of \$5,000 will be awarded to the mentees for their personal pursuits by applying the financial planning concepts that they have learned.

Upon successful completion of the one-year intensive foundation training of the Programme, mentees will automatically become members of the Alumni Club, where they will continue to expand their social network and horizons by participating in diverse activities and job tasting/internship programmes.

For more information about the application details of the third cohort and the mobile application of the Programme, please visit the designated website: www.striveandrise.gov.hk.