

# Application for Admission to Screening Programme and Nomination for Membership Scheme 2023/24

## Apply for Admission to the Screening Programme

### Frequently Asked Questions

**Q1. About HKAGE**

The HKAGE operates independently of Government bureaux to provide flexibility in management and operations. Our mission is to ensure suitable learning and development opportunities for gifted students aged 10 to 18 years. We aim to help them realise their potential in various learning domains including academic areas such as STEAM, humanities and languages, as well as non-academic areas like leadership, creativity and interpersonal skills, and their commitment to the local community.

**Q2. How to become an HKAGE member**

There are different ways for students to become HKAGE members. HKAGE admits student members of appropriate ages primarily through the "School Nomination" and "Parent Nomination" schemes every school year. Gifted students interested in becoming HKAGE members need to pass the Screening Programme before entering the nomination stage, where they can submit their nomination profiles for screening. Membership for admitted students will be effective in June of the following year.

**Q3. When is the appropriate time for students to apply for the HKAGE Screening Programmes?**

The HKAGE can only provide services to students aged 10 to 18 who are currently studying in schools in Hong Kong. To apply for the "Screening Programme", students must meet the minimum age requirement of 10 on or before 30 September 2024.

**Q4. Are students currently in Secondary 6 (or equivalent to the last year in secondary school) eligible to apply for the Screening Programmes?**

Students who have successfully passed all screenings will become HKAGE student members by the end of the school year in June when Secondary 6 (or equivalent to the final year in secondary school) students will be graduating. Therefore, applications for the HKAGE Screening Programmes from students currently in Secondary 6 will not be accepted.

**Q5. How many students can be arranged to apply for the Screening Programme by each school?**

Each school can arrange up to 50 students per year to apply for the Screening Programme through school application. This quota does not include applications through the parent application channel.

**Q6. Can a student apply for more than one Screening Programme?**

Each student can only apply for **ONE** appropriate Screening Programme in each application.

**Q7. The student is bright in many aspects. Which Screening Programme should he/she apply for?**

School Coordinators/Parents should only apply for **ONE** appropriate Screening Programme for each student based on their abilities, potential and particular interests. Admitted student members can apply for most of the HKAGE programmes without domain-specific requirements.

**Q8. Is there any fixed timetable for the Screening Programmes?**

The Screening Programmes are self-learning programmes with no fixed timetable. Students need to study the programme and complete the final assessment within the designated period.

**Q9. Are there any differences in the content of the Screening Programmes for students in different class levels?**

The HKAGE Screening Programmes are divided into primary and secondary programmes, but they are not further categorised according to students' class levels.

**Q10. Are there any specific requirements for the final assessment of the Screening Programmes?**

The final assessment has a time limit of 60 minutes. Students may attempt the final assessment up to two times before the deadline, and only the higher score will be counted. The questions for the second attempt (if taken) may be different from the first one.

**Q11. Is it necessary to submit students' profiles at this stage?**

**No.** It is not necessary to submit students' profiles at this stage. Students are required to pass the Screening Programme before entering the nomination stage, where they can submit their nomination profiles for screening.

**Q12. Is it compulsory to submit softcopies of intellectual assessment?**

**No.** The intellectual assessment report is not mandatory when submitting "Student Personal Profiles" in the nomination stage.

**Q13. How can I get an intellectual assessment report?**

You can obtain an intellectual assessment report through psychological assessments conducted by registered psychologists. The Hong Kong Psychological Society has a list of its registered members available at <http://www.hkps.org.hk>.

**Q14. What are the screening criteria for HKAGE student membership?**

The HKAGE screening is based on Dr Joseph Renzulli's Three-Ring Conception of Giftedness, which considers whether the student could benefit from the HKAGE programme provision. The screening criteria include:

1. Above Average Abilities:  
General abilities such as processing information, integrating experiences, and abstract thinking, as well as specific abilities related to acquiring knowledge and performing in activities.
2. Creativity:  
This involves in fluency, flexibility, and originality of thought, openness to experience, sensitivity to stimulations, and a willingness to take risks.
3. Task Commitment:  
This includes perseverance, endurance, hard work, self-confidence, perceptiveness and a special fascination with a special subject.

**Q15. Do students enjoy equal opportunities to become HKAGE members via school applications and parent applications?**

Yes. Students enjoy equal opportunities to become HKAGE members through both school applications and parent applications.

**Q16. How many new members are admitted every year?**

In general, the HKAGE admits around 1500 new members annually, but this number is subject to adjustment in certain circumstances.

**Q17. Does my child have to apply for the Screening Programme again when he/she moves on to secondary school?**

If a Primary 6 student member fulfils the first review requirement or the yearly requirement on programme/activity completion, they will automatically become our secondary school student member.

**Q18. How much does the HKAGE charge for its programmes?**

From the application for the Screening Programme to all student programmes and services, they are free of charge except for certain specified activities like overseas study programmes.

**Q19. When and where do the HKAGE programmes usually take place?**

Most of the programmes are held on weekends or during school holidays at the HKAGE premises, HKAGE Satellite Centres or venues provided by the training service providers such as universities and secondary schools.

**Q20. What language is used as the medium of instruction in the programmes offered by the HKAGE?**

Most of the programmes are conducted in Cantonese, but there are also programmes taught in English.

**Q21. Can primary student members apply for secondary programmes?**

Depending on their ability and interest, primary student members may apply for secondary programmes which have no class level restrictions for enrolment.