



The Mapletree-TENG Academy Scholarship 2019 Guidelines

1. Aim

The Mapletree-TENG Academy Scholarship aims to nurture individuals who demonstrate passion for the pursuit of Chinese music and are in need of financial assistance to support their musical education. The scholarship is sponsored by Mapletree Investments as part of its four pillars of corporate social responsibility (CSR), in the area of promoting the arts.

For more information on Mapletree's CSR initiatives, visit <http://www.mapletree.com.sg/Our-Company/Corporate-Social-Responsibility.aspx>.

For more information about The TENG Academy, visit <http://thetengcompany.com/academy>

2. Scope of Scholarship

Four applicants will be selected for a two-year scholarship, valued at S\$5,000 per year. The scholarship will cover the following: -

- i. Music instrumental lessons with an instructor who is approved by The TENG Academy
- ii. Registration fees and Exam scores for the Chinese Music Instrumental Grading Examinations, conducted by The TENG Academy and Confucius Institute-Nanyang Technological University
- iii. ABRSM music theory lessons, teaching materials, and examination fees
- iv. The opportunity to be involved in The TENG Ensemble's community initiative, *TENG Gives Back*

3. Selection Criteria

Applicants will be assessed based on their **musical talent and financial capability**.

Eligibility:

- i. Singapore Citizen or Singapore Permanent Resident (PR)
- ii. Between the ages 7 to 21 as of 31 December 2019
- iii. Plays a Chinese instrument or an instrument found in Chinese Orchestras. Applicants who play the Cello, Double Bass, and other Western Percussion must have been a member of a Chinese ensemble/orchestra for at least one year
- iv. Per Capita Income (PCI) of S\$2000.00 or lower. This can be calculated by taking the total gross household monthly income, divided by the total number of family members living together. Please submit the following supporting documents in your application,
 - o Proof of income of all working members in the household

Note: The TENG Academy reserves the right to request for more information and additional supporting documents if necessary

4. Additional Provisions

Subject to approval and availability, these items may be provided under the scholarship,

- i. Provision or purchase of music instrument
- ii. The opportunity to attend an overseas music exchange programme

5. Requirements

Applicants should provide the following,

- i. A completed copy of the Mapletree-TENG Academy Scholarship 2019 Application Form with all supporting documents
- ii. Proof of Income of all working members in the household
- iii. A photocopy of your NRIC (front and back) for Singapore Citizens and Singapore Permanent Residents
- iv. Photocopies of scholarships / grants / financial aid awarded (if any)
- v. Photocopies of music grading certificates / awards (if any)
- vi. At least 1 Letter of Recommendation from either a Teacher or an Instructor
- vii. A video recording not exceeding 5 minutes OR a personal statement not exceeding 500 words that explains the following:
 - o Music achievements and experiences
 - o Musical goals and aspirations
 - o How you intend to contribute to Chinese music in Singapore

- Thoughts on the challenges that Chinese music faces in Singapore
- Please **DO NOT** attach your video files in your email submission. Please send us a video link to download instead (e.g. via Dropbox, WeTransfer etc.). Alternatively, applicants may send a data disc or flash drive to the following address:

The Teng Ensemble Ltd
1 Selegie Rd
#05-01/02
Singapore 188306
Attn: The TENG Academy

6. Application Process

The Mapletree-TENG Academy Scholarship 2019 will open for application on **18 February 2019**. Applications must be submitted either by email or post to the following:

By Email: academy@thetengcompany.com

By Post:

The Teng Ensemble Ltd
1 Selegie Rd
#05-01/02
Singapore 188306
Attn: The TENG Academy

The application will close on **22 March 2019**. Late or incomplete submissions will not be considered.

Shortlisted applicants will be notified via email and post by **29 March 2019**

Shortlisted applicants will need to attend an interview and audition on **20 April 2019**

Selected recipients of the scholarship will be notified by **2 May 2019**

The scholarship programme will commence on **11 May 2019**

7. Interview and Audition Date and Venue

The interview and audition will be held on **20 April 2019**, from **9am to 2pm**. Applicants will be advised on the audition and interview venue, should they be shortlisted.

8. Interview and Audition Process

The shortlisted applicant will be assessed by a panel of judges, comprising of a representative from The TENG Academy, Mapletree, an external expert in the field of music, and such other persons approved by The TENG Academy and Mapletree.

Shortlisted applicants will need to prepare:

- i. A 3-minute long performance piece. You will be asked to present this piece to the panel after the interview
- ii. Music score
- iii. Your own musical instrument. Selected instruments can be provided by The TENG Academy upon request. The instruments are,
 - a) *Guzheng* – 古筝
 - b) *Yangqin* – 扬琴
 - c) Double Bass
 - d) *Zhongyin Sheng* – 中音笙
 - e) *Xiao Tang Gu* – 小堂鼓
 - f) *Ban Gu* – 板鼓
 - g) Tambourine
 - h) Woodblock

9. Contact Us

Should you have any further questions, you may direct them to:

academy@thetengcompany.com

Alternatively, you may contact **Ms. Beryl Leong, Assistant Manager (Outreach)** at **96488771**.