



ST. LOUIS SCHOOL

Circular No.207 (24-25)

20th February, 2025

Dear Parents / Guardians,

Re: Nomination for Harvard Prize Book, Scholarship and Essay Award 2025

We are pleased to inform you that the Harvard Prize Book 2025 is now open for school nomination. The details of the Harvard Prize Book, Scholarship and Essay Award are as follows:

Prize Book

The Harvard Club of Hong Kong Education Fund awards book prizes annually to three students per school. Each school can nominate up to *three Secondary 5 students* for their academic excellence in English and significant contributions to school. Only the three nominees from each school are eligible to apply for the Scholarship and Essay Award.

Essay Award

Applicants will have to write a 500-word essay on the following topic:

Food is more than just sustenance; it often serves as a bridge that connects people across cultures, generations, and experiences. Think about the role that food plays in your life and in the lives of those around you.

Winners of the Essay Award will have their essay published on the Harvard Prize Book website. For more details about the submission requirements, please refer to Annex I.

Scholarship

This year, Harvard Club of Hong Kong Education Fund will resume the all-expenses paid scholarship to study at the Harvard Summer School in the United States. Scholarship winners are determined by need and merit. Students from families with an average monthly household income of HKD 40,000 and below are welcomed to apply for the Scholarship. Students who do not meet this requirement should apply for the Essay Award. Scholarship applicants will have to write a 500-word essay on the above topic and write a 250-word response to each of the three short questions (See Annex II).

Timeline

On or before 27 February, 2025 (Thursday)	Interested Secondary Five students express their wish to be nominated by school and submit a draft of the 500-word essay.
By 5 p.m., 3 March, 2025 (Monday)	The school coordinator submits the nomination. Applicants will be notified of the selection results. Nominees will be selected based on their English writing results and contributions to school in the 2023/2024 and 2024/2025 academic years.
7 April, 2025 (Monday)	Application deadline for the Scholarship or Essay Award and deadline of essay submission Please complete one of the following parent / guardian consent forms and upload it to https://forms.gle/XZHgvZGVinWnRwRr6 :

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Scholarship Award: https://www.harvardbookprizehk.org/files/ugd/4d2ffa_c771612c3eab43098809fe13fc8d176a.pdf (See also Annex II) ➤ Essay Award: https://www.harvardbookprizehk.org/files/ugd/4d2ffa_addd1115e62746499db1bfca02ffd21b.pdf (See also Annex I)
25 April, 2025 (Friday)	Scholarship semi-finalists announced
3 May, 2025 (Saturday)	Scholarship semi-finalists interviews
4 May, 2025 (Sunday)	Scholarship and Essay Award Winners announced
3 p.m. – 6 p.m., 23 May 2025 (Friday)	<p>Collection of Prize Book and certificates & 2025 Scholarship and Essay Award Ceremony</p> <p>The winning students will be required to collect their certificate and Prize Book from Chinese International School (1 Hau Yuen Path, Braemar Hill, North Point) between 3 p.m. to 6 p.m..</p>

Thank you for your kind attention. Interested students should submit the reply slip together with a draft of the 500-word essay to Ms NG Kar Wai Vivien on or before 27 February, 2025 (Thursday). For enquiries, please contact Ms NG at 2546 0117.

(Ms NG Kar Wai Vivien)
for Principal

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Reply Slip

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Dear Principal,

As the parent / guardian of _____ (Class: _____ No.: ____), I understand that my son / charge **would like to** / **would not like to** seek nomination for the Harvard Prize Book and he will upload the essay along with a parent consent form for the

Scholarship Award / **Essay Award** if he is selected by school.

Signature of Parent/Guardian : _____

Name of Parent/Guardian : _____

Student's Mobile Number : _____

Student's Email Address : _____

23/24 Annual English Writing Result : _____

24/25 Term 1 English Writing Result : _____

Position(s) Held / Contributions to School : _____

Date : _____

* Please delete as appropriate.



2025 Harvard Prize Book Essay Award

The Harvard Prize Book Essay Award is open to all winners of the Harvard Prize Book, which are students who are selected by their school.

The **Essay Award** will recognize essays of merit regardless of a student’s background and need.
Please see pg. 2 for further instructions.

All applicants must complete the “Parent/Guardian Consent Form” below in **English** and upload it onto the Google form:
<https://forms.gle/XZHgvZGVinWnRwRr6>

Application deadline is at **5:00pm, Monday, April 7th, 2025**.
Failure to follow any of the instructions and incomplete applications will be immediately and automatically disqualified.

Parent/Guardian Consent Form 2025 家長/監護人同意書 2025

參賽者個人資料 Applicant Biographical Information

姓名 Name		性別 Gender	
身份證/護照號碼 HKID / Passport No.			

參賽者家長/監護人資料 Applicant Parent/Guardian Information

家長 / 監護人姓名 Parent/Guardian’s Name			
電郵 Email Address			

Communication

Harvard Club of Hong Kong Education Fund (HCHKEF) aims to build a community for Scholarship winners and finalists, as well as the Essay Award winners by providing opportunities such as mentorship and information about summer internships etc. HCHKEF will also promote fundraising events and social activities.

If you wish to opt out of the above, please check the box below:

DO NOT notify me of any Harvard Club of Hong Kong Education Fund opportunities and events

聲明 Declaration & Photograph and Essay Release Form for Media

I certify that the information provided above is accurate and correct. I agree to report any relevant changes to Harvard Club of Hong Kong Education Fund Limited. I accept that the evaluators’ decisions are final.

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參賽者簽署 **Applicant Signature:**

參賽者家長/監護人簽署 **Parent/Guardian Signature:**

日期 **Date**



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Application Essay

- 1) Please type your response to the question below in a **separate document and include pagination (if any)**.
- 2) Put **your contact mobile telephone number and your HKID number on the top right corner of each page**.
Kindly **DO NOT** put your name or the name of your school anywhere on your essay responses.
- 3) Please upload the file as a PDF onto the Google form: <https://forms.gle/XZHgvZGVinWnRwRr6>

Any essays that are over the word limit will not be read.
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Long Question (Word limit: 500 words)

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日期 Date



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Application Essays

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b. First Short Question (Word limit: 250 words)

Please list all the places you have visited outside of Hong Kong in the past two years, whether they were school or family/friend trips (not part of word count). Choose from one of the places you visited and share what was most memorable about the experience.

Students who have never traveled outside of Hong Kong, please share where you would like to visit and why.

c. Second Short Question (Word limit: 250 words)

Which two courses would you like to take at the Harvard Secondary School Summer Program and why? Your course selection here is not final. This simply gives the judging panel an indication of your interest area(s). There are over 200 courses in 60-plus subjects.

The 2025 course offerings will be online in mid to late January 2025. At that time, you will be able to browse through the courses for summer 2025 at the link below:

<https://courses.dce.harvard.edu/?srcdb=202203>

d. Third Short Question (Word limit: 250 words)

What book, fiction or non-fiction, has made the deepest impact on you? Explain your choice.