

YELLOW RIBBON FUND (YRF) STAR BURSARY [ACADEMIC TRACK]

APPLICATION PACKAGE

About the Bursary

The Yellow Ribbon Fund (YRF) STAR (Skills Training Assistance to Restart) Bursary was conceptualised in 2010 to provide financial assistance to low-income ex-offenders who wish to upgrade and upskill themselves after their release.

It aims to support ex-offenders to build viable futures for themselves and their families through upgrading, which will enhance employability and encourage self-sufficiency. The beneficiaries of the YRF STAR Bursary will also serve as role models for other ex-offenders and inspire them to rebuild their lives through education.

Bursary Details

- a. The bursary is available for local institutions and selected private institutions for the following courses:
 - GCE N, O, A Levels
 - Nitec/Higher Nitec
 - Diploma
 - Degree
 - Graduate Diploma
- b. The bursary funds up to 100% of course fees for ex-offenders who have been released for not more than five years. For those who have been released more than five years, the bursary will fund up to 50%.
- c. The bursary is also open for application to inmates who are due for release soon and wish to pursue higher education after release.
- d. Applicants may have to undergo career coaching as part of the assessment process.
- e. YRF reserves the right to revoke any bursary awarded if the progress, performance and behaviour of the student are deemed to be unsatisfactory.
- f. Students are to engage in one case session per month with the assigned case manager.
- g. Students are to attend all Get Together sessions and help out in all Yellow Ribbon related events as a volunteer, when required.

Eligibility Criteria

Applicants must fulfil the following eligibility criteria and conditions:

- Must be a Singaporean or Permanent Resident;
- Household per capita income not exceeding \$1,500. For applicants with household per capita income of more than \$1,500, they will be assessed on a case-by-case basis; and
- Must not have been released from prison for more than 5 years. Applicants who have been released for more than 5 years will be assessed on a case-by-case basis.

Instructions for Submission of Application

1. Complete all sections of the application form.
2. Attach the certified true copies of all relevant supporting documents listed on Page 6 of the application form.
3. All applications are subject to the evaluation and approval of YRF. Applicants will be required to undergo an interview meant to assess their suitability. The award of the bursary is at the sole discretion of YRF and YRF is not obliged to reveal the reasons for rejection.
4. Incomplete applications and/or cases where there is a lack of documentary proof will not be accepted.
5. All applicants should email the completed application form together with the necessary supporting documents to the Yellow Ribbon Fund Secretariat at Angela_SWEE@yellowribbon.gov.sg.

For more information on the YRF STAR Bursary, please e-mail Ms Angela Swee at Angela_SWEE@yellowribbon.gov.sg.

YELLOW RIBBON FUND STAR BURSARY APPLICATION FORM

Attached
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APPLICANT PARTICULARS			
Name (as in NRIC)			
NRIC (*Singaporean / PR)		Date of Birth	/ /
Sex	*M / F	Marital Status	* Single / Married / Separated / Divorced
Address			
Contact Number	(H)	(H/P)	
Email			
Housing Type	HDB _____ Room (*Rental / Purchased) Others:		
Highest Educational Level			
Occupation		Take-Home Salary	\$
Name of Organisation			

COURSE DETAILS	
Course Type	*'N' Level/'O' Level/'A' Level /ITE / Diploma / Degree / Graduate Diploma
Name of Institution/School	
Course Name	
Course Duration	_____ Months / Years (*Part-time / Full-time)
Full Course Fee	\$ _____
Cost of books and school materials	\$ _____ Other miscellaneous fees \$ _____
Course Commencement	

PRISON DETAILS	
Inmate Number	
Institution	
Offence	
Length of Sentence	
Date of Admission & Release	
No. of incarcerations	
Name of Officer (i.e. Reintegration Officer (RO) and/or Correctional Rehabilitation Officer (CRS)), if applicable	

** Please delete where applicable*

QUALIFICATIONS ATTAINED		
Name of Institution	Qualification	Year Obtained

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY (starting from the most recent)		
Position Held	Name of Employer / Organization	Employment Period

PARTICULARS OF FAMILY MEMBERS LIVING WITH YOU						
Name	NRIC	Age	Relationship	Educational Level	Occupation	Take-Home Salary

Are there any family members who are disabled or chronically sick? *Yes / No

If yes, please specify:

* Please delete where applicable

MONTHLY FAMILY INCOME AND EXPENDITURE			
INCOME	AMOUNT (\$)	EXPENDITURE	AMOUNT (\$)
Total Household Income (Take-home salary)		Housing Rent/Installment (Cash only)	
Other sources of income (E.g. assistance from welfare organisations, contributions from relatives, rental income)		Service & Conservancy Charges (SCC)	
		Utilities (PUB & Water)	
		Phone (Home, Mobile phone, internet)	
		Food and Sundry	
Savings		Educational Expenses (Pocket money, transportation, tuition)	
Cash			
Bank			
Savings from earnings in Institution			
Others (Please specify)		Working Expenses (Food, transport)	
		Arrears (If any)	
		Medical expenses (If any)	
		Others (Please specify)	
Total			

NOTE: Please enclose photocopies of the following supporting documents. Otherwise, your application will be disqualified.

1. Photo of NRIC (front and back)
2. Educational certificates/result slips of highest qualification obtained to date
3. Prison release slip
4. Letters of financial awards, scholarships and/or loans held previously or currently holding
5. Latest CPF statements of applicant and family members (working and living together)
6. Salary slips of applicant and family members (working and living together)
7. Career Report provided by career coach (after YRF Career Assessment, if applicable)
8. Any other documents required by YRF / Selection Panel

DECLARATION

1. I shall accept any decision made by Yellow Ribbon Fund with regards to my application.
2. I declare that the information provided in this application and the attachments are true to the best of my knowledge and belief, and that I have not wilfully suppressed or falsified any information.
3. I consent to Yellow Ribbon Fund collecting the personal data in this YRF STAR Bursary Application Form and in the documents attached to it and
 - If I am still incarcerated, disclosing it to Singapore Prison Service ('SPS') for SPS to make a recommendation about my application and
 - Yellow Ribbon Fund using it for the purpose of deciding whether or not to award the YRF STAR Bursary to me and, if awarded, to pay the award to the relevant educational institution.

Signature of Applicant

Date
