THE RED PENCIL SCHOLARSHIP

The Red Pencil offers scholarships for Masters in Art Therapy at LASALLE College of the Arts in Singapore to deserving Singaporean and Singapore PR candidates who wish to pursue art therapy as a profession.

The value of the scholarship is 50% of the tuition fees for the 2-year full-time programme at the institution. Other accredited institutions worldwide can be considered upon request.

OBJECTIVE

The objective of the scholarship is to inspire candidates who are keen to pursue art therapy as a profession, but may need financial support in paying a certain percentage of the entire tuition fees. Candidates are expected to dedicate their time in helping people benefit from art therapy.

SELECTION CRITERIA

The scholarship is offered once a year, and closing date of application is 30th June. Candidates who are keen to apply for the scholarship must meet the following requirements:

1. Be a Singaporean or Singapore Permanent Resident (PR)
2. Attained a cumulative GPA of at least 3.75 out of 5.0 (or equivalent) in his/her undergraduate studies
3. Experiences low financial capability in paying for the entire Masters course
4. Written a thoughtful 500-word essay outlining his/her reasons for choosing Art Therapy as a profession, as well as how he/she can contribute as an art therapist in future. Candidates should submit their response in the Application Form Package.
5. Have been involved in extensive community service and volunteer work
6. Possesses the personality and capability to be an ambassador of The Red Pencil

To process the application, candidates should complete and submit the **Scholarship Application Form** to welcome@redpencil.org with the subject title "*Scholarship Application – Full Name*".

You can expect to receive an acknowledgement of receipt by email within a week of your completed application. Shortlisting and interviews will be conducted in the month of July, and you will be informed of the final result of your application in August.

SCHOLARSHIP TERMS AND CONDITIONS

The Red Pencil will determine the value of the scholarship for candidates. Upon successful application, the candidate must fulfil the requirements below:

- Maintain minimum GPA of 3.75 per semester
- Participate in The Red Pencil's programmes and events in Singapore during school breaks, whenever possible
- Submit a written report based on art therapy after the first academic year and at the end of the final year
- Upon graduation, candidates must serve certain hours of art therapy work for The Red Pencil's programmes and projects, over a period of two (2) years from date of graduation, pro-rated accordingly to the value of the sponsorship

The Red Pencil reserves the right to terminate or revoke the scholarship if the candidates fail to fulfil any of these requirements for each semester.

1ST ACADEMIC YEAR

Semester 1 (August – December) & Semester 2 (January – April)

- The scholar known as "Scholars" must submit a copy of their results to The Red Pencil for each semester within a week after academic transcripts have been released by LASALLE. The scholar has to maintain a Grade Point Average (GPA) of at least 3.75 out of 5.0

Summer Holidays (May – August)

- Scholars are required to volunteer in a local programme/event organised by The Red Pencil
- Scholars must submit a written report of their first academic year by 30th June based on their 1st year learning and reflections

2nd ACADEMIC YEAR

Semester 1 (August – December) & Semester 2 (January – April)

- Scholars must submit a copy of their results to The Red Pencil for each semester within a week after academic transcripts have been released by LASALLE. The scholar has to maintain a GPA of at least 3.75 out of 5.0

Summer Holidays (May – August)

- Scholars are required to volunteer in a local programme/event organised by The Red Pencil
- Scholars must submit a written report of their second academic year by 30th June based on their learning process and their future plans in contributing to the community

AFTER GRADUATION

Singapore Citizens/Permanent Residents

Scholars must contribute to The Red Pencil as an art therapist upon graduation. They will be required to complete minimum 120 hours (only direct client-contact hours counted) of art therapy service with The Red Pencil. They can choose from the following options:-

- Conduct art therapy sessions arranged by The Red Pencil
- Initiate and carry out a project of their own in Singapore
- Organise a seminar in Singapore with at least 50 participants in attendance
- Conduct an art therapy research relevant to the topic of interest

Note:

- For organising of proposed project / seminar and conducting a research, scholars must discuss with The Red Pencil for approval before they embark on the process
- Scholars must notify their prospective employers of their binding agreement with RPS to fulfil this bond requirement and obtain their approval to be released to fulfil their bond hours.
- Scholars are required to register with Ministry of Education (MOE) as an instructor upon graduation so as to be able to conduct art therapy sessions in MOE schools.

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FORM

Submission	Soft-copy applications should be submitted by email to: welcome@redpencil.org
Required Documents Checklist *Late or incomplete applications will not be considered.*	Please organise and submit your scholarship application in this sequence. Ensure that all required documents are submitted together with your scholarship application. Late or incomplete applications with missing documents will not be considered. Please **tick** items submitted: ☐ A completed **Scholarship Application Form** ☐ A recent passport-sized photograph ☐ Up-to-date curriculum vitae (CV) or resume (include record of activities/awards) ☐ Photocopy of offer letter from LASALLE College of the Arts for the MA Art Therapy course ☐ Photocopy of highest qualifications and/or other professional qualifications ☐ Photocopy of scholarship / grant / financial assistance letters awarded (if applicable) ☐ Any other supporting documentation that might support your case e.g. medical reports, recommendation letters/testimonials All information provided must be complete and true and any wilful suppression of material facts will disqualify the applicant.

Notes:

Per Capita Income (PCI)	PCI = Total Gross Monthly Income of ALL family members ÷ number of family members living in the same household (including yourself) Definition of total gross monthly income: - Includes employee's CPF contributions, income contributions from self-employment, business or salaried employment which includes basic salary, allowances, overtime pay and other sources of income such as rent, alimony, pension, etc; - If bonuses are declared, it should be computed as one twelfth of the annual wage supplements and bonuses received in the last 12 months; - The monthly financial support from divorced / separated parent or spouse such as alimony and contributions to support children / household should be included; - National Service (NS) allowance earned by NSF is not included.
Immediate and non-immediate family members	- Immediate family members include parents and siblings living with the applicant; - Divorced/separate parent or spouse may be excluded from the headcount; - Non-immediate family members include grandparents, siblings' spouses, siblings' children and any other relatives who are living with the applicant
Disbursement of funds	Disbursement of funds will be made directly to the Education Institution and credited to the successful student's fee account. Please note that the student is liable for any remaining fees payable.
Conditions	Awards must be used for the period for which they were awarded, and no amount of the award may be carried forward. Successful candidates must pursue the course faithfully and sit for all prescribed assessments / examinations. Scholars must also fulfil all criteria found in The Red Pencil Scholarship document as attached.
Others	The Red Pencil reserves the right to review, withdraw or suspend at any time any scholarship in full or partially if any of the conditions are not met. The Red Pencil's decision on any award and its value is final. The Red Pencil will not enter into any correspondence on the reasons for the decision. All materials and documents submitted will not be returned; applicants are to make a copy of their application for their retention and record.

Name, Age		Date of Birth (DD/MM/YY)	
Nationality		Citizenship Type	
Country of Birth		NRIC	
Gender (Male / Female / Prefer not to say)		Race	
Email		Phone no.	
Address			

1. REASON FOR APPLICATION
   To help the selection committee understand you better, please answer the questions below:

a) Why did you choose Art Therapy as a profession, and how do you intend to contribute as an art therapist after your training? (500 words)

When we rescue the child, we save the adult

b) Why do you wish to be considered for The Red Pencil scholarship?
c) Tell us about your family background. What do you/your parents do to support the family, financial challenges in meeting essential daily expenses, number of dependents, etc. What are your efforts to alleviate your family's financial burden? Are there adult family members of working age who are not working, and what is preventing them from doing so? If there is no earned income, please state source of financial assistance or benefit in-kind (e.g. social welfare, divorced maintenance, CDC).

2. FAMILY BACKGROUND AND FINANCIAL CIRCUMSTANCES

Include yourself, both parents (including divorced/deceased), your spouse and children (if you are married) and any other family members who are staying with you. If shortlisted, you will be required to present relevant documents to verify this section's information.

Your Household Income Background (A)

	Name of family member	Age	Marital Status	Relationship	Staying with you? (Y/N)	Occupation	Gross monthly income
1							
2							
3							
4							
5							

Other Sources of Income (B)

	Income Type	Gross monthly income
1		
2		
3		

Family Assets (C)

House Type	Owned/Rented
Does your family own a vehicle? If yes, please state vehicle type.	

Gross Monthly Household per Capita Income (D)

Total Gross Monthly Income (A + B)	
Household Members (Family members staying with you, and yourself)	
Gross monthly household per capita income (PCI)	

3. OTHER INFORMATION	
Have you ever been convicted in a court of law in any country, excluding parking offences? If yes, please elaborate.	☐ Yes / ☐ No
Have you been charged with any offence in a court of law in Singapore or in any other country for which the outcome is pending (excluding parking offences)?	☐ Yes / ☐ No
Are you aware of being under current police investigations in Singapore or in any other country?	☐ Yes / ☐ No
Have you ever been dismissed, discharged, terminated or suspended from employment?	☐ Yes / ☐ No
Have you ever had, or are you suffering from any medical condition?	☐ Yes / ☐ No
Have you been or are you suffering from any physical impairment or disease? If yes, please elaborate.	☐ Yes / ☐ No
Have you ever had, or are you diagnosed with any mental health condition?	☐ Yes / ☐ No
Have you been a subject of disciplinary action during your studies or employment? If yes, please elaborate.	☐ Yes / ☐ No
Are you in receipt of a scholarship/study award/study grant/bursary/subsidy contributing towards your tuition fee or daily expenses? Please elaborate.	☐ Yes / ☐ No
Are you applying for other financial aids (e.g. scholarship/bursary) contributing towards your tuition fee or daily expenses? Please elaborate.	☐ Yes / ☐ No

4. DECLARATION

I hereby declare that all the particulars given and informed in this application are true. I understand that wilful suppression of any material fact will cause my application to be disqualified. The Red Pencil reserves the right to review, withdraw or suspend at any time any scholarship in full or partially if any conditions are not met. The Red Pencil's decision on any award and its value is final and reserves the right not to disclose its reasons for approving and disapproving an application. All materials and documents surebmitted will not be returned.

Signature of Applicant:

Date:
FOR OFFICIAL USE: Interview by: Date: Remarks: Recommendation by The Red Pencil Financial Assistance awarded: ☐ Yes / ☐ No The Red Pencil is granting: ☐ 50% of the fees