



Application for Admission to Screening Programme and Nomination for Membership Scheme 2024/25

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Frequently Asked Questions

Q1. About HKAGE

The Hong Kong Academy for Gifted Education (HKAGE) operates independently from Government bureaux to provide flexibility in management and operations. Our mission is to offer suitable learning and development opportunities for gifted students aged 10 to 18 years, helping them realise their potential in various domains including academic areas such as STEAM, humanities and languages, as well as non-academic areas like leadership, creativity and interpersonal skills, and community commitment.

Q2. How to become an HKAGE member

Students can become HKAGE members through the "School Nomination" and "Parent Nomination" schemes every school year. To qualify, students must first pass the Screening Programme. Successful applicants will enter the nomination stage, where they can submit their profiles for further assessment. Membership will be effective in June of the following year.

Q3. When should students apply for the HKAGE Screening Programmes?

Students must be aged 10 to 18 and currently studying in schools in Hong Kong. To apply for the "Screening Programme", students must be 10 years old on or before 30 September 2025.

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

No, students in Secondary 6 (or equivalent final year) will not be accepted as their membership would begin after their graduation. Applications from these students are not permitted.

Q5. How many students can each school nominate for the Screening Programme?

Each school may assist up to 50 students per year in applying through the school application channel. This quota does not include applications through the parent application channel.

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

No, each student can apply for only ONE Screening Programme per application year.

Q7. Can students enroll in both the "Screening Programme" and the "Principal's Nomination" in the same school year?

No, students enrolled in the "Screening Programme" cannot also participate in the "Principal's Nomination" within the same school year.

Q8. Which Screening Programme should a multi-talented student apply for?

Apply for only **ONE** appropriate Screening Programme based on their abilities, potential and particular interests. Once admitted, student members can apply for most of the HKAGE programmes without domain-specific restrictions.

Q9. Is there a fixed timetable for the Screening Programmes?

The Screening Programmes are self-paced with no fixed timetable. Students must complete the programme and final assessment within the designated period.

Q10. Are Screening Programmes categorised by class level?

The HKAGE Screening Programmes are divided into primary and secondary categories but are not further classified by class levels.



Q11. What are the requirements for the final assessment?

The final assessment has a time limit of 60 minutes. Students may attempt it up to two times, with only the higher score being considered. The questions may differ between attempts.

Q12. Is it necessary to submit students' profiles at this stage?

No, students' profiles are not required at this stage. Student profiles must be submitted only after passing the Screening Programme and entering the nomination stage.

Q13. Is submitting softcopies of intellectual assessment required?

No, intellectual assessment reports are not mandatory when submitting "Student Personal Profiles" in the nomination stage.

Q14. How can I obtain an intellectual assessment report?

Intellectual assessment reports can be obtained from registered psychologists. The Hong Kong Psychological Society provides a list of registered members at <http://www.hkps.org.hk>.

Q15. What are the screening criteria for HKAGE student membership?

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 activities.
2. **Creativity:** This involves fluency, flexibility, 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.

Q16. Are there equal opportunities for school and parent applications?

Yes, students have equal opportunities for membership through both school applications and parent applications.

Q17. How many new members are admitted every year?

HKAGE generally admits around 1500 new members annually, though this number may vary.

Q18. Must a student reapply for the Screening Programme when moving to secondary school?

No, if a Primary 6 student member meets the review requirements, they will automatically become our secondary school student member without reapplying.

Q19. What are the costs for HKAGE programmes?

All applications and student programmes are free of charge, except for specific activities like overseas study programmes.

Q20. When and where are the HKAGE programmes held?

Most programmes occur on weekends or school holidays at HKAGE premises, Satellite Centres, or venues provided by partner institutions.

Q21. What language is used for HKAGE programmes?

Most of the programmes are conducted in Cantonese, with some available in English or Putonghua.

Q22. Can primary student members apply for secondary programmes?

Yes, primary student members may apply for secondary programmes, which do not have class level restrictions for enrolment.