

The 14th Hong Kong Outstanding Prospective Teachers Award Application Guidelines

I. Introduction

Education is the cradle of outstanding talent and has a profound impact on the sustainable development of society. Teachers form a vital cornerstone of quality education. Hong Kong must therefore continue to nurture outstanding prospective teachers so that excellence in the teaching profession can be passed on. The Hong Kong New Generation Cultural Association and the Hong Kong Prospective Teachers Association jointly organise the Hong Kong Outstanding Prospective Teachers Award to provide opportunities for prospective teachers to learn from their peers and seniors, pursue excellence, and receive recognition from the education sector. This year, we continue our efforts to encourage prospective teachers from different institutions to equip themselves and strive for excellence, becoming outstanding teachers of the future. Through education, we aim to improve human life and promote social progress. The judging panel comprises education professionals (principals of secondary schools, primary schools and kindergartens, as well as scholars). Through initial review, final review (including Q&A) and demonstration teaching, the panel will select recipients of the Outstanding Prospective Teacher Gold, Silver, Bronze and Merit Awards for commendation.

II. Objectives

- To recognise prospective teachers with strong teaching competence and educational aspirations;
- To encourage prospective teachers to pursue excellence and continually enhance their teaching skills;
- To provide opportunities for prospective teachers to learn from seniors and peers, encourage one another, progress together, and contribute to society.

III. Eligibility

Undergraduate students who aspire to join the teaching profession and ***have never served as full-time teachers.***

IV. Election Schedule

- Application Deadline: January 10, 2027 (Sun)
- Deadline for Submission of Document: January 18, 2027 (Mon)
- Initial Review: February 6, 2027 (Sat)
- Final Review: March 6, 2027 (Sat)
- Awards Presentation Ceremony: March 20, 2026 (Sat)

V. Awards

1. All applicants will receive a Certificate of Participation.
2. The following awards will be presented:
 - **Gold Award:** Cash prize of HK\$5,000, a trophy and a certificate
 - **Silver Award:** Cash prize of HK\$3,000, a trophy and a certificate
 - **Bronze Award:** Cash prize of HK\$1,000, a trophy and a certificate
 - **Merit Award:** A medal and a certificate
3. All awardees will become members of the Hong Kong Prospective Teachers Association and undertake to assist the Association in related publicity activities, as well as to share teaching concepts and practices with other prospective teachers through the Association.

VI. Application Method

1. Applicants must complete the online application form on the Hong Kong New Generation Cultural Association website (<http://www.newgen.org.hk>) on or before **January 10 2027(Sun)**. The online application form can be filled in Chinese or English.
2. After submission, applicants will receive a confirmation email within three working days containing: (A) Application Number, (B) Electronic Application Form, and (C) Declaration. Please complete and print one copy each of (B) and (C).
3. Applicants must submit the following documents in person or by mail to the Hong Kong New Generation Cultural Association on or before **January 18, 2027(Mon)**.
 - Electronic application form with application number
 - Original signed declaration
 - Original recommendation form (if any)
 - One recent photograph
 - One copy of identity document
 - One copy of academic transcript showing CGPA
 - Competition video (see VII), saved on a USB drive

VII. Competition Video Guidelines

1. Video Content
 - Applicants must design a lesson plan (secondary/primary: 30–45 minutes; kindergarten: 20–30 minutes) and record a video of no more than 3 minutes explaining the lesson plan. The applicant's face and explanation must be clearly visible.
 - The video clips must cover:
 - a. Subject(s), topic(s), learning objectives and teaching difficulties;
 - b. Student analysis: A proposed target grade level and learning characteristics (e.g. prior and subsequent knowledge);
 - c. Teaching and assessment methods: Applicants must explain the teaching and assessment methods (e.g. classroom interactivity and teaching aids used, etc.)
 - A written lesson plan is not required.
 - Videos exceeding 3 minutes will result in disqualification.
 - Accepted formats: avi,wmv, mpg or mp4, submitted on a USB drive.

2. The video and its content must be original work. Plagiarism is strictly prohibited.

VIII. Submission of Application Forms and Related Documents

1. By post to the headquarters of the Hong Kong New Generation Cultural Association (postmark date applies); or
2. Submit in person at the headquarters of the Hong Kong New Generation Cultural Association. (Address: 13/F Professional Bldg, 19-23 Tung Lo Wan Rd, Causeway Bay, Hong Kong)

IX. Assessment Criteria and Procedures

1. The judging panel will assess applicants' vision, moral character, educational aspirations, commitment to society, and teaching competence.
2. The initial review will be held on **7 February 2027(Saturday)**. The panel will review application forms, competition videos and related documents. Applicants need not attend.
3. Successful applicants will be notified by email on or before 13 February 2027(Friday) and must attend the final review in the afternoon of 7 March 2027(Saturday) for an interview and demonstration teaching. Finalists who fail to attend will not be eligible for any award.
4. The decision of the judging panel is final and not subject to appeal.

X. Handling of Information

1. All submitted materials and documents (including USB drives) will not be returned.
2. All materials will be used by the organizer, judging panel and appointed persons solely for the purpose of this Award.
3. Submission of materials is voluntary. Incomplete information may affect the assessment.
4. The copyright in the competition videos and their content is assigned to the organizer. The organizer may use, distribute, publish, print and/or reproduce the materials for promoting good teaching practices, the results of this Award, and other non-profit educational purposes.

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