

FAQ for School Nomination 2011-12

A. School Coordinator

1 What is the role of School Coordinator?

School Coordinator will coordinate all the nomination cases submitted by his/her school, He/she will need to monitor the nomination progress of different parties on the online platform, collect the required documents (as listed on the submission checklist) from the student nominees and nominating officers for final submission. Above all, he/she should act as a contact person between the HKAGE and the nominees throughout the nomination process.

2 What is the difference between “School” and “Nurturing the Gifted” nominations?

For school nomination, secondary schools are invited to nominate their students with outstanding performance or potential in Humanities, Leadership, Mathematics or Sciences.. “Nurturing the Gifted” nomination is initiated by the HKAGE. Students who excel in local or international competitions are cordially invited to become HKAGE’s members. This way, gifted students can be nominated through a broader number of channels.

“Nurturing the Gifted” nomination will **NOT** affect the quota for the yearly nomination.

3 Are there any differences in selecting students between the “school nomination” and “Nurturing the Gifted” nomination?

The HKAGE will review the information submitted by the nominees from the “school nomination” and **those shortlisted** will be invited to attend the selection activities for their relevant domains such as written tests or group interviews. For “Nurturing the Gifted”, the HKAGE will screen nominees by reviewing the submitted information. In general, students are not required to attend any written tests. However, students will be interviewed if it is considered necessary.

4 How many students can be nominated by each school?

School teachers, school social workers and school educational psychologists are invited to nominate students with outstanding performances/great potential in Humanities, Leadership, Mathematics or Sciences to join the HKAGE. School teachers are kindly requested to submit an appropriate number of nominations from S1 to S7 level, and are

recommended to nominate around TWELVE students (around 4 for a single domain). The number of students nominated by school social workers and school educational psychologists is excluded from this suggested quota.

5 Can my school nominate more than 12 students?

Yes..

6 Are there any differences between the 12 nominees within the suggested quota and other nominees?

No. The HKAGE considers every nominee on a fair and individual basis. All nominees enjoy the same status and will undergo the same selection process. Their chance of being accepted is equal.

7 Are there any differences between the nomination submitted by School Social Workers / School Educational Psychologists and Teachers?

The HKAGE considers every nominee on a fair and individual basis. All nominees enjoy the same status and will undergo the same selection process. The number of students nominated by school social workers and school education psychologists is excluded from the suggested school quota of 12 students.

8 How does the HKAGE select its student members with such a wide age gap?

We understand that S1 and S7 students are at different knowledge levels. We have age-appropriate assessment criteria for each group. We also recognize that gifted students have a cognitive age in advance of their chronological age.

9 My student is already a member of HKAGE, does she/he need to go through the whole nomination process again if she/he is found to be talented in another domain?

Yes, existing member is required to go through the nomination process again if he/she is also found talented in another domain as the selection activity will be different,

10 When will my school be informed of the selection results?

Shortlisting result and written test/interview invitation will be sent to the student nominees via school around mid November 2011. Admission result will be released in February 2012.

11 How can I help the students who are not accepted?

The school is advised to develop the talents of the unsuccessful nominees through other channels and re-nominate them in the next academic year subject to their performance.

B. Nominating Officers

1 Who can be the Nominating Officers?

Nominating Officers can be the class/subject teacher, **school social workers**, or **school educational psychologists**.

2 My student is bright in many aspects. Which domain should I nominate him/her to?

When nominating officers nominate students, they are advised to consider both the students' abilities or potentials **and their particular interest**. We are looking for students who are bright as well as highly motivated.

3 Can I nominate a Science student to Humanities domain?

Nominating officers are welcome to nominate science stream students with outstanding performance or high potential in Humanities in order to nurture and develop their potential and talents in boarder areas of learning.

4 Humanities is a big domain. Which areas should I focus on?

Before nomination, Nominating officers can study the information about the Humanities programmes provided by the HKAGE to see if the programmes are appropriate to help nurture and develop their students' talents. We aim to add more programmes in the coming year.

5 What are the language requirements?

Our programmes require student members to attain a high level of language presentation and comprehension skills. They must be high achievers in listening, reading and comprehension.

6 Should the nomination be approved by the parents before submission?

The HKAGE aims to provide an additional platform for home-school cooperation to enhance the communication and collaboration among schools, parents and gifted students. Nominating officers are recommended to seek approval from the parents before nomination.

7 What is my role once I have finished nominating my student(s)?

Once your student has become a student member in the HKAGE, all of their courses enrollment and attendance will be recorded. Teachers are advised to update your students' learning progress throughout the year and the HKAGE will mail a Student Learning Report (SLR) to your school at the end of each academic year.

C. Parents

1 How can I support my child if he/she is nominated by school?

The HKAGE appreciates parental co-operation and engagement. Parents can discuss with their children about the programmes as well as topics that interest them and help them make choices. Additionally, parents can help balance their children busy schedules so that they can attend our programmes free of other pressures.

2 My child has never taken any IQ test before. Does it affect his/her chance to be admitted?

The HKAGE admits its student members based on various data and information. An IQ test is just one item of information. School and extra curricular activity performance is also a key factor for consideration. Many of the HKAGE student members have outstanding school and extra curricular activity performances but have never taken any IQ tests.

3 My child is a twice exceptional gifted student with special learning needs. Should I apply for the membership for him/her? How does the HKAGE cater for him/her?

The HKAGE considers every nominee on a fair and individual basis. In order to better understand your child with special learning needs, you should submit the Individual Education Plans (IEPs) formulated by your child's teachers. We cater for these students by providing training programmes for service providers on how to take care of students with special learning needs.

4 My child is active in extra curricular activities with outstanding performance levels. Can I ask other organisations to nominate my child?

No. School teachers, school social workers and school educational psychologists are professionally trained, they are believed to be able to identify gifted students at schools and provide systematic and comprehensive support to students. However, we would appreciate if you could provide supporting documents for us so that we can have a better understanding of your child.

5 Besides school nomination, is there any other way to apply for the membership of the HKAGE?

The HKAGE recruits its student members through various channels. Besides yearly school nomination, we have 'Nurturing the Gifted' nomination which is targeted on students with outstanding performance in local or international competitions.

6 How much does the HKAGE charge for its programmes? When and where do the programmes usually take place?

All student programmes and services are free of charge except camps, credit-bearing courses and certain specified activities. Most of them are held on weekends or school holidays.

D. Students

1 What should I do if I am nominated by my school teacher / school social worker / school educational psychologists?

You should receive a user name and password to the Online Nomination Platform from the school coordinator/nominating officer, please follow the instruction and deadline set by your school coordinator/nominating officer to complete the online form and submit the required documents.

2 What is the selection activity?

Different domains have different selection activities. Group interviews are used for selecting students under the Leadership domain while standardised tests are used for Humanities, Leadership and Sciences domains. The aim of the selection activities is to have a thorough understanding of students' abilities in relative domains.

3 If I am nominated in 2 domains, do I have to take 2 selection activities?
Yes.

4 How should I prepare for the selection activity?

There is no need for special preparation. Just try your best!

5 If I am admitted as a student member, how can I enroll in the programmes I am interested in?

Information on the training programmes will be announced mainly on the HKAGE's website. Student members, parents and teachers are advised to regularly read the information and apply for appropriate activities according to their schedule, interests and needs.

6 Do student members need to renew their membership every year?

When a student is accepted as a member, the membership status continues for his/her entire secondary school life. He/she can enjoy our services and **NEED NOT** renew the membership every year.

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