

**A HONDA/UNDP PARTNERSHIP
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT THROUGH EDUCATION AND TRAINING FOR
MALAYSIAN YOUTH
HONDA DREAMS FUND (HDF)**

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

<u>Qualifications</u>	
Q1.	What are the conditions required to apply for the Honda Dreams Fund?
A :	The person must fulfill the following conditions:
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aged between 17 to 24 years old. • Have at least completed and passed the Sijil Pelajaran Malaysia (SPM) or Sijil Tinggi Pelajaran Malaysia (STPM). • Have a combined household income of RM1, 500 per month or less. • Medically fit. • Not on bond or holding any other scholarship or receiving financial assistance from any other organization.
Q2.	I want to go to a vocational school. Can I apply?
A :	Yes. The Honda Dreams Fund supports applications for any skills training programme.
Q3.	I want to go to a university abroad. Can I apply?
A :	No. You can only apply for colleges, universities and training institutions in Malaysia.
Q4.	I will be 24 in January 2009. Can I apply?
A :	Applicants born in the years 1986 to 1993 are eligible to apply.
Q5.	My household income per month is between RM1, 000 and RM2, 000. Can I apply?
A :	If your average household income is RM1, 500 or less, you are eligible to apply.
Q6.	Do I have to submit a medical record?
A :	No, you don't have to do so. But if you are short-listed as one of the final 20 candidates, you will be required to undergo a medical check-up. You will need to pass the medical check-up in order to receive the scholarship.
Q7.	I am currently applying for another scholarship. Can I still apply for Honda Dreams Fund?
A :	Yes. However, if you receive another scholarship, you will automatically be disqualified for the Honda Dreams Fund.
<u>Application</u>	
Q8.	What do I need to submit for my application?
A :	The applicant must submit an essay of up to 500-words on his/her dream on A-4 sized paper together with photocopies of the following documents:
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NRIC • Certified true copy of Sijil Pelajaran Malaysia (SPM) and/or Sijil Tinggi Pelajaran Malaysia (STPM) • School leaving certificate (if any) • Other qualifications (if any) • Testimonials / references (from schools/NGOs/Homes-orphanages) • EA Form / J Form or any other form that verifies the applicant's household income (if any)
Q9.	When is the deadline for applications?
A :	All essays and documents must be submitted by 5.00pm, March 31, 2010. For submissions by post, applications must reach us by 5.00pm, March 31, 2010. Proof of postage is not proof of receipt. Only shortlisted candidates will be notified.
Q10.	Can I send my application by e-mail?
A :	Yes. You may send the application to either the following postal or e-mail address: "Human Resource Development through Education and Training for Malaysian Youth" Project , P.O. Box 12544, Kuala Lumpur 50782, Malaysia; or hdfessay@undp.org

Q11.	Can I write my essay in Bahasa Malaysia?
A :	Yes, all essays can be written in English or Bahasa Malaysia.
Q12.	Can I use testimonials / references from my parents?
A :	No. Testimonials/references must come from your schools, Homes - orphanages or NGOs.
Q13.	My household does not have a certified proof of income. What do I do?
A :	If you do not have official income verification, you may ask schools, NGOs or local authorities to verify your household income.
Selection	
Q14.	How will the selection process take place?
A :	The best 60 essays will be selected from eligible applicants and the successful applicants will be invited to a 3-day leadership/motivational workshop in Kuala Lumpur in June 2010. During the workshop, a second selection process, which includes an interview session, will be undertaken for 30 candidates. The final and best 20 candidates will subsequently be selected.
Q15.	When will I know the selection results?
A :	The first 60 applicants will be notified by mail in May 2010. The final 20 candidates will also be notified by mail in June/July 2010.
Q16.	How many people will be selected?
A :	A total of 60 essays will be selected initially for a 3-day leadership/motivational workshop, and the final 20 candidates will be selected after the workshop.
Q17.	If I am one of the initial selected 60, will I receive any financial assistance in order to attend the 3-day leadership/motivational workshop?
A :	Yes. The Honda Dreams Fund will pay for your travel and accommodation costs arising due to the workshop.
Q18.	How much will I receive if I was awarded a scholarship under the Honda Dreams Fund?
A :	If you are a successful recipient of the award, the Honda Dreams Fund will pay for your tuition fees and living allowances until you complete your selected course/studies. The amount you receive varies depending on your selected course.
Q19.	I want to go to a college away from home. If I were awarded a scholarship under the Honda Dreams Fund, would I receive a living allowance in addition to the tuition fees?
A :	Yes. The Honda Dreams Fund will pay you a living allowance in addition to your tuition fees.
Q20.	How will I receive the funds if I were awarded?
A :	The tuition fees will be paid directly from the Honda Dreams Fund to the college/institution/university you selected and your living allowance will be transferred to your bank account at regular intervals.
Q21.	Do I have to return the money if I fail the course which I selected?
A :	No. If you fail two consecutive semesters, you will be disqualified from the HDF and would not be allowed to continue receiving the scholarship. You are obliged to report your academic performance at the end of every semester in order to ensure the continuity of your studies.
Q22.	What are my obligations if I am successful in obtaining the scholarship under the Honda Dreams Fund?
A :	You are obliged to report your performance every semester to the Honda Dreams Fund Advisory Panel for evaluation.