

The Business Times Budding Artists Fund Application Form

Eligibility

Managed by The RICE Company Limited, The Business Times Budding Artists Fund (BT BAF), which was launched by the then-The Old Parliament House Limited and adopted by The Business Times in 2005, originated from a conviction that no child with strong interest and potential in the arts should be denied of the opportunity to develop his or her talents due to a lack of financial resources.

The following applicants are eligible for BT BAF:

- a Singapore citizen or Permanent Resident
- the family's gross monthly household income does not exceed \$2500 or \$625 per capita (whichever is lower)
- living in a 4-room HDB flat or smaller
- aged between 5 and 19
- full-time student receiving formal education

OR

- a Singapore citizen or Permanent Resident aged between 5 and 19 residing in a welfare home or a similar organisation for the less privileged.

Procedure

To apply for the two-year arts training programmes sponsored by BT BAF, please ensure that the application form is filled in accurately and completely. **This application form must be endorsed by the parent/guardian of applicants who are aged 18 and below. A non-refundable administrative fee of \$20 is payable per successful registration per child.**

The completed form must be accompanied by the following documents (*photocopy*):

- Birth certificate / NRIC of applicant
- Supporting certificates/portfolio/testimonials of applicants (for those with previous experiences in the arts) [if any]
- Latest pay slip of all family members (in the same household)
- Supporting documents of family members (in the same household) (e.g. from employer / retrenchment letter / CDC / CPF / IRAS income tax return/financial assistance schemes)
- Endorsement by the child's school/welfare organisation (please see Page 2)

Please send the completed form with the attached documents to:

The Business Times Budding Artists Fund

c/o The Little Arts Academy

PoMo, 1 Selegie Road, #05-01/02, Singapore 188306

Fax: 6337 1200

All applications are subject to approval. For enquiries, please contact us at enquirieslaa@therice.sg or 6513 3013.

Applicant's Particulars

Name (as in NRIC):	NRIC/BC No.:	Date of Birth:
Home Address:	Gender: Male / Female	Age:
Name of Parent / Guardian (as in NRIC):	Name of school:	

Parent/Guardian's contact details:	Citizenship:	Information on housing (please circle where appropriate):
Home:	Singaporean	HDB Flat:
Mobile:	Permanent Resident	1-Rm / 2-Rm / 3-Rm / 4-Rm / Others _____
Office:		Ownership of Residence:
Email:		Owned/Rented/Others _____

Immediate Family Members' Particulars (living at the same address)

[This section is not applicable to applicants residing in welfare homes.]

Name	NRIC No.	Relationship with applicant	Occupation	Gross Monthly Income
Total number of members (including participant): _____				Total: \$ _____

Does your family receive any financial assistance/ subsidies from any other agencies/organisations? Yes / No

If yes, please specify: _____

Endorsement by Schools/Welfare Organisations

_____ (name of school/welfare organisation) certifies that _____ (name of child) is under the MOE's Financial Assistance Scheme / supported by our welfare organisation (please choose one) and fulfils the eligibility criteria of BT BAF that are stated in page 1.

Name & Signature of P/VP or Head of organisation MOE FAS / Welfare Organisation Stamp _____
Date

Rules and Regulations

1. Funding is limited to a maximum period of 2 years only.
2. Beneficiaries who are deemed by the management of BTBAF to show strong artistic potential and talent must re-apply to receive funding beyond the 2 years.
3. A notice of acceptance will be sent to all successful applicants. Applicants are allowed to attend the arts training programmes sponsored by BT BAF only if they are deemed to have met the eligibility criteria of BT BAF.
4. All beneficiaries must display commitment to the sponsored trainings and attain **at least 90% attendance** for all the lessons enrolled to continue receiving funding by BT BAF for the next term.
5. Beneficiaries who are unable to attend the sponsored trainings with good reason, due to a medical condition, or **important** school or special religious events (e.g. examinations), are to provide us with **official documentation** in advance, wherever possible. Please note that attendance at private functions such as birthday celebrations or participation in one-off special events (e.g. marathons, church-organised leisure trips/tours, or workshops) not organised by BT BAF/LAA/TAH cannot be considered as good reasons for non-attendance.
6. Funding for beneficiaries who are **absent for 2 training sessions, with no good reason and notice given one week in advance**, will cease and a notification will be sent.
7. Beneficiaries who have been terminated from BTBAF will have to go through an appeal process should they wish to continue with trainings sponsored by BTBAF. The appeal process will be in the following order:
 - a. A penalty equivalent to the cost of training a student for each training session he/she missed must be paid.
 - b. A letter of appeal must be submitted to BT BAF. The letter is subjected to the approval of the BT BAF Board of Trustees. Applicants are **not** allowed to attend any training session until the appeal has been approved.
8. The management of BT BAF reserves the right to cease funding for beneficiaries.

Parent's / Guardian's Declaration and Authorisation (Please read rules and regulations before signing.)

I declare the information given in this application form is true and correct. I will provide the management of BT BAF with the necessary documents for verification of the information given as and when required. **If the information is found to be false, inaccurate or incomplete, my child's/ward's application for BT BAF will be terminated.** I also understand that the decision of the management of BT BAF is final.

I give my consent for my child/ward to participate in the training programmes disbursed by BT BAF on my own accord. I will abide by the rules and regulations set by the management of BT BAF and will not hold them or the volunteers responsible should there be any mishaps during the activities.

I pledge to ensure that my child/ward attends all sponsored sessions regularly.

Name of Parent/Guardian

NRIC No.

Signature and Date

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Recommendation: Accepted / Not Accepted

If not accepted, please give reasons: _____

Name of Staff

Signature and Date

Termination

Date of termination: _____

Reasons for termination: _____

Duration of funding received by applicant: _____

Name of Staff

Signature and Date

<p>For Official Use</p> <p>Reg No: _____</p> <p>Enrolment date: _____</p>
