

**MEDIA FACTSHEET**

<p><b>NTUC Starter Awards</b></p>	<p>The NTUC Starter Awards, is a bond-free scholarship programme designed to support students studying in partner Institutes of Higher Learning (IHLs) such as Singapore Institute of Technology (SIT), Temasek Polytechnic (TP) and the Institute of Technical Education (ITE).</p> <p>As part of the scholarship, students will also undergo a one-year leadership development journey, which will provide opportunities to develop their leadership skills, broaden their network, and gain a deeper understanding of the Labour Movement.</p> <p><b>Eligibility Criteria</b> To qualify for the award, students must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Be a Singapore citizen</li> <li>• Have demonstrated leadership capabilities through their extracurricular activities</li> <li>• Have a good academic record</li> </ul> <p>NTUC Starter members will receive priority when applying for the Awards. Applicants who are not Starter members but are assessed to be suitable to receive the Award will be required to become an NTUC Starter member or an NTUC union member before accepting the Awards. Applicants must remain a member throughout their course of studies. Interested applicants may sign up for NTUC Starter membership via <a href="http://bit.ly/ntucstarterawards24">http://bit.ly/ntucstarterawards24</a>.</p> <p><b>Deadline for applications</b> Applications for the NTUC Starter Awards will open from 2 to 30 September 2024. Students from partner IHLs may look out for an email from their institutions on how to apply for the Awards. Shortlisted candidates will be invited for interviews starting mid-October 2024, with successful applicants notified by mid-November 2024.</p> <p><b>Selection Process</b> All applicants will be required to submit an essay, which will be evaluated by Young NTUC. The essay topic will be released when applications open.</p> <p>Shortlisted candidates will be invited for an interview.</p> <p><b>Grant Quantum for Successful Application</b> The NTUC Starter Awards offer up to \$6,000 for ITE students, \$9,000 for polytechnic students, and \$16,000 for university students.</p>
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	<p><b>Award &amp; Notification</b> All successful applicants will be notified by mid-November 2024.</p> <p>All successful applicants must be a NTUC Starter or NTUC Union member upon acceptance of the award and throughout the course of their studies.</p> <p><b>Benefits</b> The leadership development journey will benefit recipients in the following key areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Leadership Skills Development:</b> Students will build personal confidence and leadership skills through various workshops. They will also gain access to Young NTUC’s career programmes to better prepare them for the workforce.</li> <li>• <b>Community Engagement:</b> Students will lead community immersion projects to benefit vulnerable segments of workers and their families, aimed at fostering a sense of care and social responsibility.</li> <li>• <b>Personalised Mentorship Programme:</b> Students will participate in a 4-month structured mentorship programme with industry mentors based on their individual career interests.</li> <li>• <b>Networking Opportunities:</b> Students will have the chance to connect with peers in the programme and within the Labour Movement, thereby fostering valuable personal networks.</li> <li>• <b>Overseas Learning Journey:</b> Students will have the opportunity to travel abroad to gain insights into business and industry trends and the changing nature of work.</li> </ul>
<p><b>NTUC Care Fund (Education Awards)</b></p>	<p>The NTUC Care Fund (Education Awards) aims to motivate our lower-income union members’ school-going children in Institutes of Higher Learning (“IHL”) to excel in their studies and level up the playing field. The candidates for the education awards are children of union members who were studying in a full-time course in an eligible IHLs in Academic Year (AY) 2023. To be eligible, candidates must be promoted to the next academic level in AY2024 or graduated in AY2023.</p> <p><b>Eligibility Criteria</b></p>

	<p>Members who wish to apply for the education award for their child/children (“candidates”) must have at least 6 continuous months of membership at the point of application and must not be in arrears.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Total Monthly Gross Household Income of \$3,800 and below, or</li> <li>2. Per Capita Income of \$950 and below if Gross Household Income exceeds \$3,800</li> </ol> <p><b>Deadline for applications</b> The application will open from 24 July 2024, 1200hrs to 27 August 2024, 1600hrs. Union members who meet the eligibility criteria may submit their applications via <a href="#">OneCARE</a>.</p> <p><b>Grant Quantum for Successful Application</b> An annual stipend is provided until the beneficiary completes the first tertiary certification, or up till four years, whichever comes earlier. This stipend will be credited into the beneficiary’s registered bank account and is conditioned on the beneficiary continuing their full-time studies</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="625 1003 1390 1288"> <thead> <tr> <th>Education Level in AY2023</th> <th>Quantum</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Institute of Technical Education (ITE), Polytechnic, LASALLE (diploma), and NAFA (diploma)</td> <td>\$400</td> </tr> <tr> <td>University, LASALLE (degree), and NAFA (degree)</td> <td>\$600</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>For more information, please visit: <a href="http://www.ntuc.org.sg/EducationAwards">www.ntuc.org.sg/EducationAwards</a></p> <p>For students studying in Primary, Secondary, Junior College, Millennia Institute and Special Education levels in Academic Year (AY) 2023, applications for the fund will be open in early August 2024. More details will be shared later.</p>	Education Level in AY2023	Quantum	Institute of Technical Education (ITE), Polytechnic, LASALLE (diploma), and NAFA (diploma)	\$400	University, LASALLE (degree), and NAFA (degree)	\$600
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<p><b>NTUC Care Fund (Youth Enable)</b></p>	<p>The NTUC Care Fund (Youth Enable) is a grant which aims to provide continual support for youths in Institutes of Higher Learning (IHLs) to complete their studies in times of adversity due to sudden and unforeseen circumstances. The grant was announced earlier on 25 May 2024 to help eligible full-time tertiary students in Institutes of Higher Learning obtain their first tertiary certification. The student must complete the course in the institute.</p> <p><b>Eligibility Criteria</b></p>						

	<p>Membership: Members who wish to apply for the grant for their child/children must have at least 6 continuous months of membership at the point of application and must not be in arrears.</p> <p>Target Group: The grant is for children ("beneficiary") of union members enrolled in full-time courses at eligible IHLs to obtain their first tertiary certification.</p> <p>Reasons for Hardship: Children of union members are eligible for the grant if the members encounter one of the following unforeseen circumstances which is of a non-industrial nature:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Death;</li> <li>b. Total/Partial and Permanent Incapacity; or</li> <li>c. Serious chronic medical condition.</li> </ol> <p>Income: Gross Household Income of \$4,400 and below, OR Per Capita Income of \$1,100 and below if Gross Household Income exceeds \$4,400</p> <p><b>Deadline for applications</b> Application opens on 27 May 2024, 1200hrs. Members who meet the eligibility criteria may submit their applications via OneCARE at <a href="https://ucare.ntuc.org.sg/assistance/">https://ucare.ntuc.org.sg/assistance/</a></p> <p>For deceased members, their next-of kin may approach their respective Union / Association to assist with application-on-behalf. Please ensure that all supporting documents are prepared</p> <p><b>Grant Quantum for Successful Application</b></p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Education Level</th> <th>Annual Stipend*</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Institute of Technical Education (ITE)</td> <td>\$2,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Polytechnic</td> <td>\$3,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>University</td> <td>\$4,000</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>For more information, please visit: <a href="http://www.ntuc.org.sg/uportal/programmes/ntuc-care-fund-youth-enable-grant">www.ntuc.org.sg/uportal/programmes/ntuc-care-fund-youth-enable-grant</a></p>	Education Level	Annual Stipend*	Institute of Technical Education (ITE)	\$2,000	Polytechnic	\$3,000	University	\$4,000
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