



**Financial Support Schemes,
Scholarships and Awards
Available in Independent Schools**



As your child embarks on his or her secondary school journey, rest assured that your child will not be denied quality education opportunities due to your family's financial circumstances.

This brochure provides an overview of the various financial support schemes, scholarships and awards that apply to students who study in independent schools (including the eligibility criteria for each of them).



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Edusave Scholarships and Awards for Independent Schools

These are awarded to students with excellent academic performance and who enter enroll in independent schools to offset the higher school fees that independent schools charge compared to government/government-aided schools. The award quantum will be deducted automatically from the student's school fees.

1. Edusave Entrance Scholarship for Independent Schools (EESIS)

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Who is eligible?

- 1) Singapore Citizen
- 2) Top 1/3 of the Secondary One students eligible for Independent Schools* (based on PSLE results) and who choose to enroll in an Independent School

What will I receive?

Award Quantum of \$2,400

OR

Annual school fees charged by the Independent School less the annual amount of school and standard miscellaneous fees paid by Singapore citizens in government/government-aided schools (whichever is lower)**

Tenure of scholarship

4 years for students who are not in the Integrated Programme (IP) and 6 years for students in the IP. The scholarship recipient must make good progress each year in order to continue receiving the scholarship.

**The Independent Schools are Anglo-Chinese School (Independent), Hwa Chong Institution, Methodist Girls' School, Nanyang Girls' High School, NUS High School, Raffles Girls' School, Raffles Institution, School of the Arts, School of Science & Technology, Singapore Chinese Girls' School, Singapore Sports School and St Joseph's Institution.*

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Academic Performance

2. Edusave Scholarship for Integrated Programme Schools (ESIP) – Secondary 3

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Who is eligible?

- 1) Singapore Citizens
- 2) Students admitted at Secondary Three into the IP in an Independent School*, who do not have the EESIS and have performed well in the Integrated Programme Scholarship Test (IPST).

What will I receive?

Award Quantum of \$2,400

OR

Annual school fees charged by the Independent School less the annual amount of school and standard miscellaneous fees paid by pupils in government/government-aided schools (whichever is lower)**

Tenure of Scholarship

The tenure of the scholarship is 4 years, up to the final year of the Integrated Programme. The scholarship recipient must make good progress each year in order to continue receiving the scholarship.

** The Independent Schools offering IP are Anglo-Chinese School(Independent), Hwa Chong Institution, Methodist Girls' School, Nanyang Girls' High School, NUS High School, Raffles Girls' School, Raffles Institution, Singapore Chinese Girls' School, St Joseph's Institution.*

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Academic Performance

3. Edusave Scholarship for Integrated Programme Schools (ESIP) – Junior College 1

4. Edusave (Independent Schools) Yearly Award [E(IS)YA]



Edusave Scholarship for Integrated Programme Schools (ESIP) – Junior College 1

Who is eligible?

- 1) Singapore Citizens
- 2) Admitted at Junior College 1 (JC1) into an Independent School offering the IP*
- 3) Not a recipient of EESIS
- 4) IP Students:
 - Have not sat for the GCE O-Level Examinations or IPST at Secondary 3
 - Have performed well in the IPST at JC1
- 5) Non-IP Students:
 - Met EESIS eligibility criteria based on performance in PSLE; OR
 - Within the top 5% of all students who sat for the O-Level Examinations (Based on L1R5 scores)

What will I receive?

Award Quantum of \$2,400

OR

Annual school fees charged by the Independent School less the annual amount of school and standard miscellaneous fees paid by pupils in government/government-aided schools (whichever is lower)**

Tenure of Scholarship

The tenure of the scholarship is 2 years, up to the end of the students' studies in the Junior College. The scholarship recipient must make good progress each year in order to continue receiving the scholarship.

**The Independent Schools offering IP at JC1 are Anglo-Chinese School (Independent), Hwa Chong Institution, NUS High School, Raffles Institution, and St Joseph's Institution.*

Edusave (Independent Schools) Yearly Award [E(IS)YA]

Who is eligible?

- 1) Singapore Citizens
- 2) The student must be within the top 5% of the cohort by level in each Independent School based on his or her school examination results for the year. A good conduct grade is also required.
- 3) The student must not be holding the EESIS or ESIP.

What will I receive?

Award Quantum of \$2,400

OR

Annual school fees charged by the Independent School less the annual amount of school and standard miscellaneous fees paid by pupils in government/government-aided schools (whichever is lower)**

***For students admitted to one of the Ministry's special programmes that provide a fee subsidy or awarded other scholarship or fee subsidy, the total scholarship and/or subsidy that can be received by the student is capped at the highest award quantum among these scholarships/subsidies.*

Other Edusave Awards

These are awarded to students who have excelled in other ways – and are tenable in all schools, including independent schools.

1. Edusave Award for Achievement, Good Leadership and Service (EAGLES)

- The EAGLES recognises Singaporean students who have excelled in their co-curricular activities and made contribution to community services over a one-year period

2. Edusave Character Award (ECHA)

- To emphasise the importance that MOE places on nurturing students with good values and character, MOE introduced the new Edusave Character Award in 2012 to recognise Singaporean students who have consistently demonstrated exemplary values and civic responsibility

Edusave Award for Achievement, Good Leadership and Service (EAGLES)

Who is eligible?

The student must be a Singapore Citizen and display good leadership, service to community and school, and excellence in non-academic activities.

The student will be nominated by the school if he meets the criteria.

What will I receive?

Level	Award Quantum
Secondary 1-5	\$350
Pre U 1-2	\$400

Edusave Character Award (ECHA)

Who is eligible?

The student must be a Singapore Citizen who displays exemplary character and outstanding personal qualities through his or her behavior and actions. The student will be selected by his or her school for this award at the end of the year if he meets the criteria.

What will I receive?

The value of the ECHA is \$500 for Secondary 1 to Pre-U 2 students.

3. Good Progress Award (GPA)

- This award recognises students who have made significant improvement in their academic performance, motivating them to strive to reach greater heights.

Good Progress Award

Who is eligible?

- Students who have made significant improvement in their academic performance **AND** are not receiving any Edusave Scholarships OR Edusave Merit Bursary.

The GPA award is given based on the extent of a student's improvement in the school's overall examinations of the year, over the previous year.

The student will be selected by his school for this award at the end of the year if he meets the criteria.

What will I receive?

Level	Award Quantum
Secondary 1-5	\$200
Pre U 1-2	\$250



Financial Support Schemes

Financial Support Schemes are schemes catering to students in need of financial assistance. They generally subsidise school fees and basic educational needs such as textbooks and school attire. Besides this list of MOE financial assistance schemes, each institution also offers its own school-based assistance schemes to help needy students. Other foundations, private and professional organisations, self-help groups and community groups also offer aid to students in need of financial help.

Based on
Household Income
Only

MOE Independent School Bursary

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Who is eligible?

A student is eligible for the Independent School Bursary (ISB) if he/she meets EITHER the Gross Household Income (GHI) OR the Per Capita Income (PCI) criterion. PCI is computed based on the Gross Monthly Household Income divided by the number of members in the household (including parents, unmarried siblings and grandparents). From 1 January 2014, the benefits under ISB would be enhanced.

What can I receive?

Monthly Gross Household Income	Per Capita Income	Benefits (with effect from 1 January 2014)
Not exceeding \$2,500	Not exceeding \$625	100% subsidy of school fees and miscellaneous fees Free textbooks and school attire at Secondary level; or \$750 bursary for those at the Junior College level. 75% subsidy of national exam fees (100% subsidy for students under MSF's Public Assistance Scheme)
\$2,501 - \$4,000	\$626 - \$1,000	90% subsidy of school and miscellaneous fees*
\$4,001 - \$5,000	\$1,001 - \$1,250	70% subsidy of school and miscellaneous fees *
\$5,001 - \$6,000	\$1,251 - \$1,500	50% subsidy of school and miscellaneous fees *
\$6,001 - \$7,200	\$1,501 - \$1,800	33% subsidy of school and miscellaneous fees *

How to apply?

Students who wish to apply for the bursary can download the application form from <http://www.moe.gov.sg/initiatives/financial-assistance/> or obtain a copy from their schools. All applications must be submitted together with the relevant documents to the schools directly.

**For an ISB recipient who is eligible for partial subsidy of school fees and is also a recipient of an MOE scholarship, special award or bursary which provide part payment of school fees, the total fee subsidy received by him will be capped at the annual school fees charged by each independent school less the annual amount of school and standard miscellaneous fee payable if he were in government/government-aided school.*

Based on Household
Income *and* Academic
Performance

**Edusave Merit
Bursary**

Edusave Merit Bursary

Who is eligible?

- 1) The student must not be a recipient of any Edusave Scholarship OR Good Progress Award stated above. He or she has to fall within the top 25% of each level and stream in his or her school.
- 2) The student's Gross Monthly Household Income does not exceed \$5,000 **OR** Per Capita Income does not exceed \$1,250.

What will I receive?

Level	Award Quantum
Secondary 1-5	\$350
Pre-U 1-2	\$400

How to apply?

If your gross monthly household income or per capita income meets the criteria stated above, an application form for the bursary will be sent to you. The application form can be submitted to the community centre near your home.



School-Based Schemes

1. Opportunity Fund

2. School-Based Financial Assistance

Opportunity Fund

The government gives grants to Independent Schools (including Specialised Independent Schools: NUS High School of Maths and Science, School of the Arts, Singapore Sports School and School of Science and Technology) to set up the Opportunity Fund in their respective schools.

The Opportunity Fund provides further subsidy for students to own personal computers and participate in developmental/enrichment programmes. These subsidies are granted to students from lower income families. It ensures that these students are not denied learning opportunities due to their family's circumstances.

School-Based Financial Assistance

MOE provides each school with \$10,000 per year. Schools with a larger number of students on financial assistance will receive an additional \$5000 per year. Schools have the discretion to provide assistance to students (i.e., both for financial assistance recipients as well as for those not officially on financial assistance but who require assistance).

General Schemes

These schemes apply to ALL students, helping them to subsidise approved school fees and enrichment programmes and resources that enhance their learning needs.

General Schemes

1. Edusave Grant

2. Trips for International Experience Fund (TIE Fund)

3. Edusave Pupils Fund

Edusave Grant

Independent Schools (including Specialised Independent Schools: NUS High School of Maths and Science, School of the Arts, Singapore Sports School, School of Science and Technology) also receive annual Edusave grants. They use these grants to organise enrichment programmes or purchase additional resources which benefit students.

Trips for International Experience Fund (TIE Fund)

Schools can tap on the Trips for International Experience Fund to send their students for overseas learning programmes.

Edusave Pupils Fund

Who is eligible?

To be eligible for the Edusave account, the student must meet the following requirements:

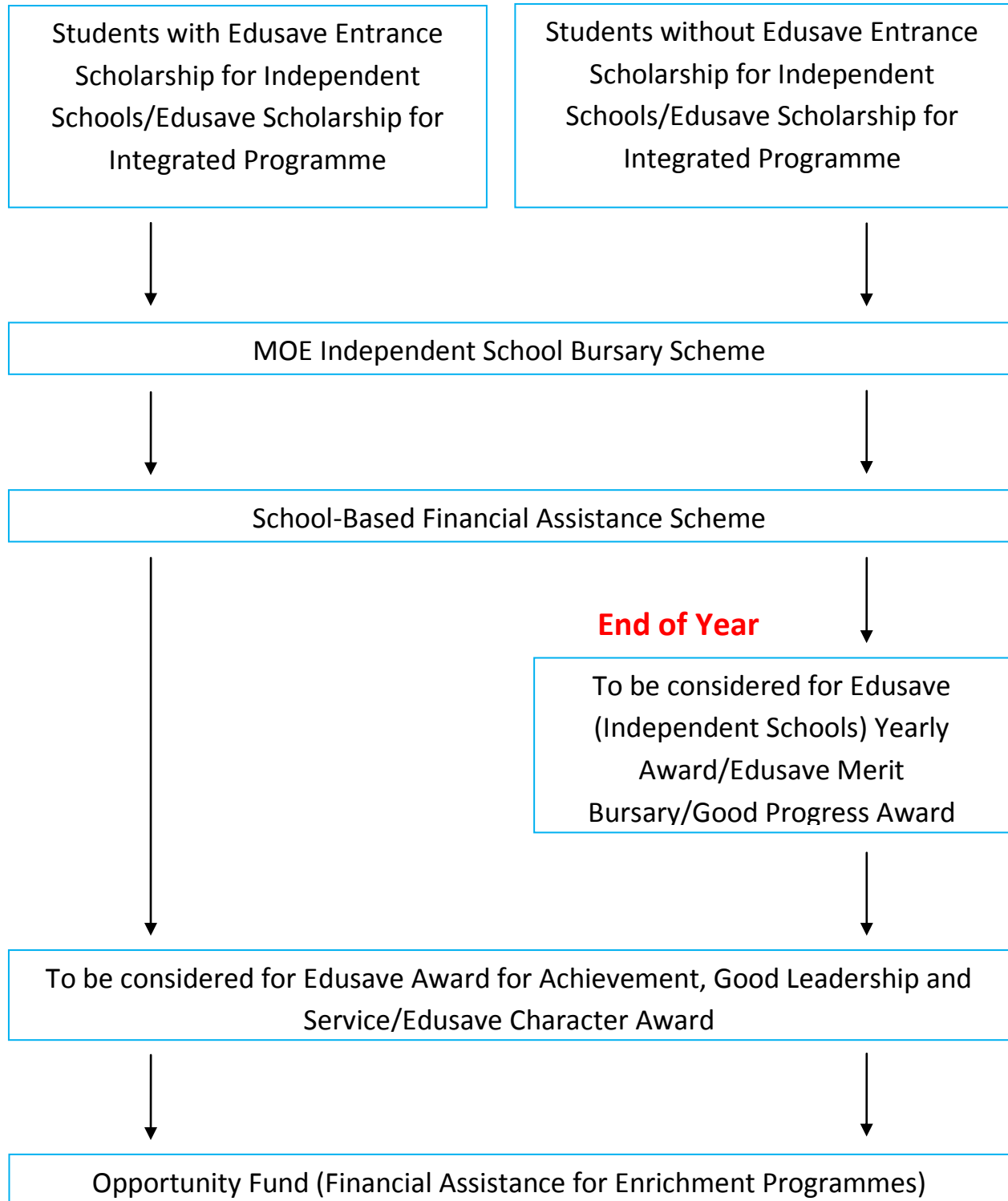
Be a Singaporean full time student from an Independent School (including Specialised Independent Schools: NUS High School of Maths and Science, School of the Arts, Singapore Sports School, School of Science and Technology).

What will I receive?

Students will receive an annual Edusave contribution. The contribution amount is \$240 for students at Secondary level in 2013. The Edusave account can be used to pay for approved fees and enrichment programmes.

Flowchart

Illustration of Multiple Schemes



Possible Scenarios

Case 1: I am a Singaporean and I have just finished my PSLE. I am entering an Independent School this year. My Gross Monthly Household Income is \$3,000 and there are five members in my household (i.e. my parents and 2 siblings who are stilling schooling). I do not qualify for the Edusave Entrance Scholarship for Independent Schools (EESIS). Are there other schemes I can apply for to pay the independent school fees?

- You can consider applying for the **MOE Independent School Bursary** to cover 100% of the school and miscellaneous fees since your per capita income of \$600 (\$3000/ 5 household members) does not exceed \$625. You will also receive free textbooks and school attire, and a 75% subsidy of national exam fees.

Case 2: I am a Singaporean and I have just finished my PSLE. I am in the top 1/3 of the Secondary One students eligible for an Independent Schools (based on PSLE results) and want to enroll in an Independent School. My Gross Monthly Household Income is \$4,000 and there are four members in my household (i.e. my parents and a younger sibling). What financial schemes am I eligible for in order to meet the payment of school fees?

- You will be awarded the **Edusave Entrance Scholarship for Independent School (EESIS)** which will cover up to \$2400 of the school fees.
- You can consider applying for the **MOE Independent School Bursary (ISB)** for additional fee subsidy. Based on your Gross Household Income of \$4,000, you will also enjoy a 90% school and miscellaneous fees subsidy.

Case 3: I am a Singaporean and I am currently enrolled in an Independent School. I am not a recipient of any Edusave scholarship such as EESIS or ESIP given to academically-excellent students when they enroll in the school. I also could not qualify for the Edusave Yearly Award for Independent Schools (E(IS)YA] as I am placed in the top 20% of my school cohort. My Gross Monthly Household Income is \$4,000 and there are four members in my household. What financial assistance can I receive?

- You can consider applying for the **MOE Independent School Bursary**. Based on your Gross Household Income of \$4,000, you will be eligible for 90% school and miscellaneous fees subsidy and just need to pay 10% of the school fees.
- Since your Gross Monthly Household Income does not exceed \$5,000 and you are in the top 25% of your school cohort, you will also be invited to apply for the **Edusave Merit Bursary**.
- In addition, if you display exemplary conduct or leadership, you may be nominated for the annual **Edusave Character Award or EAGLES Award**.



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The information in this brochure is accurate as of November 2013.

More information and application forms can be found at:

1) Financial Assistance and Bursary Schemes:

<http://www.moe.gov.sg/initiatives/financial-assistance>

2) Edusave Schemes:

<http://www.moe.gov.sg/initiatives/edusave/>

Alternatively, you may contact the MOE Customer Service
Centre for further queries at +65 6872 2220