

Supporting Singaporean Students



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● **MOE Financial Assistance Scheme (FAS) (Enhanced)**

With effect from 1 March 2012, students with a gross monthly household income of not more than \$2,500 (up from \$1,500) are eligible for FAS. They also qualify for FAS if their per capita household income is not more than \$625. Both changes will allow twice as many students to qualify for FAS – from 40,000 to an estimated 80,000 students.

How do I qualify now?

- Gross Monthly Household Income not exceeding \$2,500
- OR
- Per Capita Household Income (PCI) not exceeding \$625*

*PCI is gross monthly household income divided by number of members in the household. E.g., household with a gross monthly income of \$3,000 but 5 members will qualify, as PCI is \$600.

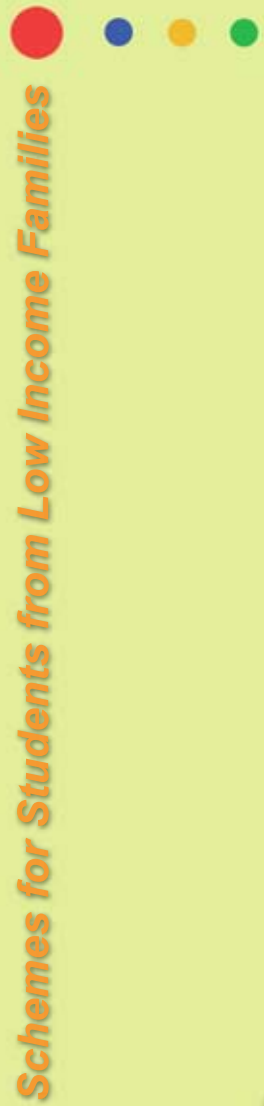
What does the scheme provide?

- 100% subsidy for school and standard miscellaneous fees
- Free textbooks and school attire for primary and secondary levels; \$750 bursary for pre-university level
- 75% subsidy for national exam fees

● **School Breakfast Programme (Enhanced)**

FAS recipients in primary school are also provided with breakfast every day before the start of school. Starting from 2012, funding for this programme has been increased from \$180 to \$270 a year per student.

MOE has many schemes to support the educational needs of Singaporean students especially those from low-income families.



● **School-based Financial Assistance** *(Enhanced)*

Schools provide additional financial assistance for FAS recipients as well as students who require help but are not eligible for the FAS. MOE has provided each school with \$10,000 per year for this purpose, for the next three years. Schools with a larger number of FAS students receive an additional \$5,000 per year.

● **Opportunity Fund**

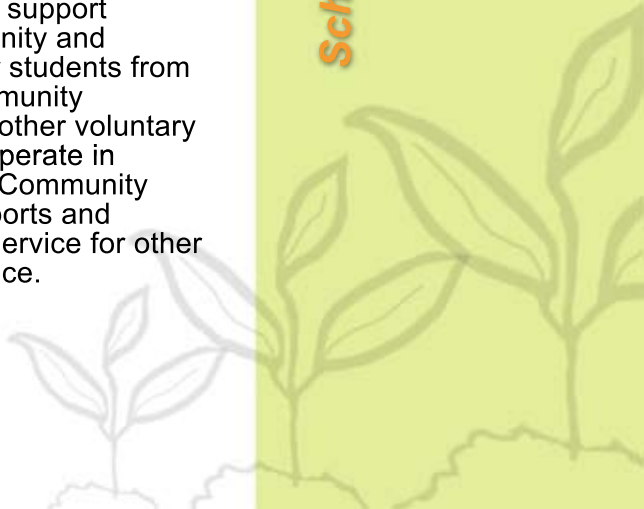
The Opportunity Fund provides further subsidy to students from lower-income families to own personal computers and to participate in developmental or enrichment programmes. It ensures that these students are not denied learning opportunities due to their family circumstances.

● **Independent School Bursaries** *(Enhanced)*

The Independent School Bursary has been revised, with PCI being similarly introduced as a parallel assessment criterion.

● **Community-based Financial Support**

Schools tap on the financial support offered by the wider community and charities. Schools also refer students from families in need to the Community Development Councils and other voluntary welfare organisations that operate in partnership with Ministry of Community Development, Youth and Sports and National Council of Social Service for other forms of support or assistance.



- **Edusave Pupils Fund**

Each student receives an annual Edusave contribution of \$200 at primary level and \$240 at secondary level. The Edusave account can be used to pay for approved fees and enrichment programmes.

- **Edusave Grant**

Schools also tap on the Edusave Grant to organise enrichment programmes and to better provide for the learning needs of their students.

- **Trips for International Experience Fund**

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

● **Edusave Character Award** *(New)*

To emphasize the importance that MOE places on nurturing students with good values and character, MOE introduced the new Edusave Character Award this year to allow schools to also recognise Singaporean students who have consistently demonstrated exemplary values and civic responsibility. The Edusave Character Award is equal in monetary value to the Edusave Scholarships.

● **Edusave Scholarships**

The Edusave Scholarships recognise Singaporean students who excelled in their academic studies, and are in the top 10% in terms of academic performance in each level and course from Primary to Secondary 5.

● **Edusave Awards for Achievement, Good Leadership and Service (EAGLES)** *(Enhanced)*

The EAGLES recognises Singaporean students who displayed good leadership, service to community and schools or excellence in non-academic activities. The number of awards has been doubled this year from 5% to 10% of eligible Singaporean students. The monetary quantum has also been increased.

Edusave Awards recognise students for exemplary character, good academic performance as well as non-academic achievements.

● **Edusave Merit Bursary** *(Enhanced)*

Starting from November 2012, the Edusave Merit Bursary will be awarded to students with monthly household income not exceeding \$5,000 (up from \$4,000) or with PCI not exceeding \$1,250.

To qualify, students who meet the income criteria should be in the top 25% of their level and course in terms of academic performance, of good conduct, and not receive the Edusave Scholarship.

● **Good Progress Award**

Students in each level and course who have made significant improvement in their academic performance are eligible for the Good Progress Award, provided they are not recipients of an Edusave scholarships or Edusave Merit Bursary.

● CDC/CCC and MOE Bursary

Students in government-funded post-secondary education institutions can apply for the CDC/CCC Bursary or the MOE Bursary if their PCI does not exceed \$1,700 per month. The quantum of award varies based on the institution of study and the student's PCI.

● Tuition Fee Loan and Study Loan Schemes

On top of this, the Tuition Fee Loan Scheme and Study Loan Scheme are available to students in polytechnics and the autonomous universities. Each institution also offers its own financial assistance schemes to help needy students. In addition, there are other aid offered by foundations, private and professional organisations, community groups and self-help groups.





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Further Information

Should you require more information with regards to any of these schemes or have further queries, please feel free to approach the school or institution that your child is in.

Alternatively, you can call our Customer Service Centre at 68722220 or email us at contact@moe.gov.sg