



Give yourself another Chance, you deserve it

EMMANUEL SECOND CHANCE EDUCATION PROGRAMME

The Emmanuel Second Chance Education (“ESCE”) Programme is one of the several life-changing programmes through education run by the Catholic Welfare Services, Singapore.

Benefits of the ESCE Programme

The primary objective of the ESCE Programme is to provide financial assistance, and journeying with persons who have faced some adversity in their lives and desire a second chance at a brighter future by continuing their education at a college, university, vocational or technical school.

There are no pre-specified restrictions on the type of course, the learning institutions or the age limits imposed on the applicants. The Board of Trustees will exercise its discretion on the suitability of the proposed course of study and the applicants based on how likely the individual applicant would benefit from the Programme.

A differentiating feature of the ESCE Programme is that besides receiving financial assistance, participants of the Programme will be automatically signed onto the CWS-ESCE Mentoring Programme under which each participant will be assigned a personal mentor/counsellor who will journey with him or her throughout the duration of the Programme. Recipients of the ESCE grant are required to participate fully in the CWS-ESCE Mentoring Programme and such participation will be considered in the annual review of the grant.

Qualifying Criteria

Applicants must meet the following criteria:

1. Must be a Singapore citizen or Permanent resident
2. Must be eligible or have obtained acceptance or conditional acceptance to a part-time or full-time course of higher education or training
3. The proposed course of higher education or training will provide the applicant with employable skills.
4. Demonstrated by his or her application, and personal interview and references that he/she has faced some adversity other than financial constraints, and is committed to changing his/her future by pursuing the proposed course of higher education or training.
5. Needs financial assistance in order to be able to pursue further education or training.
6. Assessed to have a reasonable chance of succeeding in the proposed course of study or vocational training.

This grant will be granted to individuals who best meet the requirements set forth by the Board of Trustees. Grant amounts are at the discretion of the Board of Trustees.

Application Procedures

All applications and supporting documents must be submitted no later than **15 October 2020**. Download the application forms at: <http://www.catholicwelfare.org.sg/ESCE/applicationform.pdf>

Applicants must deliver the completed application form and all requested documents to:

Emmanuel Second Chance Education Programme
Catholic Welfare Services
55 Waterloo Street
#06-01 Catholic Centre
Singapore 187954

Or to one of our Channel Partners:

- (a) Boy's Town
Email: esce@boystown.org.sg
- (b) St Vincent De Paul Society (SSVP)
Email: Patrick.neo@ssvpsingapore.org
- (c) Marymount Centre
9 Lor 8 Toa Payoh, Good Shepherd Place Singapore 319253

Applicants may be requested to attend interviews with the Board of Trustees. Successful recipients will be notified by post. This grant is subject to annual review and renewal.

Interested persons who require additional information on the Programme or application procedures may contact Mr Ian Michael Binny at 68017488 or email mbinny@catholicwelfare.org.sg.

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Application Form

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Applicants are required to provide evidence of their final acceptance, conditional acceptance, or of meeting the admission criteria of their proposed course of further education or training at a college, university, vocational or technical school before submitting their application.
2. Applications must be written / typed clearly. Copies of the application form can be downloaded from <http://www.catholicwelfare.org.sg/ESCE/applicationform.pdf>
3. Please ensure all items in the check-list are completed before submission.

a)	Completed Application Form with Completed Essay Questions
b)	One Recent Passport Sized Photograph
c)	Academic Certificates (ITE, N, O, A Levels, Diploma)
d)	Certificates of Achievements (if any)
e)	NRIC (front & back)
f)	Latest CPF Statement of The Past 6 Months
g)	Acceptance Letter and Invoice from Course Institution

4. Only short listed applicants will be notified for an interview.

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A. Tell us about yourself

Name:

Please underline surname

Address:

Please insert passport
sized photograph

Nationality: Singaporean / Permanent Resident (please circle)

Date of Birth: _____ **Age:** _____ **Gender:** Male / Female (please circle)

NRIC: _____

Contact No. _____ **Email:** _____

B. Family members

Father

Name: Age: Occupation:

Mother

Name: Age: Occupation:

Brothers/Sisters

Name: Age: Occupation:

Name: Age: Occupation:

[Add, if required]

C. Household Income

Total Monthly Household Income: \$ _____

D. Educational/ Employment History

Please share your educational/employment history with us.
Example- places you worked in, positions held:

Education

Name of School/Institution: Primary: _____

Secondary: _____

Others: _____

Highest Standard Achieved: _____

Employment

Name of Company: _____

Position held: From: _____ to _____

E. Course Details

Name of Course to Pursue:

Name of Educational Institution offering course:

Duration of Course: _____ Date of commencement: _____

Expected date of completion: _____

Total Course Fees: _____ (for the whole course)

F. Written Essay

To enable the Trustees to objectively assess your suitability for this programme, your written essay should, inter alia, address the following questions in not more than 300 words each-

- a. Explain what adversity other than financial constraints you have faced, why you consider this as your “second chance” and why you deserve this “second chance”.
- b. Explain why you believe the course that you are pursuing will help in your efforts to seek a brighter future.
- c. Explain how you intend to use what you learnt from this course in contributing back to society or in contributing back to the less fortunate.

G. Referees

Please provide the particulars of two persons who could act as referees for your abilities, skills and character. The referees should not be family members or relatives and should preferably be either a former teacher or supervisor at work. Applicant’s referees may be contacted by telephone or email.

	Referee 1	Referee 2
Name		
School/Institution/Company		
Occupation/Designation		
Contact(Mobile) No		
Email (if available)		

H. Declarations/PDPA

- A) I declare that to the best of my knowledge the information given above is true and correct and that I am aware that any false declaration of information may render my application to be rejected or any grant given may be subsequently terminated forthwith with any recourse or right of appeal.
- B) Catholic Welfare Services Singapore may also collect personal data about a third party (e.g. my spouse, parents, relatives or children), and when I provide Catholic Welfare Services Singapore with such personal data, I confirm that I have obtained the consent of such third party for the disclosure of their personal data to Catholic Welfare Services Singapore, and the subsequent processing by Catholic Welfare Services Singapore of their personal data. I consent that the personal data which I have provided to Catholic Welfare Services Singapore, including third party personal data, may be disclosed to other agencies or individuals for the purposes as stated below.
 - For the application, and evaluation as beneficiary, for aid and support from Catholic Welfare Services Singapore.
 - Catholic Welfare Services Singapore verifying or sharing such personal data with, and/or seeking aid, donation or support of any kind from, any other individuals, agencies, organisations or institutions (including public or private, social services, voluntary agencies or organisations or churches) on behalf of and for the benefit of myself or the third party.

- C) I agree for Catholic Welfare Services Singapore to contact me for any other purposes related to the services that Catholic Welfare Services Singapore are providing or had provided me with and/or on matters which I have an ongoing relationship with Catholic Welfare Services Singapore.

Signature/Right Thumbprint of Applicant

Date