

SKILLSFUTURE STUDY AWARD

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

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A	General Questions about SkillsFuture Study Award
1.	<p>What is the SkillsFuture Study Award?</p> <p>The SkillsFuture Study Award is a monetary award to help Singaporeans equip themselves with the skills needed to benefit from quality jobs created by our economy. It encourages Singaporeans to deepen specialist skills needed by future economic growth sectors or in areas of demand.</p> <p>The SkillsFuture Study Awards are administered by different lead government agencies overseeing the respective sectors.</p>
2.	<p>What will I receive under the SkillsFuture Study Award? What can I use it for?</p> <p>You will receive a monetary award of \$5,000 which you can use to defray your out-of-pocket expenses associated with the course that you will be taking. It can be used on top of existing Government course fee subsidies.</p>
3.	<p>Do I need to serve a bond?</p> <p>No.</p>
4.	<p>Why are some sectors not included for the SkillsFuture Study Award initiative? Are there plans to introduce it in other sectors?</p> <p>The SkillsFuture Study Award initiative will focus on future economic growth sectors that provide quality jobs for Singaporeans and sectors in need of specialist skills. The SkillsFuture Study Awards will be introduced in phases, starting in Oct 2015.</p>
B	Questions about Eligibility Criteria
5.	<p>Who can apply for the SkillsFuture Study Award? What are the eligibility criteria?</p>

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	<p>The SkillsFuture Study Award is targeted at Singaporeans who are in their early to mid-stages of their careers, and are looking to further develop their careers in future economic growth sectors or in areas of demand. For more details on the specific eligibility criteria in a particular sector, please visit the sector's SkillsFuture Study Award webpage.</p>
6.	<p>Why are (a) fresh graduates and (b) individuals seeking to switch to jobs in a different sector not eligible for the SkillsFuture Study Award?</p> <p>The SkillsFuture Study Award is targeted at Singaporeans who are in their early to mid-stages of their careers, and are looking to further develop their careers and deepen their skills in future economic growth sectors or in areas of demand.</p> <p>Fresh graduates from the polytechnics and the Institute of Technical Education may consider other initiatives such as the SkillsFuture Earn and Learn Programme.</p> <p>Individuals who wish to switch to jobs in a different sector can tap on other Singapore Workforce Development Agency programmes such as the Professional Conversion Programmes.</p>
7.	<p>Why are there varying eligibility criteria for SkillsFuture Study Awards in different sectors?</p> <p>As a general principle, the SkillsFuture Study Award is targeted at Singaporeans who are in their early to mid-stages of their careers, and are looking to further develop their careers and deepen their skills in future economic growth sectors or in areas of demand.</p> <p>Beyond this, the agency administering the SkillsFuture Study Award for a particular sector may set additional eligibility criteria. This is to provide for the sector's unique manpower/skills needs and development plans.</p> <p>For more details on the specific eligibility criteria in a particular sector, please visit the sector's SkillsFuture Study Award webpage.</p>
8.	<p>What are the supported courses for the SkillsFuture Study Award?</p> <p>The supported courses will be different for each sector. Please visit the relevant sector's SkillsFuture Study Award webpage for more details.</p>
9.	<p>My course costs less than \$5,000. Can I still apply for the SkillsFuture Study Award?</p> <p>Yes. The SkillsFuture Study Award can be used to defray your out-of-pocket expenses associated with the course that you will be taking. Your application will be subject to evaluation by the agency administering the SkillsFuture Study Award you applied for.</p>

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10.	<p>My employer has given me a partial sponsorship to attend the course of study. Can I still apply for the SkillsFuture Study Award?</p> <p>Yes. The SkillsFuture Study Award can be used to defray your out-of-pocket expenses associated with the course that you will be taking. Your application will be subject to evaluation by the agency administering the SkillsFuture Study Award you applied for.</p>
C	Questions about Application Process
11.	<p>Can employers nominate their employees for the SkillsFuture Study Award?</p> <p>Yes. Please visit the relevant sector's SkillsFuture Study Award webpage for details on the application criteria.</p>
12.	<p>Is the SkillsFuture Study Award only open to persons who are nominated by their employers?</p> <p>The SkillsFuture Study Award is generally open to applications from individuals and persons who are nominated by their employers, although the criteria may differ amongst agencies.</p> <p>Please visit the webpages of the SkillsFuture Study Awards for details on the application conditions. If you have further queries concerning specific SkillsFuture Study Award, please approach the contact person(s) listed in the sector's SkillsFuture Study Award webpage for assistance.</p>
13.	<p>Can I receive more than one SkillsFuture Study Award?</p> <p>No. This is to allow more Singaporeans to benefit from the initiative.</p>
14.	<p>Can I apply for multiple SkillsFuture Study Awards?</p> <p>Yes, provided you fulfil the eligibility criteria for each SkillsFuture Study Award that you apply for. Please note that you are only allowed to receive one SkillsFuture Study Award in your lifetime.</p>
15.	<p>Can I upload other documents besides the application form?</p> <p>No. You can provide details about your skills and accomplishments in Section C of the application form, and include links to your published work or portfolio (if any). If you are shortlisted, the agency administering the SkillsFuture Study Award you have applied for may contact you to request for additional information or supporting documents.</p>
16.	<p>Can I write more (or less) than 500 words for Section C (Education and Skills Background), Section F (Personal Career Development Plan) and Section G (Employer's Nomination) of the application form?</p>

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	Please try to keep each write-up to about 500 words. The write-up should provide sufficient information to show your suitability for the SkillsFuture Study Award.
17.	<p>Do I need to fill in ALL my education, skills, and work experience information? There is insufficient space to fill in the information.</p> <p>No. Please fill in only the more recent and relevant information in the boxes available.</p>
18.	<p>For the course fee, is it the full course fee (before government subsidy) or that amount that I have paid / will be paying?</p> <p>Please fill in the course fee (after government subsidy, if applicable) that you have paid / will be paying.</p>
19.	<p>I do not know when my course will start and end.</p> <p>Please check with your training provider for the start and end dates of your course.</p>
20.	<p>Does it matter if I have not been accepted into the course of study yet at the point of submitting my application?</p> <p>You can still submit your application. If you are shortlisted, the agency administering the SkillsFuture Study Award you applied for will seek further verification with you on the status of your course application.</p>
21.	<p>How will I know that my application is successful?</p> <p>The agency administering the SkillsFuture Study Award that you applied for will contact you if your application is successful.</p>
22.	<p>I am unable to submit my application through the SkillsFuture website. Who can I contact for assistance?</p> <p>Please use WDA Feedback Portal at https://portal.wda.gov.sg/feedback or call 6883 5885 for assistance.</p>
23.	<p>I did not receive an acknowledgement email for my application. Who can I contact for assistance?</p> <p>Please use WDA Feedback Portal at https://portal.wda.gov.sg/feedback or call 6883 5885 to reach assistance.</p>
24.	<p>Who can I approach to enquire about the status of my application?</p> <p>Please approach the contact person(s) listed in the relevant webpage of the SkillsFuture Study Award that you have applied for.</p>

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25.	<p>Do I need to return the award monies if I am unable to complete or fail my course?</p> <p>Yes. Please approach the agency administering your SkillsFuture Study Award if you have further queries.</p>
26.	<p>Can I use my SkillsFuture Credit together with the SkillsFuture Study Award?</p> <p>Yes. (The SkillsFuture Credit will be launched in Q1 2016)</p>
27.	<p>How is the SkillsFuture Study Award different from the SkillsFuture Fellowship?</p> <p>The SkillsFuture Study Award is targeted at Singaporeans who are in their early to mid-stages of their careers, and are looking to further develop their careers and deepen their skills in future economic growth sectors or in areas of demand.</p> <p>The SkillsFuture Fellowship recognises and further develops Singaporeans who have obtained deep skills through significant work experience in a particular industry/occupation, and who have a track record of contributing towards the skills development of others (e.g. as a coach or mentor), so that they can achieve skills mastery in their respective fields.</p>
28.	<p>Can I apply for both the SkillsFuture Study Award and the SkillsFuture Fellowship?</p> <p>Yes. However, your applications will be subject to evaluation by the respective agencies administering the SkillsFuture Study Award.</p>

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