

# **Han Kun Youth Legal Scholarship - Application Rules and Procedures - (2023)**

## **1 Purpose**

As China's leading full-service law firm, Han Kun Law Offices has experienced and benefited from the tremendous change and rapid development of Chinese society, and has also deeply felt the increasing need for high-end legal professionals in China. In order to improve the quality of Chinese legal practitioners and to promote the continuous progress and prosperity of the legal industry in China, Han Kun Law Offices established in 2012 the "Han Kun Youth Legal Scholarship" (the "**Scholarship**") with the aim of encouraging outstanding young students who:

- Have graduated (or expect to graduate) with outstanding academic achievement from officially recognized universities in China (including Taiwan, Hong Kong and Macau, the same meaning shall apply below);
- Propose to enroll in well-known Chinese or foreign law schools to pursue a formal law degree (including J.D., LL.M., LL.B. degrees in Taiwan, Hong Kong and Macau and overseas); and
- Intend to practice law in Mainland China upon obtaining the law degree.

## **2 Amount of Scholarship and Distribution Procedures**

- a) Amount of Scholarship. The total amount of the Scholarship is RMB500,000 (after tax). Five outstanding young law students who have passed the formal selection process will each be awarded RMB100,000 (after tax).
- b) Distribution Procedures. The Scholarship will be issued in two installments. **The first installment of RMB50,000 will be distributed to each student when he/she officially begins the school term and provides us with relevant certificates.** The second installment of RMB50,000 will be distributed to each student after he or she has submitted to us, within one year after graduation, their graduation certificates, degree certificates (if any) and proof of engaging in legal work in Mainland China.

## **3 Eligibility Requirements**

- a) Applicants should have graduated from an officially recognized university in China with a bachelor's degree or higher and with outstanding academic performance; and
- b) Applicants should either:

- i. Have obtained an official admission letter for a formal law degree program beginning in 2023 at a well-known law school in China and have plans to engage in legal work in Mainland China upon graduation; or
- ii. Have obtained an official admission letter for a J.D., LL.M., LL.B., etc., degree program beginning in 2023 at a well-known foreign law school and intend to return to Mainland China to engage in legal work upon graduation.

#### **4 Application Materials**

Applicants who meet the requirements set forth in Section **3** above should submit a formal application to the Han Kun Youth Scholarship Application Office by **June 10, 2023**, and provide the following materials:

- a) A duly completed and signed “Han Kun Youth Law Scholarship Application Form” (available for download on the official Han Kun Law Offices website). (Please fill in the Word version of the application form and send it by email to [scholarship@hankunlaw.com](mailto:scholarship@hankunlaw.com) under the subject line “Han Kun Youth Legal Scholarship Application Form [Applicant’s Name]”. Please also send by mail a hard copy of the signed application form (including the Consent Form for Personal Information Collection attached thereto) enclosed with the following application materials to the address of the Han Kun Youth Scholarship Application Office, as specified below);
- b) The applicant’s CV in both English and Chinese (if you have relevant legal work experience, you may also submit a summary of such work);
- c) The applicant's personal statement in Chinese, which may include the applicant’s views on the practice of law in Mainland China, legal studies plans, career plans, and specific professional goals after graduation (if any) (there is no word limit for the personal statement). A personal statement prepared for college applications within the past six months may be used as the personal statement for the Scholarship application;
- d) No fewer than two letters of recommendation given by employers, tutors, etc. (in Chinese or English, printed or via email). It is not mandatory to submit of letters of recommendation and applicants can choose whether they wish to submit them. In addition, letters of recommendation prepared for college admissions applications during the past six months may be directly used as recommendation letters for the Scholarship application;
- e) A copy of an official admission letter for a formal degree program from a well-known domestic or foreign law school, or the screenshot of the admission rolls published on the school’s website;
- f) Copies of the applicant's degree certificates, diplomas obtained from undergraduate and postgraduate studies (if any), transcripts (submission deadline may be extended until before the reexamination if the submission of any of them at the time of application is inconvenient due to the impact of COVID-19);

- g) Copies of the applicant's certificates of merit or other proof of achievement (if any) in activities in connection with the legal profession (such as debates, moot courts, awards for legal dissertations, law school exchange programs, etc.); and
- h) Copies of published legal articles (if any) by the applicant in professional newsletters and journals.

## **5 Selection Process**

- a) The scholarship review committee will consist of several well-known domestic legal experts and senior Han Kun lawyers.
- b) The scholarship review committee will conduct a comprehensive preliminary review of the written materials submitted by the applicants. The applicants who pass the preliminary review will be invited for a first round of interviews, a written test, and a second round of interviews. **The final list of selected candidates will be announced by the end of August 2023 through Han Kun's website and official WeChat account;**
- c) **Applicants will be notified later of the manner and schedules for the first and second rounds of interviews and the written test referenced above in paragraph (b), based on the prevailing circumstances.**
- d) **The manner and date for the 2023 Han Kun Youth Law Scholarship awards ceremony will be announced later in view of the circumstances prevailing at that time.**

## **6 Submission of Application Materials**

For further inquiries, please contact [scholarship@hankunlaw.com](mailto:scholarship@hankunlaw.com). Application materials for the Scholarship should be sent by registered mail/express delivery. The date of submission is considered to be the date of delivery.

Mailing address:

Han Kun Youth Scholarship Application Office

9/F, Office Tower C1,

Oriental Plaza, No. 1 East Chang An Avenue,

Dongcheng District,

Beijing, P.R. China

Zip Code: 100738

Notes:

1. Han Kun Law Offices **reserves the right of final interpretation** with respect to these application rules and procedures.

2. Han Kun Law Offices is entitled to adjust the number of winners based on the number of applicants each year.
3. Application materials submitted by applicants will not be returned, please retain a copy before submission.
4. Any adjustment to these application procedures will be immediately published on the official Han Kun Law Offices website.