



**Friends of the Earth (HK)  
CESGA® Scholarship Program**

**Background and Aim**

As one of the international financial centers, Hong Kong needs to catch the global trend of green finance development, and it is crucial to incubate talents in the industry. In view of this, Friends of the Earth (HK) has partnered with the European Federation of Financial Analysts (EFFAS) last year to launch the first internationally accredited Certified Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) Analyst (CESGA®) program in Hong Kong. This is an important milestone in the development of ESG professional education in Hong Kong.

Friends of the Earth (HK) has also announced that the “Friends of the Earth (HK) ESG Scholarship” will be established and sponsored by Friends of the Earth (HK) and a number of corporations to encourage young people to devote themselves to the field of sustainable finance and promote ESG development for the region. Successful applicants will be given a scholarship to partially cover the programme & exam fees of The European Federation of Financial Analysts Societies (EFFAS) Certified Environmental Social and Governance Analyst (CESGA®) program.

Scholarship	Objective	Scholarship amount
Friends of the Earth (HK) ESG Scholarship	To encourage young people to pursue an ESG-inspired career in Hong Kong and the Greater Bay Area	Each awardee will receive a grant of HK\$10,000 to attend the CESGA® examination in the ‘presential’ / physical format in the Hong Kong examination center for the 2022 March intake
Towngas China ESG Scholarship	To encourage local youths to commit to green finance development in Hong Kong	
Ascent Partners ESG Scholarship	To help local youths with financial need to pursue their careers in ESG field in Hong Kong	

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### **Eligibility**

Applicants must be:

1. A permanent resident of Hong Kong
2. Either:
  - a. A bachelor degree holder from any university in Hong Kong graduated within the last 3 years with good academic standing (a cumulative grade-point average of at least 3.0 in a 4.0-scale); or
  - b. A full-time student in any universities in Hong Kong with a cumulative grade-point average of at least 3.0 in a 4.0-scale

### **Selection**

1. Eligible applicants will be assessed based on the information and academic results provided.
2. Shortlisted applicants might be invited to an interview.
3. Candidates with experience in the ESG sector will be given an advantage.

### **Application Procedures**

Application Notes

1. Applicants should complete an application form\* along with related certified documents and send it to "[esg@foe.org.hk](mailto:esg@foe.org.hk)" with subject "Application for ESG Scholarship Full Name" before deadline **22 October 2021 (Friday)** . Late submissions will not be accepted.

#### Documents

- HKID
- Bachelor's certificate (for recent graduates) and transcript
- For applications for the Ascent Partners ESG Scholarship – proof of financial need: record issued by the Student Finance Office on Working Family and Student Financial Assistance Agency.

\*For more information or downloading application form, please visit <https://bit.ly/3BcOrLP>.

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## **Program Schedule**

Item	Schedule
Open for online Application	Mid of Sep.
Deadline for the Application	Late Oct.
1st result announcement for shortlisted candidates	Early Nov.
Scholarship interview	Mid of Nov.
Final Result Announcement	Early Dec.
Award Ceremony	TBC
Scholarship disbursement	TBC

## **Disbursement of Scholarship**

Successful applicants will be given a scholarship to subsidize the programme & exam fees of The European Federation of Financial Analysts Societies (EFFAS) Certified Environmental Social and Governance Analyst (CESGA®) program.

## **Enquiries**

For enquiries, please contact Friends of the Earth (HK) Green Finance Team at [esg@foe.org.hk](mailto:esg@foe.org.hk) or (852) 3184 1510.

## **Terms and Conditions**

1. ESG Scholarship Program is funded by Friends of the Earth (HK), Towngas China Company Limited and Ascent Partners Group Limited.
2. All applicants must meet the eligibility requirements during the entire period of the Scholarship.
3. Providing false or misleading information is an offence. If Friends of the Earth (HK) knows or has reason to believe that an applicant has provided false or misleading information, Friends of the Earth (HK) may reassess his/her entitlement. If Friends of the Earth (HK) terminates Scholarship on the aforesaid grounds, the applicant will be liable to repay in full to Friends of the Earth (HK) any payment made to him/her.
4. The Scholarship is for the CESGA® programme tuition only.
5. Copyright infringement and plagiarism are absolutely forbidden. Applicants are expected to complete the whole application process on their own.
6. Applicants awarded the Scholarship must provide Friends of the Earth (HK) with the CESGA® programme receipt immediately after exam registration.
7. Friends of the Earth (HK) reserves the right to amend details and contents of the Scholarship. In case of any dispute, Friends of the Earth (HK) reserves the right of final decision.

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8. All information collected will be treated in strict confidence and used for consideration of the Scholarship application only.
9. Any violation of the above may lead to disqualification from the ESG Scholarship Programme and Friends of the Earth (HK) reserves the right to claim against the applicants for any loss or damage (if any) suffered.