

## FACT SHEET

### **SNCF Co-operative Scholarship Opens for Application**

*Nurturing Scholars with a Heart*

#### About SNCF Co-operative Scholarship

The SNCF Co-op Scholarship **attracts, develops and nurtures suitable talents to enter the ranks of the Co-operative Movement** in Singapore. Co-operatives are self-help groups which operate viable businesses to meet the economic, social and cultural needs of its members. The successful scholars will thus have to understand and embrace the principles and mission of co-operatives to contribute to society.

#### Aim of Scholarship

The aim of the SNCF Co-op Scholarship scheme is to attract, develop and nurture young, talented and aspiring individuals to enter the ranks of the Co-operative Movement. The Scholarship is specifically **targeted at those who share the values and commitment of co-operatives such as self-help, mutual-help and equality.**

By taking up this Scholarship, the scholar will **gain exposure and obtain a better insight on the dynamics of our local Co-operative Movement and the challenges it faces.** Equipped with the relevant skills and experience, the scholar will thus be able to contribute towards the future growth and progress of the Co-operative Movement.

#### Scholarship Offering

The SNCF Scholarship supports the scholar's undergraduate study at any local university, capped at four years. It covers *full tuition fees* and a *maintenance allowance of S\$3,500 per academic year*. In addition, the recipient is entitled to a *hostel accommodation allowance up to S\$3,500 per academic year* and a *maximum computer grant of S\$3,000.*

Upon graduation, the Scholar is to be bonded to SNCF for a period of up to four years and may be deployed to work in co-operatives and related sectors.

#### Preferred Disciplines of Study

- Accountancy
- Business Management
- Economics
- Information Technology
- Mass Communications/ Communications and New Media
- Statistics

### Application Criteria

Applicants must first seek admission to the institutions on their own and preferably be accepted for admission before being considered for the Scholarship.

Eligible applicants will be assessed based on the following criteria (not in order of importance):

- Applicant's leadership qualities and potential with interest in co-operative work
- Applicant's participation in Co-Curricular Activities (CCA)
- Applicant's academic records
- Portfolio/Showcase of Social Entrepreneurial initiatives (if any)
- Other factors being equal, the financial background of the applicant.

Shortlisted candidates will be required to submit an essay before attending a panel interview.

Application Process



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#### About Singapore National Co-operative Federation

The Singapore National Co-operative Federation (SNCF) is the apex body of Singapore's Co-operative Movement, and secretariat of the Central Co-operative Fund (CCF). Formed in 1980 with the aim of championing Singapore's co-operative movement, the apex body represents 99% of co-operative members in Singapore through its 70 affiliated co-operatives. Today, the Movement boasts a base of more than 1 million members. SNCF aims to promote and develop co-operatives as sustainable enterprises that address social and economic needs through the co-operative principle of self and mutual help, so as to foster a more resilient society. SNCF is a member of the International Co-operative Alliance (ICA) and the World Council of Credit Unions (WOCCU). It enjoys co-operative relationship with the United Nations, the International Labour Organisation (ILO) and other international and regional bodies. For more information on SNCF and the Singapore Co-op movement, visit [www.sncf.org.sg](http://www.sncf.org.sg).