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PRIME MINISTER'S SOCIAL SERVICE AWARD

Introduction

The Prime Minister's Office announced on 5 Apr 2012 that Prime Minister (PM) will be donating a sum of \$100,000 to augment the Social Service Scholarship that the National Council of Social Service (NCSS) gives out to outstanding students who are keen to pursue qualifications that would equip them for a career in the social service sector.

The Prime Minister's Social Service Award

2 Each award is worth \$10,000. For a start, up to two awards will be given out each year to top scholars who have been selected to receive the Social Service Scholarship. The awards would go towards defraying the expenses incurred for research and project work that scholars undertake during the course of study. With the additional support, our scholars would be able to come up with more extensive and robust pieces of research and project work. This, in turn, would boost the capability of these scholars, putting them in a good position to contribute to the sector when they ultimately join the workforce.

3 The recipients of the Prime Minister's Social Service Award will be selected from the pool of successful Social Service Scholarship applicants. Besides outstanding academic achievements, the recipients should display exemplary passion and drive to tackle social problems and improve the lives of the disadvantaged – the hallmark of professionals in the social service sector.

Application Process

4 Applications for the Social Service Scholarship open in February every year. For more information on how to apply for the scholarship, please go to <http://www.ncss.gov.sg/VWOcorner/scholarship.asp>

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