



## HONG KONG SCHOOLS MUSIC AND SPEECH ASSOCIATION

### Associate Membership

#### Members' Obligations, Conduct and Rights

##### Obligations

1. Members are only entitled to enter their own students in the competitions.
2. Members should read in detail about all the information in print or uploaded to the Association website concerning the Music / Speech Festival Syllabus, "Rules and Regulations" and circulars etc., and take the responsibility to notify their students the relevant information.
3. Members should collect / download the competition documents, send them to their students who take part in the competitions, and ensure that their students have received and understood the relevant details before the competitions.
4. Members should help to bring forward the enquiries, suggestions or complaints of competitors / parents about the Festivals to the Association, and should convey the official replies to them.
5. Members should ensure that the competitors have obtained the music scores / speech pieces identical to the versions as set in the Syllabus before competitions.

##### Conduct

1. Members should support the mission and format of competitions set by the Association.
2. Members must not promote their business activities in the name of the Association.

##### Rights

1. Members will be issued a membership card, with which they can access the Member's Area of the Association website.
2. Associate Members can only enter students to solo and duo classes in the Music Festival and the Speech Festival.
3. Members are entitled to obtain ONE free copy of the Music Festival Syllabus, the Music Festival Handbook, the Speech Festival Syllabus (Chinese Speech), the Speech Festival Syllabus (English Speech) and the Speech Festival Handbook upon presentation of the membership card at the Association office.
4. Members will receive circulars by post or email.
5. Associate Members can attend the Annual General Meeting of the Association, but without voting rights,



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## Associate Membership Application Form

(Updated on 1/9/2011) Please download the latest application form from the Association web site as the form is reviewed from time to time.

### **Eligibility**

Any Hong Kong permanent resident who is aged 21 or above, a holder of a valid HKID card, a full-time in-service and Hong Kong registered Chinese Language / English Language / Music teacher of a Hong Kong primary / secondary school and meets the requirements on professional qualification listed below is eligible to apply for the Associate Membership of the Association. All applications will be vetted by the Association's Sub-committees concerned for submission to the Executive Committee for endorsement. [Please put a tick in the appropriate boxes to indicate your qualification. A primary / secondary school refers to a school which provides primary / secondary education under the Education Ordinance of Hong Kong.]

**Chinese Speech** (Please use the Chinese application form)

### **English Speech**

- A full-time in-service and Hong Kong registered English Language teacher of a Hong Kong primary / secondary school with at least 10 years of English Language teaching experience; **AND** A holder of certificate(s) in Speech / Drama training issued by local or overseas institute(s) recognized by the Association with at least 5 years of experience in training students in speech performance.

### **Music**

- A full-time in-service and Hong Kong registered Music teacher of a Hong Kong primary / secondary school with at least 10 years of music teaching experience; **AND**
- A holder of Licentiate (or above) performance diploma(s) issued by the Royal Schools of Music / Trinity College of Music or the equivalent, or recognized music degree(s); **OR**
- A holder of performance level certificate(s) of the Central Conservatory of Music Practical Examination, or a graduate of recognized music institute(s); **OR**
- Of a high performing standard recognized by the Association and with at least 10 years of performing experience.

### **Application Procedure**

Please complete and return this form, together with copies of a Hong Kong permanent ID card and relevant certificates (music degree holders must provide proof that he / she is a graduate in Music), and a crossed cheque of \$450 (application fee of \$200 and annual subscription fee of \$250) made payable to "HKSMSA", to Room 303, 2/F, 7 Carmel Village Street, Homantin, Kowloon.

### **Application Dates**

For the purpose of entering students to the Speech Festival held in November and December, the application should reach the Association office no later than 31 May of the same year.

For the purpose of entering students to the Music Festival held in February and March, the application should reach the Association office no later than 30 June of the previous year.

The vetting process will normally take three months when all the required documents are submitted. If an application is submitted after the aforesaid date, by the time it is approved, the deadline for enrollment in the Speech / Music Festival may be over.

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Please complete in BLOCK letters

Name (in Chinese)		Name (in English)	
Sex	Date of Birth	HKID No.	
Phone No. (Home)		(Mobile)	
Address			
Email Address*			
Occupation		Employer	

\*If an email address is provided, all circulars will be sent to members by email.

I understand and agree to observe all the points under Members' Obligations and Members' Conduct. Should I fail to do so, the Executive Committee of the Hong Kong Schools Music and Speech Association may reject my application for membership renewal next year.

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Applicant's Signature

(An application form with no signature will NOT be processed.)

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Date