

THE SUNG-DAE HONG SCHOLARSHIP

BACKGROUND

The Sung-Dae Hong Scholarship is awarded annually to a current Year 10 or Year 11 student at Melbourne High School who has an interest in pursuing tertiary studies in commerce, business, finance, or law in the United States.

ABOUT SUNG-DAE HONG

Sung-Dae Hong attended MHS from 1989 - 1992, graduating with recognition on the Honours Roll Board with a VCE score in the top 1%. Dae was the first of three brothers to attend MHS, commuting every day from Dandenong and credits his experience for providing him with the platform and confidence to achieve educational and professional success. He received the Speech Night Prize for Accounting and was awarded school colours for Baseball, where he played third baseman, contributing to two consecutive State Championships in 1991 and 1992.



Dae went on to undertake a Bachelor of Laws and Bachelor of Commerce at the University of Melbourne and graduated with First Class Honours in Finance and Honours in Law. Upon graduation, he joined Bain & Company, a leading global management consultancy, as an Associate Consultant. Dae spent over a decade with Bain across Australia, South Korea, Europe, and the U.S., working with clients to solve complex business problems across a variety of industries. Bain sponsored Dae to undertake a Master of Business Administration (MBA) at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology's Sloan School of Management in Cambridge, USA, where he graduated as the Henry Ford II Scholar. In 2011, he left Bain to pursue a career as Head of Corporate Strategy at Thermo Fisher Scientific, a Fortune 150 company. He was promoted multiple times over an 11-year career, ultimately overseeing a multi-billion-dollar global manufacturing business as the President of the Laboratory Products Division. Dae left Thermo Fisher in 2023, and after a 7-month sabbatical, he was recruited as the Chief Executive Officer of StatLab Medical Products - a private-equity backed company that manufactures laboratory consumables and equipment for anatomical pathology laboratories with operations across the U.S. and Europe, supplying customers in over 100 countries.

Dae is a big believer in education, global experiences, and community. He has served in various volunteer leadership and board roles with Highrock Church, MIT Sloan School of Management, and Boston Philharmonic Orchestra. He currently sits on the Advisory Board of the Harvard Extension School's Business and Management Programs and is an Advisor to the Boston Regional Chapter of the Council of Korean Americans.

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Having recently reconnected with MHSOBA, Dae is a proud Old Boy who is excited to give back to MHS students who are looking to utilise MHS as a platform to embark on a global educational and professional adventure with a humble spirit of paying it forward.

Dae is married to Maria, whom he met in university and has two daughters, Olivia and Leah, along with two cats and a dog. He lives in the Boston area but misses Melbourne deeply.

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- The Sung-Dae Hong Scholarship consists of a payment of \$2,000 and is accompanied by a certificate with citation
- One scholarship is awarded each year
- The scholarship is awarded following receipt of written applications and interviews of shortlisted applicants

CRITERIA

Applicants should:

- a) Be a current Melbourne High School student in Year 10 or Year 11;
- b) Have excellent academic results and be actively engaged in school life; and
- c) Aspire to embark on tertiary studies in any of commerce, business, finance, law, and in the United States (for undergraduate or graduate programs)

Consideration will also be given to applicants who commute 45 minutes or more on the Dandenong-Pakenham line or spend nights/weekends helping the family business or working part-time.

APPLICATIONS

- Applications should be submitted via the supplied APPLY HERE button on www.mhsoba.asn.au/scholarships
- A personal statement in support of the application (not exceeding 500 words) should also be submitted
- Applicants are specifically requested to outline their educational and career aspirations in the fields of commerce, business, finance, or law, as well as any interest in pursuing tertiary education or a career in the United States.



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