

Preparation for Scholarship Interview

Before the Interview

- Read through the donor's Interview Instructions (if available).
- Spend some time to know the background information about the donor, its business and social responsibility.
- Think about the past interview questions (if available): if you were asked, how would you answer? You can also think of other possible questions that may be asked.
- Take a look at the application form that you have completed, esp. the essay, and see if there is any supplementary information to provide (new activities/ services, awards/ achievements of significance or relevance) at an appropriate time during the interview.
- Get to know current issues, e.g. news on local education although such questions may not be asked.
- Don't be late for the interview, plan your route and allow ample travelling time.
- Choose the right clothes and accessories (refer to the "Dress Code").
- Take good care of yourself and don't fall ill!

During the Interview

- Be calm and polite, a smile will make you feel relaxed and at ease.
- Better put your bag at your side on the floor.
- Don't put your elbow on the table.
- Beware of gestures that may reflect your state of mind, e.g. touching your hair often may make you seem nervous.
- Think carefully before you answer any question - it's alright to think for a while before answering.
- If you don't quite get the question, don't be afraid to say "Sorry, I don't quite get the question. Would you please repeat?"
- Be frank and sincere, the interviewers can tell if you have said something untrue.
- Don't be too windy or too brief when answering a particular question.
- Keep your eyes on the interviewer who asked the question, but don't neglect the others as they are also panel members.
- There is no need to be troubled by the panel's common question at the end of the interview "Do you have any questions?" If you have nothing to ask, just say "No, thank you."
- Thank the interview panel before leaving.

Remember: Opportunities are for those who are well-prepared!

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