



Office of Admissions

### **Aptitude-based Admissions (ABA)**

Aptitude-based Admissions (ABA) take into account students' passions, interests and strengths. Applicants with exceptional talents and/or outstanding achievements beyond schools' co-curricular activities can be considered, subject to a minimum level of academic competence, for admissions under ABA. Academic grades of relevant subjects may be an indication of aptitude as well. If you have one or more of the following achievements, you are encouraged to provide details under ABA section of the application form:

- Winner at the International Olympiads or in the National Science & Talent Search
- Significant awards/achievements in area relevant to the programme applied
- Carded athlete\* or represented Singapore in Arts and/or Sports such as Olympics, SEA/ASEAN/ASIAN games, etc.
- Active involvement/participation in community services and/or volunteering work
- Demonstrated excellence in areas such as leadership, entrepreneurship, arts & culture, sports, etc.
- Demonstration of aptitude/passion through portfolio relevant to the 1<sup>st</sup> choice programme applied for. This can include competition, project and activity/programme undertaken in the related field of study. The key emphasis is relevance to the field of programme study applied in addition to the relevant subject/s taken.
- Made significant contributions or attained outstanding achievements in area of work or internship relevant to the programme applied

In addition to providing information above, applicants must submit an essay of not more than 300 words under ABA section of the application form and at least **1** (maximum 2) appraisal online to support their applications. Shortlisted candidates may be required to attend an interview and present relevant supporting documents for verification upon request.

\* Carded Athletes are athletes who have been nominated for the High Performance Sports (HPS) based on their profile of the past 12 months (1 Jan to 31 Dec) performance / potential to achieve at the Major games. The Singapore Sports Institute (SSI) evaluates and categorizes nominated athletes based on their achievements in local and international competitions.

### **Guidelines for Submission of online Appraisal Form**

Dear Applicant,

The online appraisal form is to be completed by a person (called "appraiser") who must not be a family member or relative and preferably, though not restricted to, co-curricular activities coaches and tutors, community people whom you have had interactions with, non-profit organisations' CEOs or leaders or professionals, etc. to support your application under ABA. It may be used in conjunction with the information

provided in the application for admission consideration to NTU. You are advised to complete ABA section within the application form or via check status link after you have submitted your application as early as possible. This will allow the person appraising you adequate time to complete and submit the appraisal form on you by the stipulated deadline which is 3rd working day after the application window closes. The instruction on submission of appraisal will be available at check status.

Dear Appraiser,

The applicant is applying for admission to an undergraduate degree programme in NTU and had indicated his/her achievements under Aptitude-based Admissions (ABA) section of the application form. We would appreciate a confidential online submission of an appraisal based on your best understanding of the applicant to provide an accurate and non-biased assessment in support of his/her application under ABA. Please refer to the list of key attributes below for your evaluation of the applicant.

#### **Note**

Please note that by agreeing to complete this appraisal form, you may be contacted by NTU for further information or understanding of the appraisal.

If you are ready to assess the applicant, you may login with the applicant's NRIC/FIN (last 4 characters) and application number from one of the links below to complete the appraisal form:

For application number starting with 'A' followed by 8 digits, login [here](#).

For application number starting with 'PF' followed by 7 digits, login [here](#).

For application number starting with 'E' followed by 8 digits, login [here](#).

For application number starting with 'D' followed by 8 digits, login [here](#).

#### **Key Attributes**

- **Leadership:** Demonstrates managerial skills and is able to inspire confidence and respect from peers. Has assumed key leadership roles and is a good role model for the team.
- **Positive Influence:** Possesses ability to exert positive morale or let peers follow or react by his or her actions.
- **Creativity:** "Thinks out of the box", initiates new ideas in projects, work or other activities. E.g. Entrepreneurial activities in which he/she actively seeks out new and better ways of performing an action or activities.
- **Integrity:** Holds respect for one self and others and able to uphold certain moral principles and standards despite trying circumstances.
- **Intellectual Undertakings:** Represents school or state etc., in academic competitions, exhibitions or seminars, or winners at Olympiads etc. Special consideration would be given for those who have won prizes or recognitions at such events.
- **Emotional Maturity:** Demonstrates stability in thoughts and ability to handle feelings and emotions in a responsible and calm manner.
- **Perseverance:** Possesses ability to complete a task or endeavour despite difficulties. Is committed to the completion of his or her job to the best of his/her ability under varying circumstances.

- **Responsibility:** Has the commitment to see tasks through and assume ownership for the tasks and roles assigned.
- **Initiative/Motivation:** Shows interest and enthusiasm. Able to take effective action without being told. Actively seeks to acquire further knowledge and skills.

- **Care for Community:** Is active in community or social work. Genuine concern for the community such as the under-privileged. Above average ratings applicable for those who have assumed more than average required community hours of an average student.
- **Self-confidence:** Believes in one's ideas and abilities, is sure of himself or herself, and is able to work responsibly and independently.
- **Academic:** Demonstrates aptitude in studies.

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