

IBA Youth Development presents

# RBS 2018

Residential Bible School



## INTRODUCTION TO APPLICATION FORM

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY BEFORE COMPLETING FORM

RBS is a 5½-week-long Christian discipleship school for youth who have just completed their Form 5 or Form 6, or are on break from college or university. It is run by the Brethren Assemblies of Malaysia as a ministry of Inter Brethren Assemblies (IBA) Youth Development with a three-fold goal of:

- **INSPIRING** you to a heartfelt and committed devotion to God;
- **INSTRUCTING** you in his Word in the fundamentals of your faith, so that you might grow to become a mature, thinking Christian rather than a spoon-fed one;
- **INVOLVING** you in practical service for God through the missions trips.

RBS is run in the format of a **school rather than a camp**. It is designed to be a memorable once-in-a-lifetime experience, where the focus is on the **learning, discovery and practice of basic spiritual disciplines**. As such, applicants **must meet the minimum prerequisites**, which are:

- a born-again believer;
- recommended by the leaders of his/her local church;
- willing to study hard and complete all assignments, participate in all RBS activities, and abide by the RBS rules as directed by the Principal.

The classroom component of RBS will be conducted at the Highlands Christian Centre in Cameron Highlands. The practical missions component requires participants to travel in groups to various locations around Peninsular Malaysia, where their ministry base will be the local Brethren churches. The debriefing and Graduation Night will be held in Petaling Jaya. **Students must attend the entire duration of the school** (exception provided **only** for family emergencies).

A good standard of behaviour and adherence to the rules will be expected from you. On dressing and the clothes you decide to bring with you, we encourage you to cover too much rather than too little. RBS students come from different backgrounds, cultures and church experiences. We need to be sensitive to not offending or distracting other students by the way we dress. This is an important principle not just for the school, but also in our approach to life and godliness.

Note also that though you may bring a handphone with you so that you can use it while you travel, you will be required to surrender it to the staff for the entire duration of the school. A communal phone for the use of students will be made available during selected periods in the day during the course of the school.

The fee for attending RBS is as follows:

- For applicants from IBA-affiliated churches: RM1400 (you are required to pay RM700; your church will pay RM700)
- For applicants from non IBA-affiliated churches: RM1700

If you are unsure if your church is an IBA-affiliated church, please contact **May Lee Hilmy** at **016-240-6444**.

The fee covers all materials, food and accommodation during the length of RBS, personal accident insurance, and transport to and from your mission trips.

The fee does **not** cover your transportation to and from RBS and other expenses you may incur during RBS (e.g. laundry, own snacks, book purchases, etc). Please take note that all students are required to purchase one book (approximately RM40) for a book report during RBS.

The difference in the fees above reflects the subsidy given by IBA to students from affiliated churches, as IBA is primarily funded by contributions from those churches. Applicants from non-affiliated churches pay a fee that is closer to the actual cost incurred by that student for the duration of the school. If you encounter financial difficulty in meeting the RBS attendance fee for whatever reason, please contact us for assistance.

**Parents of IBA-affiliated applicants who are financially able to bear the full cost of the fees for RBS 2018 are strongly encouraged to consider reimbursing the church portion of the fees (RM700) directly to the church itself. We encourage this in order to ease the financial burden of the sending church.**

Please take note that the attached application form is in two parts. **Part A** is to be filled out by the student applicant and **Part B** is to be filled out by your church youth worker or elder/deacon. You need to complete Part A and send it together with a cheque as the full payment for your portion of the RBS fee (RM700 for applicants from IBA-affiliated churches; RM1700 for applicants from non IBA-affiliated churches) to the address listed below. Part B is to be sent separately by your church youth worker or elder/deacon, to the same address. Both Parts A and B of your application form must be fully completed and received **latest by 1 October 2017**. Incomplete forms **will** be rejected.

As such, it is to your advantage to ensure your church youth worker or elder/deacon sends in their portion of the form (Part B) as soon as possible. Please be warned that a maximum of 52 places are available for RBS, and places fill up very quickly each year. All fully-completed applications (Part A + RBS fee + Part B) will be treated on a first-come-first-served basis. Standby places will be allocated on the same basis in the event of dropouts from those initially accepted.

Please send all completed forms (Part A with accompanying cheque by you, and Part B separately by your church leader) to:

**RBS 2018 (c/o May Lee Hilmy)  
33 Lorong Burhanuddin Helmi 11  
Taman Tun Dr Ismail  
60000 KUALA LUMPUR**

- ☞ **All applications must be accompanied with payment for the RBS fee, payable by cheque only.** This amount is RM700 for IBA-affiliated churches and RM1700 for non-IBA affiliated churches. Please **make cheques in favour of "Residential Bible School"** and **write your name and church clearly** on the back of the cheque.
- ☞ If you are selected for **National Service** and RBS 2018 clashes with your NS intake, we are able to provide you with a deferral letter requesting that your training be deferred to a later intake. If the deferral fails or if you wish to attend NS and forfeit your application for RBS 2018, rest assured that payment for your RBS fee **will be refunded in full.**
- ☞ **All applications (including the RBS fee) must be received by 1 October 2017.**
- ☞ Incomplete applications may be rejected.
- ☞ Application does not mean acceptance.
- ☞ If your application is rejected or forfeited (unless forfeiture is due to selection for National Service), your fee will be subject to an **RM100 administration charge** before the refund is issued.
- ☞ Preference will be given to youth from Brethren (IBA-affiliated) churches in Malaysia. **Applicants from non-Brethren churches may apply but will only be accepted on a standby basis.** If there are places available immediately after the closing date after all IBA-affiliated applicants have been considered, the remaining places will be granted to non-Brethren applicants on a first-come-first-served basis.
- ☞ We will contact you directly immediately after receiving your application to confirm receipt. If you do not receive a call from us one or two days after the expected time of arrival of your application, please contact May Lee Hilmy immediately to notify us.
- ☞ For further information or clarification, please contact **May Lee Hilmy** at **016-240-6444** or email **office@ibayd.org**.

*Please retain these pages for your own reference*

# APPLICATION FORM: PART A

To be completed by **STUDENT APPLICANT**

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Please write your name on the back of a **recent** passport-sized photograph and paste it here.

**(COMPULSORY)**

Please write clearly and neatly in **BLOCK/CAPITAL** letters!

Full name:

\_\_\_\_\_

I/C number: \_\_\_\_\_

Male  Female

Home address:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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Telephone (home): \_\_\_\_\_

Handphone (if any): \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

*If your email address has dashes, underscores or periods/fullstops, please write them clearly*

Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of church:

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1. Tell us how you came to know Jesus as your Saviour and Lord. (Please write/type your testimony on a separate sheet of paper and attach.)

2. Why do you want to attend RBS?

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3. What would you like to personally gain from RBS?

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4. Describe your relationship with God right now.

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5. In what areas of your walk with God would you like to see improvement (if any)?

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6. In what areas of church/CF work are you currently serving, and in what way?

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7. What leadership experience do you have? (does not have to be church/CF-related)

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8. What are your strengths and your weaknesses?

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9. In what ways has God gifted you with ability?

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10. What musical instruments do you play, and how well?

<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Piano</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Experienced	<input type="checkbox"/> Average	<input type="checkbox"/> Beginner	<input type="checkbox"/> Tick if you play this instrument at church
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Guitar</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Experienced	<input type="checkbox"/> Average	<input type="checkbox"/> Beginner	<input type="checkbox"/> Tick if you play this instrument at church
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Drums</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Experienced	<input type="checkbox"/> Average	<input type="checkbox"/> Beginner	<input type="checkbox"/> Tick if you play this instrument at church
<input type="checkbox"/> _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Experienced	<input type="checkbox"/> Average	<input type="checkbox"/> Beginner	<input type="checkbox"/> Tick if you play this instrument at church

11. What musical instruments (if any) will you be bringing to RBS?

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12. What other languages do you speak, and how well?

<input type="checkbox"/> <b>B. Malaysia</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Fluent	<input type="checkbox"/> Average	<input type="checkbox"/> Poor	<input type="checkbox"/> Tick if you use this language for church activities
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Mandarin</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Fluent	<input type="checkbox"/> Average	<input type="checkbox"/> Poor	<input type="checkbox"/> Tick if you use this language for church activities
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Cantonese</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Fluent	<input type="checkbox"/> Average	<input type="checkbox"/> Poor	<input type="checkbox"/> Tick if you use this language for church activities
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Hokkien</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Fluent	<input type="checkbox"/> Average	<input type="checkbox"/> Poor	<input type="checkbox"/> Tick if you use this language for church activities
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Tamil</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Fluent	<input type="checkbox"/> Average	<input type="checkbox"/> Poor	<input type="checkbox"/> Tick if you use this language for church activities

13. What other languages can you read, and how well?

<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Chinese</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Average	<input type="checkbox"/> Poor
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Tamil</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Average	<input type="checkbox"/> Poor

14. What Sunday School experience do you have?

<input type="checkbox"/> Teaching	<input type="checkbox"/> Songleading	<input type="checkbox"/> Helping	<input type="checkbox"/> None
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15. What worship involvement experience have you had in your church or youth group?

<input type="checkbox"/> Worship Leading	<input type="checkbox"/> PA/LCD/Technical	<input type="checkbox"/> Playing Music (Instrument: _____)
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16. What food allergies or notable medical problems do you have (if any)?

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17. Have you ever experienced any significant challenges with depression or anxiety? If you have, please explain briefly.

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### **MY COVENANT**

I agree to abide by the principles and rules of RBS as directed by the Principal. I also commit myself to God's desires and goals for my life through RBS, and to encouraging my fellow students to do the same.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

### **PARENT'S / GUARDIAN'S CONSENT**

I, \_\_\_\_\_, mother/father/guardian (*please circle*) of \_\_\_\_\_, hereby give my consent for my child/ward to attend the full duration of RBS 2018 and all its related activities from 1 January 2018 to 8 February 2018. Whilst I am aware that every effort will be taken to ensure the safety of my child / ward, I agree not to hold IBA Youth Development, the RBS Committee, school staff, or the church, liable for any mishap which may occur during the entire period of RBS 2018.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

I/C number: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone (home/office): \_\_\_\_\_ Handphone (if any): \_\_\_\_\_

### **EMERGENCY CONTACT**

Please supply the contact details of someone to contact in the event of an emergency (specify a different contact person than given in the parent/guardian consent above).

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship to Student: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone (home/office): \_\_\_\_\_ Handphone: \_\_\_\_\_

Please ensure that you have attached:

- ☞ **cheque** for the RBS fee made out to "Residential Bible School" – **please write your name and church clearly on the back of the cheque;**
- ☞ your **testimony**.

Send completed form with attachments to:

**RBS 2018 (c/o May Lee Hilmy), 33 Lorong Burhanuddin Helmi 11, Taman Tun Dr Ismail, 60000 Kuala Lumpur**

# APPLICATION FORM: PART B

To be completed and mailed separately by **CHURCH YOUTH WORKER / ELDER / DEACON**

Please note that if this form is not received **before 1 October 2017**, the student's application **will** be rejected.

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Name of Student: \_\_\_\_\_

Church : \_\_\_\_\_

1. On a scale of 1-10, please rate this student on the following attributes. As a general guide, think of anything 8-10 as exemplary and anything 0-4 as poor. Leave blank if you are not in a position to assess the student on a particular attribute.

**a. Character and personality**

- Spiritual maturity \_\_\_\_\_
- Personal maturity \_\_\_\_\_
- Initiative \_\_\_\_\_
- Social acceptance by others \_\_\_\_\_
- Social acceptance of others \_\_\_\_\_
- Emotional stability \_\_\_\_\_
- Personal manner and etiquette \_\_\_\_\_
- Confidence \_\_\_\_\_
- Leadership \_\_\_\_\_
- Responsibility \_\_\_\_\_
- Teamwork \_\_\_\_\_
- Spoken communication \_\_\_\_\_

**b. Skills**

- Organising/administration \_\_\_\_\_
- Children's work \_\_\_\_\_
- Youth work \_\_\_\_\_
- Teaching \_\_\_\_\_
- Evangelism \_\_\_\_\_
- Sports \_\_\_\_\_
- Drama \_\_\_\_\_
- Singing \_\_\_\_\_
- Playing musical instruments \_\_\_\_\_ (Instruments: \_\_\_\_\_)
- Leading worship \_\_\_\_\_

2. Is this person faithful in church attendance?

Yes  No  Comments (if any): \_\_\_\_\_

3. Has this student ever experienced any periods of significant/severe depression and/or anxiety?  
Yes  No  Comments (if any): \_\_\_\_\_

4. What **strengths** does this student display that deserve to be highlighted?  
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5. Are there any **weaknesses** or **concerns** about this student that we need to be aware of in order to be able to help him/her?  
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6. Is there anything else you feel we should know about this student?  
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### ENDORSEMENT

I have read and understood the principles of RBS and recommend the above student applicant as a suitable candidate.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Position held: Elder / Deacon / Youth Worker / Other: \_\_\_\_\_ *(please circle)*

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Tel contact: \_\_\_\_\_

Personal email: \_\_\_\_\_

Church email (if any): \_\_\_\_\_

Please do **NOT** return this form to the student applicant. Please mail the completed form directly to:  
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