

# Education Division, TECO in Los Angeles

## 2024 Huayu Enrichment Scholarship (HES) Program Guidelines

### Purpose of Huayu Enrichment Scholarship (HES)

To encourage international students and individuals to undertake Mandarin Chinese language study in Taiwan, the Ministry of Education (MOE) of the Republic of China (Taiwan) established the **MINISTRY OF EDUCATION HUAYU ENRICHMENT SCHOLARSHIP (HES)** Program in 2005 to provide language study opportunities for Mandarin Chinese and to learn about Taiwan's culture at approved university - affiliated Mandarin training centers.

### Scholarship quota

13 year-long HES quota (total 156 months) will be available for US citizens from the Southwest areas of the USA in the year 2024. U.S. citizens who have a permanent address or are currently enrolling or have been enrolled within the past 3 years full-time in a university located in the following areas: **Southern California, Arizona, New Mexico, Hawaii, Caroline Islands, Guam, Marshall Islands, Mariana Islands, and American Samoa**, please submit your application to:

*Education Division*

*Taipei Economic and Cultural Office (TECO) in Los Angeles*

*3731 Wilshire Blvd., Suite 770*

*Los Angeles, CA 90010*

*Attn: Ms. Emily Shen*

### Who is Eligible to Apply?

- An applicant must meet all of the following criteria:
  1. **Be a U.S. citizen above the age of 18, a high school graduate or above**, have excellent academic performance in his/her most recent formal educational study experience and be of good moral character.
  2. **Does not have the status of being an “Overseas Compatriot Student”.**
  3. Dual national of US and R.O.C. (Taiwan) who has **never acquired or possessed a R.O.C. passport** is eligible to apply for HES program.

4. **Is not currently a registered student at a Mandarin training center, nor has ever been a degree-seeking student at any university or college in Taiwan.**
5. Has never received an award either under this scholarship program nor the Taiwan Scholarship Program.
6. Is not an exchange student in accordance with an agreement of collaboration between an international university/college and an educational institution in Taiwan, at the time of receiving a HES.
7. Is not simultaneously a recipient of any other scholarship or subsidy offered by other government agency or any other educational institutions in Taiwan.

### **How long is the award period?**

The following are five award periods for a recipient to choose from. However, the final award period will be decided by TECO in Los Angeles:

1. Twelve months.
2. Nine months.
3. Six months.
4. Three months.
5. Two months (summer program only) in June/July or July/August of **2024**.

**For those who are awarded 3 to 12 months, their award period is between September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024 and August 31<sup>st</sup>, 2025.**

### **What are the benefits?**

A stipend of NTD\$25,000 (approximately USD 830, subject to exchange rate) is to be offered to the recipient per month. Please note that **no additional subsidy** will be given. The scholarship is meant to support the cost of tuition, as well as providing for room, board, insurance and miscellaneous fees. Recipients are responsible for their own expenses.

### **What materials are needed to apply?**

The following documents are required before the application can be processed:

1. One copy each of the completed and signed **HES application form** and [HES Terms of Agreement](#).

2. One photocopy of US passport or other certificate of nationality.
3. One photocopy of the highest-level diploma received and a complete transcript.
4. Photocopy of completed application forms for the [language centers](#) applied to in Taiwan, or other documents which can prove applicant's admission status. **For summer 2-month program applicants, an admission acceptance letter from a language center should be enclosed in the application material package.**
5. Two recommendation letters.
6. Optional: One photocopy of the TOCFL certificate. Participants of the **TOCFL** (Test of Chinese as a Foreign Language) held by the Education Division, TECO office, will also be considered with priority.

### **Application Procedure:**

- **When to apply?**

The yearly application period is from **February 1<sup>st</sup> through March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2024.**

- **What else should applicants do?**

1. Please note that scholarship applications and language center admission applications are separate. **Applicants are responsible for their application to the language centers that they would like to attend.**
2. **For summer 2-month program** applicants, an admission acceptance letter of a language center should be enclosed right in application material package.
3. **For those who apply for 3 to 12 months**, applicants need to submit a copy of the admission letter to TECO in order to secure their scholarship by no later than **June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2024.**

- **Selection Process:**

1. Applications will be reviewed; applicants will be interviewed through video conferencing/phone call or via email.
2. The preliminary result of the selection will be notified by the Education Division, TECO in LA around the beginning of **May**. **Summer 2-month program** applicants, will be notified the final result by **April 30<sup>th</sup>.**

3. Applicants who do not send their admission letter in time will be disqualified from the scholarship selection process.
4. Recipients will be invited to attend an orientation organized at TECO in Los Angeles, usually in July, and may be held virtually.

**Disclaimer:**

1. The HES Program Guidelines announced by the Education Division, TECO in Los Angeles is adapted from the "[Ministry of Education Huayu Enrichment Scholarship \(HES\) Directions](#)". If there is any discrepancy or conflict between the Ministry of Education regulations and TECO regulations, the Ministry of Education regulations (Chinese version) shall prevail. Matters not mentioned herein shall be governed by relevant MOE regulations.
2. All the awardees must follow visa, entry restrictions and quarantine regulations imposed by the Ministry of Education, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the related agencies.