

Taiwan Scholarship Program Guidelines

Education Division, TECO-Boston

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I. Purpose

The Ministry of Education (MOE), Republic of China (Taiwan), established the **Taiwan Scholarship Program** to encourage outstanding international students (excluding students from Mainland China, Hong Kong and Macau SAR) to undertake degree studies in Taiwan so as to familiarize themselves with the academic environment in Taiwan and promote communication, understanding and friendship between Taiwan and countries around the world.

Scholarship application and selection procedures will be conducted by the Education Division, Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Boston (TECO-Boston), the branch office of the MOE in the New England region including: Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island and Vermont.

II. Award

The Taiwan Scholarship Program awards outstanding international students undertaking undergraduate and postgraduate studies in Taiwan by awarding each recipient as follows:

1. Tuition and payment of academic fees, including credit fees.

Upon validation of tuition and above fees, each recipient receives one tuition grant per semester **up to NT \$40,000**. If the total amount of the fees should exceed NT \$40,000, the remainder of all costs shall be covered by the recipient, whereas any amount over NT \$40,000 is the sole responsibility of the recipient. Tuition and academic fees do NOT include any of the following: administration fees, thesis advising fees, insurance premiums, accommodations, or Internet access, all of which are payable by the recipients.

2. Subsistence allowance:

The scholarship grants each recipient undertaking undergraduate studies a monthly stipend of **NT \$15,000**; it offers each recipient undertaking postgraduate studies a monthly stipend of **NT \$20,000**.

Note: Exchange Rate (Approx.): 32NTD=1 USD

III. Scholarship Positions: 2

IV. Duration of Scholarships:

1. The maximum period of each scholarship is four years for undergraduate programs, two years for master's programs, and four years for doctorate programs. The maximum length of the total awards for each recipient undertaking a combination of studies is five years.
2. Annual award periods begin on September 1 and continue until August 31 of the following year. Recipients must arrive in Taiwan and enroll at their admitting universities/colleges during the scheduled registration time unless delays have been approved by the relevant institutions and the MOE. If recipients fail to arrive in Taiwan for registration, their award shall be revoked with no deferrals.
3. Subsistence allowances begin from the month of the recipient's registration at the university/college and ends when the award period expires or upon the recipient's graduation, withdrawal, suspension, expulsion, or revocation of the scholarship.

V. Eligibility:

1. Applicant must be a United States Citizen and a resident or a student of Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island or Vermont with a high-school diploma or post-secondary degree(s), an excellent academic record, and be of good moral character.
2. Applicants are ineligible if they meet the following criteria:
 - (1) Republic of China (Taiwan) Nationals or overseas Chinese students (previously/currently hold a Republic of China (Taiwan) passport).
 - (2) Currently registered or have obtained student status at any university/college in Taiwan. Graduating students pursuing further studies are exempt from this rule.
 - (3) Previously studied in Taiwan for the same level of degree as the one in which they currently intend to enroll.
 - (4) Are exchange or dual/joint degree students admitted in accordance with academic cooperation agreements between Taiwan universities/colleges and American universities/colleges.
 - (5) Previously a recipient of the Taiwan Scholarship for over a total of five years.
 - (6) Previously had their Taiwan Scholarship or Huayu Enrichment Scholarship from the MOE revoked.
 - (7) Current recipients of any other scholarship or subsidy offered by Taiwan government agencies or colleges and universities in Taiwan. This excludes subsidies offered by universities/colleges to cover tuition and other fees exceeding the scholarship limit.

3. Applicants should apply directly for admission within the deadlines specified by each university/college.

VI. Application

1. Applicants should send the following documents from **January 16 to March 31, 2024** to the following address:

**Education Division
Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Boston
99 Summer Street, Suite 801
Boston, MA 02110
ATTENTION: Cynthia Huang**

2. Application Documents:

- (1) Taiwan Scholarship Program Application Form
 - (2) A copy of the applicant's passport information page(s).
 - (3) A copy of the highest degree (diploma) and original copy of academic transcripts (sent from registrar's office). If issued by international educational institutions, these documents must be authenticated by an overseas Representative Office of the Republic of China (Taiwan) or be sealed and delivered by the institutions.
Documents in a language other than Chinese or English must be translated into Chinese or English and the translated documents must be authenticated by the above office.
 - (4) A copy of the admission application form sent to universities/colleges in Taiwan (e.g. copies of application fee remittance, application form, receipt confirmation of application by universities/colleges, e-mails etc.)
 - (5) A copy of a Chinese language proficiency certificate:
 - a. A copy of certificate in "Test of Chinese as a Foreign Language" (TOCFL) Level 3 or above for programs conducted in Chinese.
 - b. For applications to programs conducted in English, the applicants are exempt from this rule. For information regarding English-taught programs, please check www.studyintaiwan.org. If applicants have questions regarding English-taught programs, please contact Ms. Cynthia Huang at boston@mail.moe.gov.tw
 - (6) Two letters of recommendation signed and sealed in envelopes (i.e. from principals, professors, or supervisors).
3. Applicant must send all completed documents to the Education Division, TECO-Boston by post mail before deadline. (Must be postmarked by deadline.) Failure to

include any of the required documents renders the application incomplete, and the applicant will not be considered for the scholarship without further notice.

4. Contact Person:

Ms. Cynthia Huang at boston@mail.moe.gov.tw or 617-259-1364

VII. Selection Criteria:

1. Recipients should achieve an undergraduate GPA of 3.0 or above, and a postgraduate GPA of 3.5 or above (on a 4.5 scale) to receive favorable consideration.
2. Interviews must be conducted in person or by video conference.
3. Priority will be given to applicants with a certificate in TOCFL-levels of Band B or above.
4. Application form must be completed in full. All incomplete applications are ineligible for consideration, and persons submitting incomplete applications will be withdrawn from the selection process without further notice.

VIII. Selection Notice:

1. Upon reviewing applications and conducting interviews, the Education Division, TECO-Boston will select primary candidates and alternate candidates who will be placed on a waiting list. Primary candidates and their awarding universities/colleges will be notified by May 31, 2024.
2. Primary candidates should submit a copy of their letter of admission to the Education Division, TECO-Boston for verification by June 30, 2024. Should candidates fail to submit this letter within the specified time period, the candidates must submit a written explanation to the Education Division, TECO-Boston for review. Failure to be admitted into a university/college will result in revocation of scholarship. Failure to submit documents within the specified time period will result in disqualification, and the scholarship position will be filled by the next alternate candidate on the waiting list.
3. Education Division, TECO-Boston will issue recipients with a certificate of scholarship by July 31, 2024.

IX. Upon completion of a degree program, recipients may reapply by February 28 of each year for the Taiwan Scholarship to undertake a higher degree program by following the application process as specified above. The maximum duration of each recipient's total award period is five years.

X. Other Key Provisions:

1. Scholarship applicants should apply directly for admission to universities/colleges in Taiwan.
2. Other than tuition and fees, recipients are responsible for the payment of all additional expenses. In case of financial hardship, recipients may apply to their registered universities/colleges for payments to be deducted from their subsistence allowances.
3. Should a recipient's academic and conduct performance or their attendance record fall below the required standard of their registered universities/colleges, their scholarships will be suspended or revoked in accordance with the rules and regulations of the universities/colleges.
4. Should recipients be in simultaneous receipt of any other award or subsidy granted by a related Taiwan Government agency or education institution in Taiwan, upon verification, their scholarships will be revoked and any stipend and subsistence allowance given to them during the period of overlap shall be returned.
5. Recipients are required to enroll in the National Health Insurance program through universities/colleges after residing in Taiwan for 6 consecutive months. They must purchase other medical insurance before enrolling in the National Health Insurance program.
6. Upon enrollment at universities/colleges in Taiwan, recipients are not allowed to study in any other country as exchange or dual/joint degree students. Should such a case occur, the recipient's scholarship will be revoked and the remainder of the award period shall not be retained or deferred. Recipients on exchange as part of the degree program are exempt from this rule, but they shall not receive any tuition and subsistence allowance during the time period outside of Taiwan.
7. All documents and information provided to the Education Division, TECO-Boston shall be accurate. If the recipient submits fraudulent or altered documents, the scholarship will be revoked immediately and any tuition grant and subsistence allowance given to the recipient shall be reclaimed as well.
8. Recipients are required to participate in all official activities related to the scholarship, such as the Recipients' Orientation and Farewell Party, otherwise, their scholarship shall be revoked.

2024年臺灣獎學金申請表

APPLICATION FORM FOR THE 2024 TAIWAN SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

INSTRUCTIONS:

This application form should be typed in English or Chinese and completed by the applicant. Each question must be answered clearly and completely. Detailed answers are required in order to make the most appropriate arrangements. If necessary, additional pages of the same size may be attached. 本表請申請人以英文或中文詳實打字工整填寫，慎勿遺漏，以利配合作業，如有需要，申請人可自行以同款紙張加頁說明。

Please check. 請選以下選項

<p>Which type of scholarship are you applying for?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Undergraduate Scholarship 大學獎學金</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Master Scholarship 碩士獎學金</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Doctoral Scholarship 博士獎學金</p>
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1. PERSONAL DATA 個人基本資料

a. NAME 姓名 (Please make sure same as in Passport)	Title 稱謂: Mr./Mrs./Ms. Surname (Last name) 姓:	Please attach a recent photograph taken within the last 3 months. <u>最近三個月相片</u>
	Given Name(s) 名: Chinese Name 中文姓名:	
b. CITY and COUNTRY OF BIRTH 出生城市及國別		
c. NATIONALITY 國籍	*Note: If one or both of your parents was an ROC national at the time of your birth, you are an ROC national as well and therefore not eligible to apply.	
	Do you hold the Alien Permanent Resident Certificate of ROC? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
d. PARENTS' INFORMATION 家長資料	PARENT 1	PARENT 2
	Name 姓名: Nationality 國籍: Place of Birth 出生地:	Name 姓名: Nationality 國籍: Place of Birth 出生地:

8. PLEASE BRIEFLY STATE YOUR STUDY PLAN WHILE IN TAIWAN.請簡述在臺讀書計畫

(If necessary, additional pages may be attached.)

9. DECLARATION: I declare that:

- I am neither concurrently an ROC national, nor an overseas compatriot of the ROC, **nor hold the Alien Permanent Resident Certificate of ROC;**
- I am not currently undertaking studies in Taiwan for the same educational level as the scholarship type for which I am applying;
- I am not applying for this scholarship as an exchange student resulting from an agreement signed between my home institution and any Taiwan university/college;
- The information I have given on this application is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

10. CHECKLIST 檢查表

- Application Form.
- A copy of the applicant's passport or other nationality certificates.
- A copy of the highest degree and academic transcripts.
- A copy of admission application materials to universities/colleges in Taiwan
- A copy of certificate for the "Test of Chinese as a Foreign Language" (TOCFL) Level3 or above.
- Two letters of recommendation signed and sealed in envelopes (i.e. from the principals, professors, or supervisors).
Photocopies and email submissions of letters of recommendation will not be considered.
- Additional documents as specified by the Education Division, TECO-Boston.
- Sign the "Terms of Agreement". (See following page)

Applicant's Signature _____	Date ____ / ____ / ____
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教育部臺灣獎學金承諾書
Terms of Agreement for
The MOE Taiwan Scholarship Program

1. I have read, understood and am in agreement with the information and terms provided to me regarding the Scholarship Program of Taiwan, which has been awarded to me by the Republic of China on Taiwan. I also declare that the information that I have provided to the government of the Republic of China on Taiwan is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I understand and accept the condition that if I default on any of the terms associated with this scholarship, the scholarship will have to be revoked immediately and that the living expenses already received might have to be returned. (本人已閱讀、瞭解並且同意有關中華民國臺灣獎學金計畫之資料與規定，本人承諾在本人獎學金申請書所提供之資料全部屬實。本人瞭解並同意，如有任何違反獎學金規定之情事，則本人參與此項獎學金計畫之資格將被立即取消，且可能必須繳回已獲得之獎學金生活補助費)。
2. Taiwan Scholarship Program Terms of Agreement (臺灣獎學金承諾書):
 - a. I will maintain the required academic grades and attendance standards as set by the Ministry of Education and the institution that I study at. If I fail to do this, I understand that the scholarship will be suspended or revoked. (本人之學業成績及出勤應達到本獎學金作業要點及就讀學校所規定之標準，否則依該要點停發、廢止或撤銷本獎學金)。
 - b. For those who are not attending the all English program: I understand that a personally paid copy of the results or a certificate for the “Test of Chinese as a Foreign Language” (TOCFL) Level 3 (or above) should be submitted. If a copy of the TOCFL test results or certificate has not been submitted already, I understand that I will have to personally apply, pay for, and take the Level 3 TOCFL test before the end of first semester while studying in Taiwan and that I will have to turn in the test results or a copy of the TOCFL certificate to the institution that I study at before the end of the first semester. If I fail to do this, I understand that the scholarship will be suspended or revoked. (未選擇英語學程之申請人：本人已向獎學金申請單位繳交 TOCFL 進階級或同等級以上之證書或成績單影本，假如本人並未繳交，則本人願意自費於抵臺後第一學期內參加 TOCFL 進階級或同等級以上之考試，於獲得證書或成績單後將影本繳交所就讀之學校，否則依照規定停發或廢止本獎學金)。
 - c. I understand that I am required to comply with the policy of the government of the Republic of China regarding scholarship students, and am required to participate in all official activities related to the scholarship, such as the Recipients’ Orientation and the Farewell Party. If I fail to comply with this policy, I understand that my scholarship will be revoked. (本人了解獎學金受獎生必須配合政府政策參加所有與獎學金相關之官方活動，例如新生說明會以及畢業生歡送會，否則本人之受獎資格將被廢止)。
 - d. I agree to abide by the laws of the Republic of China on Taiwan, during my stay in Taiwan. If I commit criminal offences/misdemeanors, I understand that I will be dismissed from the program of study and from receiving the scholarship. (本人在中華民國停留期間，願遵守中華民國之法律，如本人有觸犯法律與行為失當等情事時，則本人之受獎資格將被廢止)。
 - e. If I have expenses that exceed the amount of the scholarship stipend, I will be held fully responsible for those expenses. (所有超出獎學金額度以外之費用，一概由本人負擔)。
 - f. Upon completion of my study program in Taiwan, I will submit a school report and my permanent residence mailing address to the institution at which I was enrolled in Taiwan and to the representative office in my home country. (在臺學業完成後，本人須提出在學成績單與本人之永久通訊地址等資料予本人就讀之大學校院及所屬國家境內之中華民國駐外機構)。
 - g. If I discontinue my study program in Taiwan, I agree to:
 - (1) Return pro rata the tuition and other semester fees paid by this scholarship program to the institution at which I was enrolled in.
 - (2) Follow the university/institution guidelines where I was enrolled at, regarding the return of the subsidies, which include the tuition and other semester fees.(如果本人因故中止在臺灣的學業，本人同意：1.向所就讀學校繳回由本獎學金計畫所支付之學雜費。2.接受就讀學校訂定之學雜費退費所有規定，並依其規定繳還本獎學金計畫代繳之學雜費補助款)。
 - h. This written promise is in both Chinese and English and should any conflict arise, the Chinese text will prevail. (本人瞭解此件承諾書有中文與英文二種文字對照版本，如解釋有歧異時，以中文版本為準)。
3. I agree that the government of the R.O.C. (Taiwan) has my permission to check and use my personal application information for the scholarship which I have provided for administrative purposes. (本人同意中華民國政府機關因執行業務需要，可蒐集、處理及利用本人所提供之個人申請及受獎相關資料)。

Name (姓名) : _____ Signature (簽名) : _____ Date (日期) : _____