

THE 2024 TAIWAN SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM GUIDELINES

Education Division, Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in New York

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I. Purpose:

The Taiwan Scholarship is provided by the Ministry of Education (MOE) to encourage outstanding international students to undertake degree study programs in Taiwan and is open to students in a wide range of disciplines. The scholarship program aims to develop outstanding future professionals and experts to meet tomorrow's needs in a global society while allowing students to familiarize themselves with the academic environment in Taiwan and promote communication, understanding, and friendship between Taiwan and the international community.

For full details of the scholarship program guidelines and recipients' rights and obligations, please see the *Taiwan Scholarship Program Directions* on the [Taiwan Scholarship and Huayu Enrichment Scholarship Program](https://taiwanscholarship.moe.gov.tw) website at <https://taiwanscholarship.moe.gov.tw>

II. Scholarship Award Value:

The MOE Taiwan Scholarship Program provides the following for each outstanding international student scholarship recipient who comes to Taiwan to undertake a bachelor's degree, master's degree, or doctorate:

- (i) Tuition and miscellaneous expenses (i.e. the course-credit fees and miscellaneous basic study-related fees): The MOE will pay up to NTD 40,000 (New Taiwan Dollars, abbreviated NTD) each semester for each recipient's approved tuition and miscellaneous expenses. If these fees exceed a total amount of NTD 40,000, the remaining amount must be paid to the university/college by the student. The "miscellaneous expenses" do not include any of the following: administration fees, thesis supervision fees, insurance premiums, accommodation, or internet access. These are all the responsibility of the scholarship recipient.
- (ii) Living allowance: The MOE provides each recipient undertaking undergraduate (bachelor's degree) studies a monthly stipend of NTD 15,000; it provides each recipient undertaking a master's degree or doctorate studies a monthly stipend of NTD 20,000.

A university may give scholarship recipients a discount for tuition and/or miscellaneous expenses. The university/college must submit details on which departments/institutes are offering scholarship recipients fee discounts for the following academic year, with a copy of the fee standards, to the MOE by the prescribed date each year, and it must also provide a copy of these to any other unit designated by the MOE.

III. Scholarship Duration and Time Limits:

- (i) The maximum time period that a Taiwan Scholarship can be awarded: four years for undergraduate programs, two years for master's degree programs, and four years for doctorate programs. The maximum total period that any one person may hold a Taiwan Scholarship is five years.
- (ii) Annual award periods begin on the 1st September and continue until the 31st August of the following year. Recipients must arrive in Taiwan and register at their university/college at the scheduled time. It is not permitted to defer taking up a Taiwan Scholarship until the following year. A student who is unable to arrive in Taiwan and register at their university/college at the scheduled time will be considered to have forfeited their scholarship eligibility, unless the student has notified the university/college and the MOE beforehand and been given permission for a delayed arrival and registration.
- (iii) Living allowance payments begin from the month when the recipient actually begins attending the university/college, and payments end when the maximum scholarship period for their degree level expires; or when the recipient graduates, withdraws from their studies, is suspended or expelled; or has their Taiwan Scholarship revoked.

IV. Number of Awards: Four (4) scholarships will be awarded by the TECO New York Education Division.

V. Eligibility:

- (i) To be eligible to apply for the Taiwan Scholarship, applicants must:
 - 1. Be a U.S. citizen
 - 2. Possess a senior high school diploma (Year 12) or post-secondary degree(s) with an excellent academic record
 - 3. Be of good moral character
- (ii) Applicants who wish to apply through the Education Division at TECO in New York must reside in one of the following four states: Connecticut, New Jersey, New York, and Pennsylvania. Those who reside in other states should submit their applications to the TECO office with jurisdiction over their local area.
- (iii) Applicants in any of the following categories are *ineligible* to apply:
 - 1. An R.O.C. national, or an overseas Chinese student, or a PARC (Permanent Alien Resident Certificate) holder.
 - 2. A person who already has and is continuing to maintain student status at any university/college in Taiwan or who has already registered to begin studies at such a university/college. This restriction does not apply to a student who will be graduating after completing a degree this year; they may apply for a Taiwan Scholarship to pursue a higher degree.
 - 3. A person who has already studied in Taiwan for a degree at the same level as the one in

which they currently intend to enroll.

4. An exchange student or dual/joint degree student who has been admitted to a university/college in Taiwan in accordance with an academic cooperation agreement between that university/college and an overseas university/college.
5. A person who has already been a Taiwan Scholarship recipient for a total of five years.
6. A person who has ever previously had their Taiwan Scholarship or MOE Huayu Enrichment Scholarship revoked.
7. A person who has received any other scholarship or subsidy from any Taiwanese government institution (organization) or any education institution in Taiwan, apart from any subsidies provided for a Taiwan Scholarship recipient by their university/college to cover any outstanding amount of their tuition and other fees that exceeds their scholarship award limit.

(iv) Applicants must apply directly to the university/college for admission within the application deadline. Each university/college sets its own application deadline.

(v) Scholarship recipients should enter Taiwan with a visa that is only for the purpose of undertaking studies.

VI. Application Deadline: Friday, April 26, 2024 (postmarked)

VII. Application Instructions:

All applicants who meet the eligibility criteria stated in Article V are welcome to submit a Taiwan scholarship application. Please mail all application documents to our office at the address listed below in Article XII. A complete application must include all of the following documents:

- a. Completed Taiwan Scholarship Application Form
- b. Copy of U.S. passport or other document that demonstrates applicant's U.S. citizenship
- c. Copy of the diploma from the applicant's highest degree attained as well as an official copy of the corresponding academic transcript. Documents in a language other than Chinese or English must be translated into Chinese or English and the translated documents must be authenticated by a Taiwanese representative office abroad.
- d. Proof of application for entrance to a university in Taiwan (examples: copy of application fee remittance, completed application form, or notice/email from the university acknowledging receipt of application)
- e. Copy of a language proficiency certificate:
 1. For applications to undertake an academic program not completely taught in English:

Applicants are required to submit a copy of their score report or certificate from the Test of Chinese as a Foreign Language (TOCFL), achieving a score of Level 3 or higher. No other test of Chinese language proficiency will be accepted.

(If the applicant cannot submit test results prior to enrollment, he/she must take the TOCFL exam within their first semester of study in Taiwan and submit the test results to their university, achieving a score of Level 3 or higher. All testing fees are the responsibility of the student.)

2. For applications to undertake an academic program taught entirely in English:

Applicants are not required to submit test scores from the Test of Chinese as a Foreign Language (TOCFL). The coursework corresponding to the applicant's highest degree attained should have been taught in English.

- f. Two (2) letters of recommendation written within three months, signed and sealed by the letter writers. Photocopies and Email submissions of letters of recommendation will not be considered.
- g. The applicant's signature on the *Terms of Agreement for the MOE Taiwan Scholarship Program* form.

VIII. Selection Procedure:

- (i) Selection will take into account whether a scholarship recipient would contribute to Taiwan's national development, as a professional contributing to their own country and to Taiwan, and assist in the growth of Taiwan's business and industry, economy, and education.
- (ii) Scholarship recipients applying to undertake a bachelor's degree must have an average GPA of 3.0 or above; those applying to undertake a master's degree must have an average GPA of 3.5 or above in their studies so far (where 4.0 is the maximum GPA). If a different grading method is used in the applicant's country, the Education Division at TECO New York will recalculate the student's grades on the above basis or will select outstanding students using the prevailing standards indicating academic excellence in that country.
- (iii) During the process of evaluating applicants for the Taiwan Scholarship, our office may invite applicants to conduct an interview or videoconference so as to better judge their demeanor and moral character. If necessary, our office will notify each applicant to schedule a videoconference time.
- (iv) Applications should be completed with all required documents. Any documents submitted as part of the scholarship application will not be returned to the applicant.

IX. Notification of Selection Results:

- (i) **The Education Division at TECO New York will announce scholarship selection results at the end of May, 2024.**

- (ii) Successful candidates selected to receive a Taiwan Scholarship must submit a copy of their letter of admission from a university in Taiwan to the Education Division at TECO New York **before Friday, June 28, 2024**, in order to confirm their scholarship eligibility.
- (iii) Candidates who cannot submit this letter by the deadline should submit a written explanation of the reasons to our office to review their circumstances. If a candidate is not admitted to any university in Taiwan, they will lose their eligibility to receive a Taiwan Scholarship. Any candidate who fails to submit admissions documents before the deadline and does not provide an explanation will be considered to have forfeited their scholarship eligibility. Our office will offer the forfeited scholarship to the next candidate highest on the waiting list.

X. Scholarship Eligibility for Continued Studies Post-Graduation:

A Taiwan Scholarship recipient who has completed their current degree program may apply for a Taiwan Scholarship to undertake a higher degree at the next level. If the original scholarship application was submitted to the Education Division at TECO New York, the new application for a second Taiwan Scholarship must be submitted to the same office by Feb. 28 each year following the instructions stated in Article VII of this document. The second scholarship application will be treated as a completely new application and will be subject to the same selection process. Students are not permitted to apply for a second Taiwan Scholarship to study for another degree at the same or a lower degree level. The total duration of receiving a Taiwan Scholarship also cannot exceed the maximum of five (5) years, as stipulated in Article III, Paragraph (i).

XI. Other Information:

For any terms and conditions not described in this guideline document, the official *Taiwan Scholarship Program Directions* published by the Ministry of Education will be followed.

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