

# Education Division, TECO in Los Angeles

## 2024 Taiwan Scholarship Program Guidelines

### Purpose of Taiwan Scholarship

The Ministry of Education (MOE) of the Republic of China established the Taiwan Scholarship Program to encourage outstanding international students to undertake degree programs in Taiwan.

### What are the benefits of the scholarship?

1. Tuition (including Credit Fee) and Miscellaneous Fee Subsidy: MOE will pay for each recipient the above-mentioned tuition and miscellaneous fees up to NTD 40,000 per semester; where the amount is over NTD 40,000, the remainder of all costs shall be covered by the recipient.
2. Stipend: a monthly stipend of NTD 15,000 (approx. USD 540, subject to exchange rate) for undergraduate, or NTD 20,000 (approx. USD 720, subject to exchange rate) for graduate recipient will be distributed through the school to cover their living and other expenses.

**Other expenses may include, but are not limited to “Thesis Advising Fee” , “Insurance” , “Dormitory Fee” , “Computer & Internet Fee” , etc. These and any additional expenses will be solely the responsibility of the recipient.**

### How long is the award period?

The award period for each study program varies as follows:

1. Bachelor’s program: maximum 4 years.
2. Master’s program: maximum 2 years.
3. Doctoral program: maximum 4 years.

**The maximum duration of each recipient’s total award period is 5 years.**

### Scholarship quota

In the year of 2024, **three** Taiwan Scholarships will be available for applicants from the Southwest areas of the USA who are applying for the **Bachelor, Master or Doctoral Programs**. Applicants 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.**

## Eligibility

An applicant must meet all of the following criteria:

1. Be a US citizen.
2. Be a high school graduate or above, have excellent academic performance in his/her most recent formal educational study experience, be of good moral character and not have any criminal records.

A person in any of the following categories is ineligible to apply:

1. An R.O.C. national (See Dual Nationality), or an overseas Chinese student (See Overseas Compatriot Students).
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 that 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 Taiwan 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 the outstanding amount if the total amount of their tuition and other fees exceeds the scholarship limit.

**Please note, applicants must apply directly to the university/college for admission within the application deadline. Each university/college sets its own application deadline.**

## **Application Procedure**

- **When to apply?**

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

- **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 Taiwan Scholarship application form and Taiwan Scholarship Terms of Agreement
2. One photocopy of US passport or other nationality certificates.
3. One authenticated or sealed copy of the highest-level diploma and an official complete grade transcript. (How to authenticate your documents? Please check our Consular Service website for more information).
4. A photocopy of admission application materials to universities/colleges in Taiwan (e.g., photocopies of application fee remittance, application form, receipt of application from universities/colleges, email confirmation).
5. A copy of a language proficiency certificate.
  - (1) For applications to undertake a program not completely taught in English: A copy of the Test of Chinese as a Foreign Language (TOCFL) score report or certificate of Level 3 or above shall be submitted.
  - (2) For applications to MOE accredited all-English programs, the TOCFL test results or certificate may be exempt.
6. Two recommendation letters, signed and sealed in envelopes (i.e. from the principals, professors, or supervisors).

- **Where to submit?**

Please send all required documents to:

Education Division

Taipei Economic and Cultural Office (TECO) in Los Angeles

3731 Wilshire Blvd., Suite 770

Los Angeles, CA 90010

Attention: Ms. Emily Shen.

Please make sure all necessary documents are signed and arranged properly.

### **Selection Criteria**

1. Recipients should achieve an undergraduate GPA of 3.0 or above and a graduate GPA of 3.5 or above (on a 4.5 scale). TECO will base their conversion calculations on the aforementioned calculation guidelines to select outstanding applicants from prestigious universities/colleges.
2. Interviews will be conducted by video conferencing or via phone/email so as to interact with the applicants and better judge their demeanor and moral character.
3. Priority will be given to applicants with a certificate in TOCFL-levels of Level 4 or above.

### **Selection Process**

1. Applications will be reviewed and **applicants will be interviewed**, and will be notified of the preliminary result of the selection by the Education Division, TECO in Los Angeles no later than **May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2024**.
2. Successful and alternative candidates should submit a copy of their letter of admission issued by university to the Education Division, TECO in Los Angeles for verification by **June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2024**. The final confirmation of the scholarship recipients will be made by July **31<sup>st</sup>, 2024**.

### **Disclaimer**

1. The Taiwan Scholarship Program Guidelines announced by the Education Division, TECO in Los Angeles is adapted from the "Ministry of Education Taiwan Scholarship Program 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. All other 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 or the related agencies.