

# Application Instructions and Guidelines for the Ministry of Education Taiwan Scholarship 2024

Conducted by the Education Division, Taipei Economic and Cultural Office (TECO) in Houston

## Purpose

The purpose of the Ministry of Education (MOE) Taiwan Scholarship is to encourage outstanding American students and individuals to go study and pursue degree programs with universities or colleges in the Republic of China (Taiwan).

# **Award Value**

The MOE provides each recipient of the MOE Taiwan Scholarship with the following:

 Tuition and fees: Upon validation of tuition and fees, the MOE will pay up to 40,000 New Taiwan Dollar (NTD) each semester for each recipient. Should the total amount of tuition and fees exceed NTD\$40,000, the remainder of all costs shall be covered by the recipient. Tuition and fees do not include any of the following: administration fees, thesis advising fees, insurance premiums, accommodation, or internet access, all of which must be paid by the recipients.

\*Some universities/colleges will provide tuition and miscellaneous expense discounts for MOE Taiwan Scholarship recipients, please refer to the following list:

https://taiwanscholarship.moe.gov.tw/web/images/pages/e7867cc1-0fd7-4d03-89d 5-eeb4844da896.pdf .

 Subsistence allowance: The MOE will provide each recipient undertaking undergraduate studies with a monthly stipend of NTD\$15,000; it will provide each recipient undertaking postgraduate studies with a monthly stipend of NTD\$20,000. 3. The foreign exchange rate from USD to NTD is estimated at 1 to 32. The actual exchange rate is subject to currency fluctuations.

#### Availabilities

There are five (5) openings available for the MOE Taiwan Scholarship 2024. Eligible applicants from Colorado, Kansas, Missouri, Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Oklahoma and Texas are welcome to submit applications.

#### **Scholarship Duration and Limits**

- 1. The maximum scholarship duration for each degree level for each recipient is as follows:
  - (1) Four (4) years for bachelor's degree programs
  - (2) Two (2) years for master's degree programs
  - (3) Four (4) years for doctoral programs
- 2. The total length of the scholarship duration for each recipient is limited to **five** (5) years in a combination of different degree levels.
- 3. The scholarship award period for each academic year is September 1 to August 31 of the following year.

#### Eligibility

- 1. Applicants must be American nationals with a high-school diploma or post-secondary degree(s), have excellent academic records, and be of good moral character.
- 2. Applicants are ineligible if any of the following restrictions apply:
  - (1) Overseas Chinese students or nationals of the Republic of China (Taiwan).
  - (2) Students who are currently registered or have obtained student status at any universities/colleges in Taiwan (graduating students pursuing further studies are

exempt from this rule).

- (3) Students who have studied in Taiwan for the same level of degree program as the one in which they intend to enroll.
- (4) Exchange or dual/joint degree students admitted in accordance with academic cooperation agreements between local universities/colleges and foreign universities/colleges.
- (5) Individuals who have been recipients of the MOE Taiwan Scholarship for over a total of five (5) years.
- (6) Individuals who have, in the past, had their MOE Taiwan Scholarship or MOE Huayu Enrichment Scholarship (HES) revoked.
- (7) Recipients of any other scholarship or subsidy funded by the Taiwan government or educational institutions in Taiwan. However, this does not include preferential prices offered by universities/colleges to cover tuition and other fees exceeding this scholarship limit.
- (8) Holders of the Alien Permanent Resident Certificate of the Republic of China (Taiwan).
- 3. Applicants should apply directly for admission within the application periods specified by each university/college.

## Application

- 1. Duration: February 1 to March 31, 2024. (\*Late applications will NOT be considered for selection.)
- Online Application: Please apply via the "2024 Taiwan Scholarship And Huayu Enrichment Scholarship" online application system

(https://taiwanscholarship.moe.gov.tw/Apply), select the category of 'TAIWAN

SCHOLARSHIP (MOE)' and upload the required documents below:

- (1) Recent photo (taken within the last 3 months);
- (2) Passport or other documents that can verify the nationality of the applicant;
- (3) Proof of application for admission to universities/colleges in Taiwan (e.g. photocopies of application form(s), etc.) \*The name of the school(s) and degree program(s) must be specified in those documents;

\*Attention:

- a. For non-English programs, a transcript or certificate of the Test of Chinese as a Foreign Language (TOCFL) of Level 3 or above is required.
- b. All-English taught programs applicants may be exempt from the TOCFL certificate requirement. Please refer to the "List of Universities/Colleges Providing Degree Programs Taught in English (for Taiwan Scholarship Recipients) 2024 academic year"

(https://taiwanscholarship.moe.gov.tw/web/images/pages/4ccaf730-5155-4 04b-af5c-08d9c1e0bd7e.pdf)

- (4) Affidavit/Declaration for the Ministry of Education Taiwan Scholarship Program (signed and dated by the applicant).
- 3. Please mail the original documents as listed below to the Education Division (\**postmarked no later than March 31*, 2024):
  - Application form and required documents printed from the online application system;
  - (2) Signed Affidavit/Declaration;
  - (3) Sealed original academic transcripts from the institution where the applicant obtained his/her highest/current degree;

(4) Two sealed letters of recommendation from school principals, professors, academic counselors, or supervisors;

Mailing address:

Attn: Taiwan Scholarship Application

Education Division of TECO in Houston

11 Greenway Plaza, Suite 2012

Houston, TX 77046, USA

Note: Documents will NOT be returned to applicants.

## Notification

All MOE Taiwan Scholarship applicants will be notified by May 31, 2024 and selected candidates must submit only a copy of an admission letter issued by a single university/college to the e-mail: <u>houston@moetw.org</u>, by June 30, 2024.

## **Selection Criteria**

- 1. Recipients' academic goals should reflect an interest in the development of the industry, economy, and education of Taiwan.
- 2. Recipients should possess an outstanding undergraduate or postgraduate Grade Point Average (GPA).
- 3. Priority will be given to applicants with a TOCFL certificate of Level 3 or above.
- 4. Applications must be completed with all the required documents attached. Incomplete applications or those missing required documents will be withdrawn from the selection process without further notice to the applicants.
- 5. Interviews with qualified candidates in person or via internet/telephone may be required

for the final selection process.

### **Other Regulations**

- The application instructions and guidelines are given in Chinese and English and, in the event of any discrepancy, the Chinese version will take precedence over the English text. For other details on the regulations for the MOE Taiwan Scholarship, please refer to the Taiwan Scholarship Program Directions, which can be downloaded at https://taiwanscholarship.moe.gov.tw/web/pages.aspx?p=7.
- For further information on the universities/colleges and programs in Taiwan, please visit <u>https://www.studyintaiwan.org/university</u>.
- 3. Program contact information:

Education Division of Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Houston

Address:

11 Greenway Plaza, Suite 2012

Houston, TX 77046, USA

Telephone: 713-871-0851

E-mail: <u>houston@moetw.org</u>

- 4. Taiwan Scholarship recipients are asked to submit a reflection statement to the Education Division of the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Houston briefly overviewing their experiences upon completion of their study in Taiwan.
- 5. Should pandemic conditions increase, all the awardees must follow entry restrictions and quarantine regulations for foreign nationals imposed by the Central Epidemic Command Center (CECC) and the Ministry of Education.