

# 2018 Taiwan Scholarship General Regulation

Stipulated by the Education Division, TECO in Los Angeles

## Purpose

The Taiwan Scholarship General Regulation is stipulated by the Education Division of Taipei Economic and Cultural Office (TECO) in Los Angeles, under the authorization of the "Taiwan Scholarship Program Directions" of the Ministry of Education (MOE), Republic of China (Taiwan), to encourage outstanding students of the United States of America to undertake degree programs in Taiwan.

## Benefits of Scholarship

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

1. Tuition (including Credit Fee) and Miscellaneous Fee Subsidy: MOE will pay for each recipient the above-mentioned tuition and miscellaneous fees up to NTD40,000 per semester; where the amount is over NTD40,000, the remainder of all costs shall be covered by the recipient.
2. Stipend: a monthly stipend of NTD15,000 (approx. US\$500, subject to exchange rate) for undergraduate, or NTD20,000 (approx. US\$660, subject to exchange rate) for graduate recipient will be distributed through the school to cover their living and other expenses.

Other fees may include, but are not limited to, "Thesis Advising Fee", "Insurance", "Dormitory Fee", "Computer & Network Fee", etc. These additional expenses will be solely the responsibility of the recipient.

## 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 2018, **four** Taiwan Scholarship quotas will be available for applicants from the Southwest areas of the USA. 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 an 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.
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 Materials**

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

1. One copy of the completed Taiwan Scholarship application form.
2. One photocopy of US passport or other nationality certificates.
3. One authenticated or sealed photocopy of the highest-level diploma and an official complete grade transcript. (How to authenticate your documents? Please check our Consular Service website or click [here](#) 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.
  - A. For applications to not all-English programs: A copy of the Test of Chinese as a Foreign Language (TOCFL) test results or certificate of Level 3 or above shall be submitted.
  - B. For applications to all-English programs, the test results or certificate may be exempted by submission of TOEFL test scores.
6. Two recommendation letters, 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.
7. A complete and signed Taiwan Scholarship Terms of Agreement.

## **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). Where grade conversion calculation differs, TECO will base their conversion calculations on the aforementioned calculation guidelines to select outstanding applicants from prestigious universities/colleges.
2. Interviews must be conducted in person or by video conferencing 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 of the “Test of Chinese as a Foreign Language” (TOCFL) of Level 3 or above.

## **Selection Process**

1. The yearly application period for Taiwan Scholarship Program is from **February 1st through March 31<sup>st</sup> of 2018.**
2. Applications will be reviewed and **applicants will be interviewed**, and will be notified of the preliminary result of the selection by the TECO by no later than **May 31<sup>st</sup> of 2018.**
3. Successful and alternative candidates should submit a copy of their letter of admission to TECO office for verification by **June 30<sup>th</sup>**. The final confirmation of the scholarship recipients will be made by **July 31<sup>st</sup>, 2018.**

## **Disclaimer**

The Taiwan Scholarship General Regulation announced by the Education Division, TECO in Los Angeles was adapted from the "Taiwan Scholarship Program Directions" of MOE. Other miscellaneous items uncovered herein shall be handled in accordance with the "Taiwan Scholarship Program Directions".