

2024 Taiwan Scholarship Program Directions (Vietnam- South of Da Nang and Cambodia)

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Purpose

The Ministry of Education (abbreviated to “MOE”) has formulated the Taiwan Scholarship Program Directions (also known as the “Taiwan Scholarship Program Guidelines”) to encourage outstanding international students (with the exception of students from the Mainland Area, Hong Kong, and Macau) to undertake educational degrees in Taiwan in order to have an exchange in the academic environment and promote communication, understanding, and friendship between Taiwan and the international community. Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Ho Chi Minh City has drawn up the 2024 Taiwan Scholarship Program Directions (Vietnam-South of Da Nang and Cambodia), in accordance with the provisions of the MOE Taiwan Scholarship Program Directions. The following information will aid in the application for the 2024 Taiwan Scholarship application:

I. Scholarship Quota and Award

For 2024, the MOE Taiwan Scholarship Program provides 30 scholarships for outstanding Vietnamese (South of Da Nang) and Cambodian students.

II. Duration of Scholarship

1. The maximum period of a Taiwan Scholarship may be held is:
 - Undergraduate programs: 4 years
 - Master’s degree programs: 2 years
 - Doctorate programs: 4 years
2. The Taiwan Scholarship year begins on September 1st and ends on August 31st of the following year. Recipients must arrive in Taiwan and register at their University within the scheduled time. Any student who is unable to arrive in Taiwan and register at their University within the scheduled time, or for any reason cannot obtain the Visa, will be considered to have forfeited their scholarship eligibility, additionally, it is not permitted for any conservation of the scholarships for the following year.
3. The maximum total period that any one person may hold a Taiwan Scholarship is 5 years. Recipients must finish a program before applying for another scholarship.
4. Applicants who have previously received scholarships from Taiwan in the past (and currently studying) and wish to apply for a scholarship to continue higher education will need to prepare based on this year's records and submit a complete application before

February 28th.

5. Scholarship duration: From the first month the applicant arrives in Taiwan for enrollment until the end of the scholarship period or upon completion, deferral, withdrawal, or suspension of the scholarship for violating regulations.

III. Award Value:

To encourage outstanding Vietnamese and Cambodian students to pursue Bachelor's, Master's, and Ph.D. degrees in Taiwan, the Ministry of Education of Taiwan offers the following benefits to applicants:

1. Tuition and miscellaneous expenses: The Ministry of Education of Taiwan will provide support for tuition and other expenses (including tuition and basic fees). Each semester, around 40,000 NTD will be covered, and if the amount exceeds 40,000 NTD, the excess must be borne by the applicant for the current academic institution. Other expenses not covered include fees for activities organized by the university, thesis guidance fees, insurance fees, accommodation fees, and internet usage fees, which the applicant is responsible for.
2. Living allowance: The Ministry of Education supports bachelor's candidates with 15,000 NTD per month and Master's and Ph.D. candidates with 20,000 NTD per month.
Note: Please refer to the attached file for a list of institutions with preferential tuition and miscellaneous fees.

IV. Deadlines for application

From January 19 to April 5, 2024, application reception period is based on the postmark.

V. Scholarship Application Conditions

1. Scholarship applicants must be citizens of Vietnam (with household registration from Da Nang southward) or Cambodia, have graduated from high school or higher, with great academic achievement and strong moral character.
2. Individuals in any of the following categories is ineligible to apply for this scholarship:
 1. Overseas nationals of the R.O.C (Taiwan), holding Taiwanese citizenship and permanent residency permits issued by the R.O.C
 2. Those 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 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. Those who have already studied in Taiwan for a degree at the same academic level as the one in which they currently intend to enroll.
 4. Students participating in exchange programs between Taiwanese universities and foreign universities.
 5. Those who have already been a Taiwan Scholarship recipient for a total of five years.
 6. Those who have previously had their Taiwan Scholarship or MOE Huayu Enrichment Scholarship revoked.
 7. Those who received any other scholarships or subsidies from any Taiwan Government institution (organization) or any education institution in Taiwan.
 8. Those who plan to be part-time students in Taiwan.
3. Applicants must apply directly to the university/college for admission within the application deadline. Each university/college sets its own application deadline.

VI. Required Documents for Scholarship Application:

Applicants need to prepare the following documents (if the application is not complete within the specified timeframe, it means the application is not suitable for the scholarship and will not be considered)

1. Complete the information in the “2024 Taiwan Scholarship Application Form” (attached with a recent 4x6 photo taken within the last 3 months)
2. **Vietnamese citizens:** A copy of the applicant’s valid ID card, Passport, and Household Registration. The Household Registration address must be from Da Nang southward. All the documents mentioned above have to remain valid.

Cambodian citizens: A copy of the applicant’s valid ID card, Passport, and Household Registration. All the documents mentioned above have to remain valid.

3. A verified/authenticated copy of their highest academic diploma and any associated academic transcripts/diploma.

- *Cambodia students who studied in Cambodia will have to also hand in proof of graduation written by the Cambodian university president/rector. Documents in a language other than Chinese or English must be translated into Chinese or English and the translated documents must also be verified/authenticated in accordance with the requirements of the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Ho Chi Minh City.*

- If the applicant is a Vietnamese/Cambodian High School or University student who has not yet graduated upon application, they must hand in a verified/authenticated graduate diploma and original diploma before August, 2024. Failure to submit verified/authenticated graduate diploma, grade report, relevant transcript, and the

original diploma before August 2024 (or has not obtained consent from the Education Division to postpone their turn in transcript) will result in disqualification from the scholarship application.

These are the requirements for verified/authenticated graduate diploma and original diploma.

3.1. Vietnam (High schools, universities from Da Nang southward):

1. Verified and translated by the Department of Justice of Ho Chi Minh City,
2. Bring the notarized translation to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Ho Chi Minh City for authentication (Bring both the original and the notarized translation)
[Note: When applying for the MOE scholarship, candidates are required to go through this step (step 2)]
3. Bring the consular authentication (both the original and the notarized translation) to the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Ho Chi Minh City for verification.
[Note: When applying for a Visa, proceed to this step (step 3)]

Note: Applying for the MOE scholarship and entering the UNIVERSITY are two parallel processes. If, during the university application process, the university requires step 3, candidates should follow the university's regulations.

3.2. Cambodia (High schools, universities from Cambodia):

1. Verified by both the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Cambodia and the Cambodia Consulate General in Ho Chi Minh City (translate to English or Chinese before Verified).
2. Bring it to the Cambodian Consulate in Ho Chi Minh City for authentication.
3. Bring it to the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Ho Chi Minh City for verification.

For further information, please browse through the following website:

<http://www.roc-taiwan.org/kh/post/157.html>

3.3. Diplomas and transcripts from other foreign countries (other than China):

1. Verified by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the country that the documents are from (translate to English or Chinese before Verified);
 2. Bring it to the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in that country for verification.
4. Copies of documents for admission to a University in Taiwan (e.g., payment receipt/transfer of application fees, a copy of the application form, email feedback from the university, etc)
 5. One of the following language proficiency certificates (If upon application the applicant

has applied to take a language test, the applicant has to turn in a copy of registration along with the application, the test result has to be turned in before 31st May 2024, if not, they will not be eligible for the scholarship):

5.1. For Chinese language programs: a copy of results or certificate for the “Test of Chinese as a Foreign Language” (TOCFL) from Level 3 onwards.

HSK Score will not be accepted. The recipient of the Scholarship must provide the original Copy of the certificate to the Education Division for verification.

5.2. For English language programs: (*Reference List of Universities/Colleges Providing Degree Programs Taught in English 2024 academic year*), copy report of English language proficiency exams:

- TOEFL pBT from 500 points or TOEFL iBT from 60 points and above
- IELTS from 5.5 and above
- TOEIC from 600 and above

The English certificate issued above must still be valid after the start of the fall semester.

6. Two recommendation letters – from a principal, a high school or university president/rector, professors, and/or supervisors – personally signed, and placed in sealed envelopes. Photocopies and email submissions of letters of recommendation will not be considered.
7. Those who are applying for all English Program, if the Program not approved by the Ministry of Education (List of Universities/Colleges Providing Degree Programs Taught in English (for Taiwan Scholarship Recipients) 2024 academic year), The applicant will have to submit a confirmation letter written by the university indicating that the department applied is an “all English Program”. If the confirmation letter cannot be turned in upon application, the letter will have to be turned in by May 31, 2024. Those who fail to submit will have their application eligibility revoked.
8. Study plan (in Chinese or English).
9. The application and relevant information turned in will not be returned to the applicant.

VII. Address for Application

Required documents are submitted by certified mail or turned in personally before the deadline to :

Educational Division, Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Ho Chi Minh City
336 Nguyen Tri Phuong, St., Ward 4, District 10, Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam
Tel. +84 (0)2838349160 Ext. 2202-2203-2204 Fax: +84 (0)28 38349180
E-mail: eduvietnam@mail.moe.gov.tw

VIII. Selection Criteria

1. Study Plan

2. Graduate diploma, Grade report & Academic achievements
3. Language proficiency
4. Letters of recommendation
5. Interview performance
6. Other relevant activities/documents

(For the interview at Education Division of Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Ho Chi Minh City, the specific time will be notified by email. If there is no response after 2 email notification, the interview qualification will be revoked.)

****The application and relevant information turned in will not be returned to the applicant.**

IX. Selection process:

From January 19 to April 5	Receive candidate applications.
From May to June	Review application and conduct interviews.
Before the end of July	Provide feedback via email to candidates in the preliminary round. Candidates who receive an email will be issued an Admission Notice. If unable to provide, the candidate's qualification will be revoked. Officially announce the final list, then scholarship certificates will be issued to the recipients
Before the end of August	The scholarship recipients will provide certified diplomas and transcripts at the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office. If not, the scholarship qualification will be revoked. The scholarship recipients attend the scholarship award ceremony and receive pre-departure information.

X. Obligations of scholarship recipients:

1. In addition to the expenses supported by the Ministry of Education and universities, scholarship recipients must pay other required fees. If the student is financially disadvantaged, they may request the school they are attending to deduct those fees from the monthly living allowance.
2. Scholarship recipients must prepare a "Health Certificate," "Taiwan Scholarship Certificate," and other required documents. Vietnamese or Cambodian candidates, after being admitted, must go to the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Ho Chi Minh City to apply for a residence visa. Candidates are exempt from visa fees, and those who do not apply for a visa before the start of the school year will be disqualified.
3. If scholarship recipients' academic performance and absenteeism do not meet the school's

standards, the scholarship may be suspended or revoked based on the regulations of the respective universities.

4. Scholarship recipients of the Taiwan Scholarship are not allowed to simultaneously receive other scholarships from the Taiwanese government or scholarships from universities. If violated, the scholarship qualification will be revoked, and the previously provided scholarship funds will be recovered.

5. According to regulations, scholarship recipients must participate in the national health insurance. Before participating in this insurance, students should buy other types of social insurance or student insurance.

6. Scholarship recipients are obliged to use the scholarship for educational purposes only and are not allowed to go to other countries for internships as exchange students or students in exchange programs. Violation will result in the cancellation of the scholarship and ineligibility for future scholarships. If the school program requires an internship abroad, the scholarship will not be revoked, but the internship period abroad will not be covered by the scholarship.

7. If the school program requires an internship abroad, the student must not forfeit the scholarship. However, the internship period abroad will not be covered by the scholarship.

8. Application for the scholarship and admission letter from the university must not be forged or falsified, violation will result in the cancellation of the scholarship and ineligibility for future scholarships. Additionally, any previously provided scholarship funds will be recovered.

9. Recipients must sign and fully fulfil “The Scholarship requirements in Taiwan”, must obey the laws and follow any instructions related to the scholarship.

10. Academic report of the recipients is required to meet certain requirements, in order to continued being qualified for the scholarship:

a. For undergraduate students the threshold would be 70%, and for Masters’ students the threshold would be 80%. However, if the university has a higher threshold for the academic requirements, that would be applicable.

b. For the PhDs’ candidate, starting from third year, the academic threshold would be set by the universities.

11. Regulations for any transfer of subjects of universities for the recipients:

a. The recipients must finish at least one semester at the current university, then they can transfer with the agreements from both the current university and the new university, in accordance with any regulations regarding to the transfer of subjects and universities.

During the scholarship period, the recipients can only transfer their subject/university once.
b. Recipients who wish to transfer their subjects/university of different academic level would have to resubmit a separate application and forfeit the current scholarship.

c. When a scholarship recipient transfers to another university, their current university must give out written details of the type of scholarship the student has been awarded, its start and end dates, and the transfer date. The university the student is transferring to must notify both the scholarship recipient and their current university in writing that it agrees to the transfer and the date of the transfer. Both institutions must send copies of all the transfer-related documents to the MOE and to any other office designated by the MOE.

12. Recipients of the scholarship must follow the instructions from the MOE and the Division of Education from the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Ho Chi Minh City; this would include language lessons, cultural and educational exchange events.

13. If, due to an epidemic, it is impossible to travel to Taiwan for study, or if the scholarship period is shortened, there will be no reservation or extension.

XI. Information disclosure:

For information on "Instructions for Applying for the Taiwan Scholarship 2024" and the "Application Form for the Taiwan Scholarship 2024," please visit the following websites:

Website: <http://www.roc-taiwan.org/VN/SGN> (Official website of the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Ho Chi Minh City, under the section "Education Division")