

2019 Ministry of Education Huayu Enrichment Scholarship (HES) Guidelines

Education Division, Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in New York

(TECO-NY serves students in CT, NJ, NY, PA)

I. Purpose:

The HES is funded by the Ministry of Education (MOE) in Taiwan. It is to encourage international students to take short-term Huayu (Mandarin Chinese) courses in Taiwan

It is an opportunity to increase their understanding of Taiwanese culture and society, and to promote mutual understanding and interactions between Taiwan and the international community.

For the details of the Scholarship Guidelines and Recipients' rights and obligations, please follow the "Ministry of Education Huayu Enrichment Scholarship International Student Directions" at <http://taiwanscholarship.moe.gov.tw>

II. Award value:

NT\$25,000 monthly stipend

III. Duration:

The HES is awarded for

- 2 months (for summer 2019 classes within June, July, and August),
- 3 months,
- 6 months, or
- 9 months.

With the exception of summer classes, the duration of the scholarship is from September 1st to August 31st of the following year. If recipients fail to come to Taiwan for enrollment during the above mentioned duration, they will forfeit their right to retain their scholarships. Scholarship funding will be effective on the date of the recipient's enrollment and will end on the month of the expiration of the scholarship or on the date when the scholarship is revoked.

IV. Number of scholarships:

Up to 180 months will be awarded by the Education Division of TECO in New York

V. Eligibility:

Applicants must be United States citizens at least 18 years of age, have a high school diploma or higher, possess excellent academic record, and be of good moral character. In addition, those who apply with the Education Division in New York must also be residents of Connecticut, New Jersey, New York, or Pennsylvania.

Candidates with one of the following qualifications are ineligible:

- Overseas Chinese student or a National of the Republic of China (Taiwan).
- Currently a registered student at any Mandarin Language Center or has been a degree-seeking student at any universities or colleges in Taiwan.
- A prior recipient of an HES or a Taiwan Scholarship.
- Will be an exchange student to Taiwan during the scholarship award period.

- Is currently receiving financial benefits from the Taiwan government and/or other Taiwan educational institutions.

VI. Application Deadline: March 31, 2019

VI. Application Documents:

- Completed application form with a statement of purpose (at least 1 page, single-spaced, in size-12 Times New Roman font); and
- Copy of passport or any other document to verify nationality of applicant; and
- Copy of the certificate/diploma of highest credential and its related transcript; and
- Copy/proof of application to a Mandarin Language Center in Taiwan; and
- Two (2) letters of recommendation in sealed envelopes.
- A signed Terms of Agreement Ministry of Education Huayu Enrichment Scholarship Program (HES) Form.

VII. Date for Release of Selection Result:

- **April 19, 2019 (For Summer Class)**
- **May 17, 2019 (For Non- Summer Class)**

VIII. Date for Submission of Approved Admission Letter to TECO office:

- **April 30, 2019 (For Summer Class)**
- **May 31, 2019 (For Non- Summer Class)**

*Note: Apply for admission according to the regulations of the Mandarin Language Centre of each University. Once admitted, the recipients should send a copy of Admission Letter to our office (Education Division of Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in New York) for confirmation. Recipients who do not send their Letters **before May 31, 2019** will be disqualified from the scholarship selection process.

IX. Terms and Conditions For the Scholarship Recipient

- a. The recipient should study only at a registered Mandarin Language Center approved by the Ministry of Education.
- b. The recipient should apply for admission according to the regulations of the language center. Once admitted, the recipient should send a photocopy of the admission letter to the Education Division of TECO in New York by June 30 for confirmation. Recipients who fail to send their required admission letters before the deadline will be disqualified from the scholarship selection process.
- c. The recipient should take at least fifteen (15) hours of language courses each week. The 15 hours does not include cultural visits, speeches, and other self-learning curriculum or activities.

- d. Recipients of the summer class (2 months), 3 months, 6 months or 9 months scholarship are not allowed to apply for a transfer.
- e. Recipients who concurrently accept grants from other sources will be disqualified from the scholarship. Scholarship funds already awarded must also be returned.
- f. Mandarin Language Centers have the right to terminate or revoke a scholarship if the recipient's academic performance, moral character, or attendance record does not meet standards.
- g. Recipients of a 6- or 9-month scholarship must participate in the National Health Insurance (NHI) program in Taiwan. Before joining NHI, recipients should also purchase relevant accidental or travel insurances. NHI fees may be deducted by the Mandarin Language Centers from the monthly stipend before granting to recipients.

X. Suspension and Cancellation:

A. The Scholarship will be suspended for one month, if one or more of the following conditions occur.

- a. The Scholarship will be suspended for one month, if the recipient has missed 12 hours or more of their language course within a single month.
- b. Starting from the first semester (quarter), if the recipient fails to obtain the specified standard score by the university (an average of 80 points out of 100), his/her scholarship will be suspended for a month in the next semester (quarter).
- c. The recipient of a nine month or longer scholarship without a Level 3 or above TOCFL certificate within 2 years prior to enrollment must hand in the certificate or transcript one month before the end of the scholarship term. If he/she fails to do so, the scholarship will be suspended for one month.

B. Scholarship Cancellation, if one or more of following conditions occur.

- a. The recipient fails to obtain the standard score (an average of 80 points out of 100) for two consecutive semesters (quarters), he/she will be disqualified from receiving the scholarship.
- b. Any recipient missing a final achievement score for any semester (quarter) will be disqualified from receiving the scholarship with the exception of a serious illness or accident.
- c. The recipient will not continue to receive the scholarship if he/she violates R.O.C. law.
- d. The scholarship will be suspended or revoked if the recipient violates University or Mandarin Language Center regulations.

XI. Contact Person

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Applicants who are permanent residents of **Connecticut, New Jersey, New York, or Pennsylvania**, should apply with the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in New York:

Education Division, TECO-NY

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