

2026 Ministry of Education Huayu Enrichment Scholarship (HES) Guidelines

Taipei Representative Office in Finland

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I. Purpose:

Funded by the Ministry of Education (MOE) of Taiwan, HES aims to attract foreign students to undertake Huayu (Mandarin Chinese) courses in Taiwan to increase their understanding of Taiwanese culture and to promote people to people linkages between Taiwan and the international community. For more information, please visit:

<https://taiwanscholarship.moe.gov.tw/web/index.aspx>

II. Award Value:

A monthly stipend of 28,000 New Taiwan Dollars

III. Duration:

- a. HES is awarded for the following durations of study:
2 months (for summer courses only, i.e. June-July 2026 or July-August 2026), 3 months, 6 months, 9 months, or 12 months
- b. With the exception of summer courses, the scholarship span must fall between September 1, 2026 and August 31, 2027. If recipients fail to arrive in Taiwan for enrollment during the designated time, they forfeit their right to retain the scholarship.
- c. Scholarship funding will become effective on the date of the recipient's enrollment. Scholarship funding will terminate according to the scholarship's expiration date or if the scholarship is revoked.

IV. Eligibility:

Applicants must be Finnish citizens at least 18 years of age, possess a high school diploma or above, demonstrate excellent academic performance, and be of good moral character. Candidates with one of the following qualifications are ineligible to apply:

- a. Is an overseas Taiwanese student or a national of the Republic of China (Taiwan)

- b. Is currently a registered student at a Mandarin Language Center or has been an undergraduate student at a university or college in Taiwan
- c. Has already received HES or the Taiwan Scholarship in the past
- d. Will be studying in Taiwan during the scholarship period as part of an exchange student program or study-abroad program
- e. Is currently receiving financial benefits from the Taiwan government or other educational institutions in Taiwan

V. Application Deadline:

For applicants of summer courses: until March 31, 2026 (postmark date).

For applicants of non-summer courses: until April 30, 2026 (postmark date).

VI. Application Instructions:

Eligible applicants are welcome to submit an HES application via postal mail. Please mail the required documents below to our office (address listed in Article XI):

- a. Completed application form
- b. Statement of purpose (1 page, single-spaced, size 12 Times New Roman)
- c. Copy of passport
- d. Copy of the diploma (or equivalent) of the applicant's highest degree attained as well as a copy of an official academic transcript (in English)
- e. Proof of application to a MOE-certified Mandarin Language Center in Taiwan (e.g. a copy of the application form)
- f. Two letters of recommendation written within three months and signed by the recommender in envelopes sealed by the recommender
- g. Terms of Agreement of the Ministry of Education Huayu Enrichment Scholarship (HES) Program signed by the applicant
- h. Others (see Article X)

Upon successful application, applicants will receive an email indicating the designated time for in-person interview at the Representative Office.

VII. Notice of Results:

For applicants of summer courses, the end of April, 2026

For applicants of non- summer courses, the end of May, 2026

VIII. Submission of Proof of Admission:

Once an applicant is selected for HES, he or she must submit a copy of the admission

letter or enrollment permit from the Mandarin Language Center to our office within a week from receiving the notice of results. Recipients who do not meet the deadlines will be disqualified.

IX. Terms and Conditions for Scholarship Recipients:

- a. Recipients should enter the R.O.C. (Taiwan) with either a visitor visa (below 6 months) or a resident visa (6 months or above) for the purpose of studying Chinese. For more information regarding entry visa, please visit:
<https://www.boca.gov.tw/cp-166-285-041cb-2.html>.
- b. The recipient should study only at a registered Mandarin Language Center approved by the Ministry of Education: <https://english.moe.gov.tw/cp-23-24206-13c8a-1.html>.
- c. The recipient should undertake at least 15 hours of language courses each week. The 15 hours do not include cultural visits, speeches, and other self-learning curriculum or activities.
- d. Recipients of the 2-month (summer courses), 3-month, 6-month, and 9-month scholarship terms are not allowed to apply for a transfer to a different Mandarin Language Center once they have enrolled.
- e. If the recipient concurrently accepts scholarships or grants from other sources, he or she will lose their placement in the HES program. Any HES funds already disbursed during the period of overlap 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 their standards.
- g. Recipients of a scholarship period longer than six months are obligated to join the National Health Insurance (NHI) program in Taiwan. Before having joined the NHI, recipients should purchase student accident insurance and other relevant insurance. NHI fees may be deducted by the Mandarin Language Centers from the monthly scholarship stipend before it is disbursed to the student.
- h. Upon completion the program in Taiwan, recipients shall submit a Report of Completion, the academic transcript and a permanent residence mailing address to his or her Language Center and to Taipei Representative Office in Finland. Recipients shall agree to fully authorize the Taiwan Ministry of Education to make public or publish the Report of Completion.

X. Suspension and Cancellation:

- a. The scholarship will be suspended for one month, if one or more of the

following conditions occur:

1. The recipient has missed 12 hours or more of their language course within a single month.
2. Starting from the first semester (quarter), if the recipient fails to attain the standard score (an average of 80 points out of 100), his or her scholarship will be suspended for one month in the next semester (quarter).
3. All recipients of scholarship terms of nine months or longer are required to take the Test of Chinese as a Foreign Language (TOCFL) and reach Level 3 or higher. Recipients should submit test results or a score certificate taken within the two years prior to application. If the recipient cannot submit test results during HES application, he or she should take the TOCFL exam during their studies in Taiwan and reach Level 3 or higher. Test results must be submitted to the student's Mandarin Language Center no later than one month prior to the end of the student's scholarship. If he or she fails to do so, the scholarship will be suspended for one month. Exam fees are to be paid by the recipients.

b. The scholarship will be cancelled, if one or more of the following conditions occur:

1. The recipient fails to attain the standard score (an average of 80 points out of 100) for two consecutive semesters (quarters).
2. Any recipient missing final grades for any semester (quarter), except in cases of grave illness or accident.
3. The recipient violates the law of Taiwan (R.O.C).
4. The recipient violates the regulations of their respective university or Mandarin Language Center.

XI. HES Application Contact Information:

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