

2019 Taiwan Scholarship Program Application Guidelines for Myanmar Students

Taipei Economic and Cultural Office (TECO) in Myanmar

I. Introduction

In an effort to encourage outstanding international students to undertake degree studies in Taiwan to familiarize themselves with the academic environment in Taiwan and promote communication, understanding and friendship between Taiwan and international community, the Ministry of Education (MOE) formulated Taiwan Scholarship Program. TECO in Myanmar drew up this application guidelines for Myanmar Students, in accordance with the provisions of the MOE Taiwan Scholarship Program Directions Amended Version in effect on December 9, 2015.

II. Scholarship Benefits

Two(2) scholarships for Myanmar students have been allocated for 2019. The Taiwan Scholarship Program provides the following benefits for each recipient undertaking a **master's degree or doctorate studies** in Taiwan :

- A. Tuition and miscellaneous expenses (i.e. the course-credit fees, and miscellaneous basic study-related fees): The MOE will pay up to NTD 40,000 each semester for each recipient's approved tuition and miscellaneous expenses. For amount exceeding NTD40,000, it must be paid to the university/college by the student. The "miscellaneous expenses" do not include any of the following: administration fees, thesis supervision fees, insurance premiums, accommodation, or internet access. These are the responsibility of the scholarship recipient.
- B. Living allowance: The MOE will provide a monthly stipend of NTD20,000.

III. Duration of Scholarship

- A. The maximum period of a Taiwan Scholarship may be held is: two years for master's degree programs, and four years for doctorate programs. The maximum total period that any one person may hold a Taiwan Scholarship is five years.
- B. The Taiwan Scholarship year begins on September 1 and ends on August 31 of the following year. Recipients must arrive in Taiwan and register at their university/college at the scheduled time. It is not permitted to defer taking up a Taiwan Scholarship until the following year. A student who is unable to arrive in Taiwan and register at his(her) university/college at the scheduled time will be considered to have forfeited their scholarship eligibility.
- C. Living allowance payments begin from the month when the recipient actually

begins attending the university/college, and they end when the maximum scholarship period for their degree level expires, or when the recipient graduates, withdraws from his(her) studies, is suspended or expelled, or has his(her) Taiwan Scholarship revoked.

IV. Eligibility

- A. Applicants must be a Myanmar national with undergraduate/ graduate degree(s), with an excellent academic record, and be of good moral character.
- B. A person in any of the following categories is ineligible to apply:
 - 1. An R.O.C. national or an overseas Chinese student. (If one or both of your parents was an ROC national at the time of your birth, you are an ROC national as well and therefore not eligible to apply.)
 - 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. He(She) 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 he(she) currently intends 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 his(her)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.
- C. Applicants must apply directly to the university/college for admission within the application deadline. Each university/college sets its own application deadline.

V. Application Documents

Applicants must submit the following documents by March 31, 2019 (From February 15 to March 31, 2019) :

- A. A properly filled 2019 Taiwan Scholarship Application Form.
- B. A photocopy of the applicant's and parents' passports and household registration.
- C. A photocopy of diploma from the highest academic level and an original copy of the academic transcripts, both in English. One letter from the university graduated from indicating study period, degree awarded and the credits earned from long-distance learning did not exceed half of the total credits earned before graduation.
- D. Photocopies of document showing that the applicant has already applied to two universities in Taiwan (for example, the application fee remittance, the application form, and a notice or email from the university/college acknowledging receipt of the application.)
- E. **One of the following language proficiency certificates:**

1. **For applications to undertake a program not all taught in English: a photocopy of result or certificate for the "Test of Chinese as a Foreign Language" (TOCFL, please refer to <http://www.sc-top.org.tw/>)**

(An applicant who has not submitted a copy of the test results or certificate at Level 3 or above must take the TOCFL test at Level 3 or above at their own expense by the end of the first semester after they arrive in Taiwan and submit their test results or certificate to their university/college. If the applicant transfers to a different university/college after the first semester, their starting semester in the new university/college is still regarded as their second semester since arriving in Taiwan. The applicant is not permitted to claim the initial semester in the new university/college as the "first semester" referred to in this requirement.)

2. **For applicants plan to study in a program all taught in English (please refer to <http://www.studyintaiwan.org/event/sit85/index.html#/home> for a complete list): a photocopy of report of test scores of PBT 550 (CBT 213 or IBT 79) or above; or of those equivalent to PBT 550, such as IELTS 6.0, TOEIC 750 or above.**

- F. Two(2) reference letters from rectors, professors, and/or supervisors, each to be sealed in an envelope by the writer of the letter.

Applicants should send the required documents by certified mail to :

Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Myanmar

No. 97/101, Dhamazedi Road, Kamayut Township, Yangon, Myanmar

VI. Selection Criteria

- A. Recipients should achieve an undergraduate GPA of 3 or above, and a postgraduate GPA of 3.5 or above (on a 4.5 scale).
- B. Interviews will be given to selected applicants in late April.
- C. Applications must be complete in full. All incomplete applications are ineligible for consideration

VII. Selection Notice

- A. Upon reviewing applications and conducting interviews, TECO in Myanmar will announce scholarship recipient candidates and alternate candidates. They will also be notified individually.
- B. Successful candidates must submit a photocopy of their letter of admission to TECO in Myanmar by June 30th 2019. A person who is not admitted into a university/college will lose his(her) eligibility to receive a Taiwan Scholarship. A person who fails to submit documents within the specified time period will be considered to have forfeited his(her) eligibility to receive a Taiwan Scholarship, and TECO in Myanmar will offer the forfeited scholarship to the alternate candidate ranking highest on the waiting list.
- C. TECO in Myanmar will issue a certificate of receiving scholarship, and assign the award period according to the recipients' level of study.

VIII. Re-Applying

Upon completion of a degree program, recipients may reapply by March 31th of each year for the Taiwan Scholarship to undertake a higher degree program by following the application process as specified above. The maximum duration of each recipient's total award period is five years.

IX. Renewal of Scholarship

The process for determining whether a scholarship recipient whose scholarship has not yet expired and will continue to receive the scholarship benefits is as follows:

- A. Scholarship recipients' average semester result must achieve the standards set out below to be permitted to continue to receive his(her) scholarship benefits:
 - 1. A postgraduate student must achieve a minimum average semester mark of 80 (out of 100); if the university/college has set a higher standard, then that standard must be met.
 - 2. If a scholarship recipient is in the 3rd or later years of a doctoral program, the manner in which his(her) result is assessed and the criteria used to determine his(her) semester result will be in accordance with the regulations of his (her) university/college.
- B. If a scholarship recipient has completed his(her) program before his(her) scholarship expires and has been given approval to undertake a degree course at the next level by his(her) university/college, the university/college that he(she) is attending may inform the MOE in writing that this has been approved, with a scholarship application form filled out by the student, transcripts of his(her) academic studies in Taiwan, and details of the appraisal of his(her) degree attached, and ask for approval to change the student's Taiwan Scholarship level and expiry date.

X. Important Provisions:

- A. Any scholarship recipient who for some reason withdraws from his(her) Studies will forfeit his(her) scholarship and any scholarship recipient who has been suspended or expelled from the university/college will have his(her) scholarship revoked.
 - 1. The living allowance will no longer be provided for a scholarship recipient who forfeits his(her) scholarship. If the change of status occurs after the 15th of a month, the student withdrawing from his(her) studies will not be required to refund the living allowance for that month. He(She) must pay back the tuition and miscellaneous expenses paid with scholarship funding in accordance with the debt recovery regulations of the university/college they have been attending.
 - 2. A student whose scholarship has been revoked must pay back all the living allowance payments and the tuition and miscellaneous expenses provided by the MOE from the date the scholarship began until the date it was revoked.

- B. Scholarship recipients are responsible for the payment of all other expenses apart from tuition and miscellaneous expenses. A scholarship recipient who is experiencing financial hardship may apply to the university/college at which he/she is registered for payments of any other expenses to be deducted from his/her living allowance.
- C. A scholarship recipient who must undertake an overseas internship that is a requirement of his/her university/college degree program will not be paid any living allowance for the time spent outside of Taiwan and he/she will not receive any scholarship money for tuition and miscellaneous expenses during the internship semester(s).
- D. A scholarship recipient whose academic average for the semester is below the standard set by his/her university/college will have his/her scholarship suspended for a month; a scholarship recipient whose academic average for the semester has been below the set standard in the two most recent consecutive semesters will have his/her scholarship revoked, starting from the next semester.
- E. If a scholarship recipient is found to be in simultaneous receipt of any other award or subsidy from any Taiwan Government institution (organization) or any education institution in Taiwan, and this has been verified, his/her scholarship will be revoked and the student must pay back all the living allowance payments and the tuition and miscellaneous expenses paid during the period when he/she was also receiving the other award or subsidy.
- F. If a scholarship recipient who has registered at a university/college and begun his/her program is absent from classes for more than one-third of any month excluding university/college summer and winter breaks, and this has been verified, the recipient's living allowance for any such month will be suspended (or have to pay back), and depending on the circumstances, the university/college where the student is registered may decide to revoke the student's scholarship.
- G. All scholarship recipients are required to join the National Health Insurance Plan in accordance with Taiwan's national legislation. Before doing so, they must purchase other related insurance and Student Group Insurance.
- H. After enrolling at a university/college in Taiwan, a scholarship recipient is not permitted to travel to any other country as an exchange student or as a dual/joint degree student. If he/she does so, his/her Taiwan Scholarship will be revoked. He/she is not permitted to retain the still unused part of his/her Taiwan Scholarship or have the award period extended for him/her

to be able to resume receiving the original scholarship when he/she returns to Taiwan.

- I. Any scholarship recipient who submits any application document or any document when he/she is enrolling that is found to be fake, misleading, has been altered in some way, or contains any falsehood will have his/her scholarship revoked and must pay back all the living allowance payments and the tuition and miscellaneous expenses provided by the scholarship from the date the scholarship began until the date it was revoked.
- J. A scholarship recipient must act in concert with the MOE's policies on students having a Taiwan Scholarship and participates in language and culture related teaching, exchanges, and activities.

Note:

*In case of any discrepancies, the Ministry of Education “ *Taiwan Scholarship Program Directions-Amended Version*” (<https://taiwanscholarship.moe.gov.tw>) Chinese version shall prevail.