

# 2020 Overseas Youth Taiwan Study Tour

## I. Objectives:

To enhance the knowledge and understanding of Taiwan's multicultural character as well as the current situation in the Republic of China (Taiwan) of overseas youth; to foster social interaction between young people in Taiwan and participants from overseas so that the latter can become a new force in their overseas community; and to promote relations between overseas youths' home countries and the Republic of China (Taiwan).

## II. Eligibility:

Young people aged 15 to 25 (as shown on passport), in good academic standing and health, adaptable to group life during the study program, currently residing outside of Taiwan, and of Chinese/Taiwanese descent, are eligible to apply; of the number of participants in each term, a quota of 5% is reserved for young supporters of Taiwan who are not of Chinese/Taiwanese descent.

## III. Activities: each session is 3 weeks long

1. Special topics: National situation and culture: national situation, economy, education, life in Taiwan and culture.
2. Tours of government, economic, and cultural institutions: Visits to the Office of the President, museums, cultural parks and creative industry parks.
3. Visits to Taiwan's major landmarks, historical monuments, and ecological parks, etc.
4. Visit to university campus and interaction with students.
5. Participation in earth environmental protection and charitable activities.

## IV. Enrollment process:

### 1. Initial screening:

Submit the following: application form (an OCAC standard form downloadable from the Internet); a medical checkup certificate(an OCAC standard form; all medical examination items are mandatory); endorsed passport or residence permit of the country in which the student resides, plus two 1.5-inch upper-body photos. Applications without the approval of the R.O.C embassies and overseas missions will be rejected (domestic applications will not be accepted). Please apply through R.O.C (Taiwan) overseas representative offices, or cultural centers of OCAC, both of which will perform initial screening. If the application is not approved by the local office or center, it will not be processed.

### 2. Final screening:

Applications will be forwarded to the OCAC for review by Taiwan's overseas representative offices, or cultural centers of OCAC . Eligible applicants will be issued an approval letter and a notification of prerequisites.

### 3. Final screening cutoff date:

Republic of China (Taiwan) embassies and overseas missions shall send the list of registered applicants to the OCAC no later than one month prior to the start of the current session. Exceeding said deadline will be regarded as withdrawal, and the number of places allocated by the OCAC will be filled by notifying students on the reserve list in the proper order, regardless of regional quota.

### 4. Entry visa:

Applicants should check to make sure they have all documents required to apply for their own Taiwan entry visa.

## V. Registration

1. Check-in time and place: Please see the instructions in the notification.
2. At time of check-in, the student shall pay the self-paid amount due, hand over their passport, and receive their student ID card, student handbook, and dormitory room assignment.
3. Tuition fee: the total fee for each student is NT\$32,000 per term. The fee is shared between the student and OCAC as follows:
  - 1.) Paid by the student:
    - (a) Registration fee: NT\$12,000 per person, to be paid to the host unit at the time of check-in. There will be no refund to those who leave the program early.
    - (b) Individual student airfare, visa fees, luggage transport fees, and money for incidental expenses.
    - (c) Expenses associated with arranging medical insurance in the student's home country prior to arrival in Taiwan.
    - (d) Student's medical treatment expenses that may arise during the program, as well as any compensation for damage caused by the student (the parents will assume joint and several liability).
  - 2.) Paid by OCAC:

NT\$20,000 per person, covering teaching, materials, trips, visits, accommodation, transportation, administration, and other expenses.

## VI. Important Notices:

1. During the program, students must abide by all rules and regulations and comply with the disciplinary rules. Serious violations can result in expulsion by the OCAC, to which student and parents should not object to, nor should return of expenses for joining this program that have already been paid be demanded.
2. Students must arrange for medical insurance in their country of residence prior to arrival. Should medical treatment be necessary for the student during the program for a sudden illness or recurrence of chronic symptoms, any related medical fees shall be paid by the participant; neither the student nor the parents may make any claim for compensation to OCAC or the sponsor.
3. Applicants who have special medical conditions such as heart disease, cerebrovascular disease, diabetes, mental illness, epilepsy, infectious disease, or pregnancy should not participate in the program. Applicants are solely responsible for the care of their medical conditions while participating in the program. The study program will not be liable for any damages or accidents that occur as a result of applicants' preexisting health conditions. Applicants have to pay their own medical and return expenses.
4. Applicants with a prior record of drug abuse, criminal activity, or other misconduct will not be allowed to enroll.
5. To ensure that opportunities to participate are distributed fairly, those who have never been to Taiwan to take part in this activity will be given enrollment priority.