

2014 MINISTRY OF EDUCATION HUAYU ENRICHMENT SCHOLARSHIP (HES)

January 21, 2014
Education Division, Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in New York
(TECO-NY serves students in CT, NJ, NY, PA)

Purpose:

To encourage international students to take short-term Huayu (Mandarin Chinese) courses in the Republic of China, as an opportunity to increase their understanding of Taiwanese culture and society, and to promote mutual understanding and interactions between Taiwan and the international community.

Award value:

NT\$25,000 monthly stipend

Duration:

The HES is awarded for

- 2 months (for summer 2014 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.

Number of scholarships:

Up to 120 months will be awarded by the Education Division of TECO in New York

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.

Application:

- 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.

Documents must be mailed to the following address (postmarked) **by March 31, 2014**:

**Education Division, TECO-NY
(Attention: HES)
1 East 42nd Street, 6th Floor
New York, N.Y. 10017**

Selection Procedure:

Application and related documents will be thoroughly and holistically reviewed if they are in proper order (i.e., application is complete and is postmarked by the deadline).

If a successful candidate waives his/her scholarship before arriving in Taiwan, the forfeited scholarship will be filled by the next suitable candidate, as selected by the Education Division of TECO in New York. Such forfeiture can be filled if scholarship recipient waives his/her scholarship before November 30, 2014.

Payment Procedure:

Mandarin Language Centers should follow the schedule and procedures stated below to request for reimbursement and verification from the MOE.

- a. This scholarship is granted twice a year. The first payment which is due on January 15 covers the period from January to August. The second payment, which is due on September 30, covers the period from September to December and also the summer classes. The verification process of granted funding should be completed before putting in another request. The recipient list and the receipt made out to the Ministry from the Mandarin Language Centers are mandatory for verification purposes. If unable to apply in time for the grant, the Mandarin Language Centers should pay for the monthly allowance in advance.
- b. Universities should verify grants twice a year with the MOE. The first verification is due on September 30 which covers the period from January to August. The second verification is due on December 15 which covers the period from September to December. A scholarship budget report and income and an expenditure statement signed by a designated accountant and the president are required for verification. Unused funds should be returned. The original receipt should be retained by the universities for their audits.
- c. The request, payment, and verification of the grant should comply with the Ministry's subsidy and commission expense verification guidelines.

Terms and Conditions:

A. 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.

B. For the affiliated Mandarin Language Centers

- a. Mandarin Language Centers should accept international students according to their own criteria and notify the applicants before June 15.
- b. Mandarin Language Centers should arrange for recipients of a nine month or longer scholarship to participate in the Level 3 test of TOCFL. The recipients will have to pay for their own test fees.
- c. Scholarships that have been revoked must follow regulations: the Mandarin Language Center should clearly state the reason and the effective date of the termination or suspension, the unused scholarship grant should be returned to the MOE. In the meantime, the center should notify the Bureau of Consular Affairs, National Immigration Agency, the embassy or mission concerned, the recipient affected, and the agencies appointed by the MOE. Scholarships will be revoked under one or more of the following circumstances:
- d. After the recipient has completed the registration process, the Mandarin Language Center concerned should either hold an orientation or employ alternative methods to explain the suspension and cancellation related regulations to the recipient. It should also grant the monthly allowance on time and pay attention to any suspension or cancellation of the scholarship.
- e. Mandarin Language Centers should allocate an office or staff to keep in contact with recipients, along with providing guidance and assistance at their school and for their daily life.
- f. Mandarin Language Centers should arrange at least 15 hours of language courses for the recipients per week. This does not include cultural visits, speeches, self learning curriculum or activities.