

**Ministry of Education, Taiwan Scholarship
Singapore Student Directions, Year 2023**

1. No. of Scholarship: 3

2. Application Deadlines: 31st March 2023

3. Eligibility:

- a) Singapore citizen
- b) At least accredited Diploma, any other equivalent academic qualifications, with an excellent academic record, and be of good moral character.
- c) The total average GPA score of academic performance in school is 4 points (5 points) as the full score, the average score of the undergraduate department should be above 2.7 points (3.5 points), and the average score of the master's class should be above 3.0 points (3.8 points).
- d) **Candidates with one of the following qualifications may not apply:**
 - 1. An R.O.C. national or an overseas Chinese student.
 - 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. They 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 they currently intend 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 5 years.
 6. A person who has ever previously had their 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, apart from any subsidies provided for a Taiwan Scholarship recipient by their university/college to cover the outstanding amount if the total amount of their tuition and other fees exceeds the scholarship limit.
- e) Applicants must apply directly to the university/college for admission within the application deadline.

4. Scholarship benefit:

- (i) 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. If these exceed a total amount of NTD 40,000, the remaining amount 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 all the responsibility of the scholarship recipient.
- (ii) Living allowance: The MOE provides each recipient undertaking university undergraduate studies a monthly stipend of NTD 15,000 ; it provides each recipient undertaking a master's degree or doctorate studies a monthly stipend of NTD 20,000.

5. Scholarship Duration and Time Limits:

- (i) The maximum period a Taiwan Scholarship may be held is: four years for undergraduate programs, 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.
- (ii) 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 their university/college at the scheduled time will be considered to have forfeited their scholarship eligibility, unless the student has notified the university/college and the MOE beforehand and been given permission for a delayed arrival and registration.
- (iii) 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 their studies, is suspended or expelled, or has their Taiwan Scholarship revoked.

6. Applicants must submit the following documents to Taipei Representative Office in Singapore before 31 March 2023:

- (i) A Taiwan Scholarship Application Form
- (ii) A Photocopy of the applicant's passport
- (iii) A Photocopy of their highest academic award and of the associated academic transcripts.
- (v) A Photocopies of documentary evidence that the applicant has already applied to a university/college in Taiwan (for example, photocopies of the application

fee remittance, the application form, and a notice or an email from the university/college acknowledgment receipt of the application)

(vi) 2 Reference letters – from a principal, a college or university president, professors, and /or supervisors – personally signed, and placed in sealed envelopes.

(vii) For applications to undertake a program not completely taught in English:

(1) If the Test of Chinese as a Foreign Language (TOCFL) is organized and held by the local Taiwan Representative Office in the applicant's country or region: a copy of the test results or a certificate at Level 3 or above must be submitted. Results or certificates from any other Chinese proficiency test will not be accepted.

If, however, an applicant is unable to take the TOCFL test because of geographical factors and the local Taiwan Representative Office has reviewed their circumstances and approves, then their case may be treated as if their Taiwan Representative Office does not organize TOCFL testing.

(2) If TOCFL testing is not organized by the local Taiwan Representative Office: 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.

(3) If the applicants wants to undertake a program completely taught in English, their local Representative Office may decide whether the applicant is permitted to not submit TOCFL test results or a TOCFL certificate and may instead require them to submit TOCFL test scores that meet a standard that is sets or a certificate for some other English proficiency exam that is recognized by the government of the country where they are located, or an English language program graduation diploma (applicants who are citizens of a country where English is an official language are not subject to this requirement). The degree program completely taught in English that an applicant is applying to undertake must have been accredited by the MOE. If the English-language degree program has not been accredited by the MOE, then the applicant must obtain a document formally issued by the university /college (not a subsidiary department or unit) that the applicant wants to attend certifying that the degree program in question is fully taught in English.

(viii) Any additional documents specified by Taipei Representative Office in Singapore

(IX) Send the application documents by registered mail to the following address:

Taipei Representative Office in Singapore

(2023 Taiwan Scholarship)

460 Alexandra Road #23-00, mTower

Singapore 119963

7. Selection Notice

- a) Shortlisted candidates will undergo the interview.
- b) If you have been shortlisted, you will be contacted thru email by 15th April 2023. The interview will be contacted in Mid-May 2023.
- c) Successful candidates will be announced online on 31st May 2023.

- d) Successful candidates must submit a photocopy of their letter of admission to Taipei Representative Office in Singapore by June 30th 2023. A person who fails to submit documents within the specified time period will be considered to have forfeited their eligibility to receive a Taiwan Scholarship, and Taipei Representative Office in Singapore will offer the forfeited scholarship to the candidate highest on the waiting list.
- e) Scholarship recipients are required to attend the official scholarship award ceremony.

8. Terms and Conditions for Recipients

A Taiwan Scholarship recipient who has completed their degree program within the prescribed may then apply for a Taiwan Scholarship to undertake a higher degree at the next level. Such applications must be submitted by February 28 each year and in accordance with the provisions of Article 5, the new application and all the required documents must be submitted to Taipei Representative Office in Singapore. This will be treated as a completely new application and be subject to the same selection process. They are not permitted to apply for a second Taiwan Scholarship to do another degree at the same level or another degree at a lower degree level. A scholarship recipient is not permitted to hold a Taiwan Scholarship longer than the maximum total period of five years

9.Suspension and Cancellation

- (1) Scholarship recipients' average semester results must achieve the standards set out below to be permitted to continue to receive their scholarship benefits:

Undergraduate students must achieve a minimum average semester mark of 70, postgraduate students must achieve a minimum average mark of 80; if the university/college has set a higher standard, then that standard must be met.

- (2) If a scholarship recipient is in the 3rd year or later year of a doctoral program, the manner in which their results are assessed and the criteria used to determine their semester results will be accordance with the regulations of their university/college.

10. Transfers:

(1) A scholarship recipient who has completed one semester or more of studies at a particular university/college or in a particular department or institute there is allowed to transfer to another university/college or department/graduate school, if the two educational institutions involved approve the request. The transfer is handled in accordance with the regulations formulated by the educational institutions. A transfer to another university/college or department/graduate school to a degree program at the same level may only be undertaken once while receiving a Taiwan Scholarship.

(2) A scholarship recipient who wants to transfer to a different degree program at another university/college/department/graduate school must re-apply to Taipei Representative Office in Singapore for the degree that they want to transfer from and no longer continue. They are not permitted to continue to receive their current Taiwan Scholarship if they transfer to a different degree.

11. Other Important Provisions for international students:

(1) 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 they

are registered for payments for any other expenses to be deducted from their living allowance.

(2) If a scholarship recipient's academic performance, or conduct, or their attendance record falls below the standard required by the university/college at which they are registered, their scholarship will be suspended or revoked, in accordance with the rules and regulations of their university/college.

(3) 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, their 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 they were also receiving the other award or subsidy.

(4) 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 medical and accident insurance.

(5) 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 they do so, their Taiwan Scholarship will be revoked. They are not permitted to retain the still unused part of their Taiwan Scholarship or have the award period extended for them to be able to resume receiving the original scholarship when they return to Taiwan.

(6) A scholarship recipient whose university/college degree program requires them to undertake an overseas internship may be exempt from being considered to have forfeited their scholarship, but they will not receive any scholarship money for tuition and miscellaneous expenses during the internship semester(s) and will not receive any living allowance for time spent outside of Taiwan.

(7) Any scholarship recipient who submits any application document or any document when they are enrolling that is found to be fake, misleading, has been altered in some way, or contains any falsehood will have their 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.

(8) Scholarship recipients must act in concert with the MOE's policies for students who have a Taiwan Scholarship and participate in language and culture related teaching, exchanges, and activities.