

Ministry of Education, Huayu Enrichment Scholarship (HES)

Singapore Student Directions, Year 2024

1. Purpose

To encourage Singaporean students to undertake Huayu courses in the Republic of China (Taiwan), to provide opportunities to increase their understanding of Taiwanese culture and society, and to promote mutual understanding and interactions between the peoples of Taiwan and Singapore.

2. Award Value

A monthly stipend of NTD 25,000

3. Duration

- a) From 1 September 2024 to 31 August 2025
- b) Three, six, nine months or a year
- c) The funding will commence from the day of the recipient's enrollment and end according to the aforementioned periods or when the scholarship is revoked.

4. Eligibility

Singaporean citizens above the age of 18, who possess a high school diploma or above, have shown excellent academic performance, and are of good moral character.

Candidates with one of the following qualifications may not apply:

- a) Is a R.O.C. overseas compatriot student or a national of the R.O.C.
- b) Is currently registered as a student at a Mandarin Language Center or has sought a degree from a university or college in Taiwan.
- c) Has already received a HES or a Taiwan Scholarship in the past.

- d) Is an exchange student to Taiwan during the scholarship period.
- e) Is currently receiving financial benefits from the Taiwanese government or an educational institution.

5. Application

Applicants need to submit the following documents to the Taipei Representative Office in Singapore **before 31 March 2024**.

- a) An application form.
- b) A photocopy of passport.
- c) A photocopy of their highest academic award and of the associated academic transcripts. All academic awards and transcripts must be authenticated at the office of Taipei Representative Office in Singapore. If the documents are not issued in Singapore, please submit them to the respective country of origin for authentication first, and then to the pertaining R.O.C. embassy or Taiwan representative office for authentication.
- d) A photocopy of the applications to the Mandarin Language Center.
- e) Two reference letters – from a principal, a college or university president, professors, and/or supervisors – personally signed, and placed in sealed envelopes.
- f) Other documents required by the Taipei Representative Office in Singapore (if necessary).
- g) Please send the application documents by registered mail to the following address:

**Taipei Representative Office in Singapore
(2023 Huayu Enrichment Scholarship)
460 Alexandra Road #23-00 mTower
Singapore 119963**

6. Selection Notice

- a) Shortlisted candidates will be contacted through email by 15 April 2024 for an interview in May 2024.
- b) Successful candidates will be announced on the website of the Taipei Representative Office in Singapore on 31 May 2024.
- c) Successful candidates must submit a photocopy of their letter of admission to the Taipei Representative Office in Singapore by 30 June 2024. Candidates who fail to submit documents within the specified time period will be considered to have forfeited their eligibility to receive a Huayu Scholarship, and the Taipei Representative Office in Singapore will offer the forfeited scholarship to the candidate highest on the waiting list.
- d) Scholarship recipients are required to attend the official scholarship award ceremony.

7. Terms and Conditions for Recipients

- a) The recipient should undertake at least 15 hours of language courses each week. This does not include cultural visits, speeches, and other self-learning curriculum or activities.
- b) After the first semester (quarter), recipients of a maximum one-year scholarship can request a one-time only transfer to another Mandarin Language Center with the permission of the original Mandarin Language Center.
- c) Recipients of 3-month, 6-month or 9-month scholarship are not allowed to apply for a transfer.
- d) Scholarship recipients found to be in simultaneous receipt of any other award or subsidy from any Taiwan Government institution (organisation) or any

education institution in Taiwan will lose their placement in the scholarship programme. Any funds granted during those times of multiple scholarships must be returned.

- e) The termination and cancellation of a scholarship is based on regulations specified by each individual Mandarin Language Center. Mandarin Language Centers have the right to terminate or revoke a scholarship if the recipient's academic performance, moral character, or attendance record are not up to their standards.
- f) Recipients of a six-month or longer scholarship are obligated to join the National Health Insurance Program. Before joining, recipients should purchase student accident insurance and other relevant insurance. Insurance fees may be deducted by the Mandarin Language Centers from the monthly stipend before granting it to recipients.

8. Suspension and Cancellation

A. The Scholarship will be suspended for one month, if one or more of the following conditions occur:

- a) The Scholarship will be suspended for one month if the recipient has missed 12 hours or more of their language course within a single month.
- b) Starting from the first semester (quarter), if the recipient fails to obtain the specified standard score by the university (an average of 80 points out of 100), the scholarship will be suspended for a month in the next semester (quarter).
- c) The recipient of a nine-month or longer scholarship without a Level 3 or above TOCFL certificate within two years prior to enrollment must submit the certificate or transcript one month before the end of the scholarship

term. Applicants failing to do so will render their scholarship suspended for one month.

B. Scholarship Cancellation, if one or more of following conditions occur:

- a) Recipients failing to obtain the standard score (an average of 80 points out of 100) for two consecutive semesters (quarters) will be disqualified from receiving the scholarship.
- b) Recipients failing to submit the score of any particular semester (quarter) will be disqualified from receiving the scholarship with the exception of a serious illness or accident.
- c) Recipients breaking any law of the R.O.C. will be disqualified from receiving the scholarship.
- d) The scholarship will be suspended or revoked if the recipient violates University or Mandarin Language Center regulations.