

Ministry of Education, Taiwan Scholarship Singaporean Student Directions, Year 2024

1. Application Deadlines: 31 March 2024

2. Eligibility:

(1) Singaporean citizen

(2) Accredited diploma or any other equivalent academic qualifications, with an excellent academic record, and be of good moral character.

(3) For undergraduate applicants, the average GPA should be above 2.7 (3.5) out of 4 (5). For masters applicants, the GPA should be above 3.0 (3.8).

(4) Candidates with one of the following qualifications may not apply:

A. A R.O.C. national or an overseas compatriot of the R.O.C.

B. Anyone 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 students who will be graduating after completing a degree that year. They may apply for a Taiwan Scholarship to pursue a higher degree.

C. Anyone who has already studied in Taiwan for a degree at the same level as the one in which they currently intend to enroll.

D. 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.

E. Anyone who has already been a Taiwan Scholarship recipient for a total of 5 years.

F. Anyone who has previously had their Taiwan Scholarship or MOE Huayu Enrichment Scholarship revoked.

G. Anyone 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.

(5) Applicants must apply directly to the university/college for admission within the application deadline.

4. Scholarship benefit:

- (1) 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 must be borne by the scholarship recipient.
- (2) 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:

- (1) 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.

- (2) The Taiwan Scholarship year begins on 1 September and ends on 31 August 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. Any 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.
- (3) Living allowance payments begin from the month when the recipient begins the studies and end when the maximum scholarship period for their degree level is reached, 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 the Taipei Representative Office in Singapore before 31 March 2024:

- (1) A Taiwan Scholarship Application Form
- (2) A photocopy of the applicant's passport
- (3) A photocopy of their highest academic award and of the associated academic transcripts. All academic awards and transcripts must be authenticated at the Taipei Representative Office in Singapore. If your documents are not issued in Singapore, please submit them to the respective country of origin first and then to the relevant R.O.C. embassy or Taiwan representative office for authentication.
- (4) 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)

- (5) Two reference letters – from a principal, a college or university president, professors, and /or supervisors – personally signed, and placed in sealed envelopes.
- (6) For applications to undertake a programme not completely taught in English: applicants must at their own expenses take a Level 3 or above TOCFL test and submit a copy of the test results or certificate to their university/college by the end of the first semester after they arrive in Taiwan. If the applicant transfers to a different university/college after the first semester, their starting semester in the new university/college is still considered as their second semester since arriving in Taiwan.
- (7) If the applicants would like to undertake a programme completely taught in English, the Taipei Representative Office in Singapore may decide whether the applicant is permitted to not submit TOCFL test results or a TOCFL certificate. The degree programme completely taught in English in question must have been accredited by the MOE. Should this have not been the case, the applicant must obtain a document formally issued by the pertaining university/college (not a subsidiary department or unit) certifying that the degree programme in question is fully taught in English.
- (8) Any additional documents specified by the Taipei Representative Office in Singapore
- (9) Send the application documents by registered mail or in person to the following address:

Taipei Representative Office in Singapore

(2024 Taiwan Scholarship)

460 Alexandra Road #23-00, mTower

Singapore 119963

7. Selection Notice

- a) Shortlisted candidates will be invited through email for an interview by 15 April 2024. The interview will be conducted in mid-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 failing to submit documents within the specified time period will be considered to have forfeited their eligibility to receive a Taiwan 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.

8. Terms and Conditions for Recipients

Any Singaporean recipient of Taiwan Scholarship who has completed their degree programme within the prescribed period may then apply for a Taiwan Scholarship to undertake a higher degree at the next level. Such applications must be submitted by 28 February each year. Applications and all the required documents must be submitted to the 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 or a lower level. The maximum period of any individual to be awarded Taiwan Scholarship is 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:

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 third 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 in accordance with the regulations of their university/college.

10. Transfers:

- (1) Any scholarship recipient who has completed one or more semester(s) 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 should be handled in accordance with the regulations formulated by the educational institutions. A transfer to another university/college or department/graduate school to a degree programme at the same level may only be undertaken once while receiving a Taiwan Scholarship.
- (2) A scholarship recipient who wishes to transfer to a different degree programme at another university/college/department/graduate school must seek the approval of the Taipei Representative Office in Singapore.

11. Other Important Provisions for international students:

- (1) Scholarship recipients are responsible for all expenses apart from tuition and miscellaneous expenses. Any scholarship recipient experiencing financial difficulty 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 may 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 (organisation) or any education institution in Taiwan, their scholarship will be revoked and the student must pay back all the living allowances, the tuition fees 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. Before doing so, they must purchase other medical and accident insurance.
- (5) After enrolling at a university/college in Taiwan, any 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 unused part of their Taiwan Scholarship or have the award period extended or altered.
- (6) Any scholarship recipient whose university/college degree programme requires them to undertake an overseas internship may retain their scholarship, but the scholarship will be suspended during their time 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, altered

in any 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.

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