

2026 Ministry of Education Huayu Enrichment Scholarship (HES)

Guidelines

Education Division, Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in New York (TECO-NY)

2026, January 23rd

I. Purpose:

The HES is funded by the Ministry of Education (MOE) in Taiwan. Its intent is to encourage international students to undertake Huayu (Mandarin Chinese) courses in Taiwan in order to increase their understanding of Taiwanese culture and society, and to promote mutual understanding and interactions between Taiwan and the international community.

II. Award value:

A monthly stipend of 28,000 New Taiwan Dollars.

III. Duration:

- a. The HES is awarded for the following durations of study:
 - 2 months (summer session only)
 - 3 months
 - 6 months
 - 9 months
- b. The scholarship award duration **MUST** given to current 2026 academic year but no later than Spring semester 2027. If recipients fail to arrive in Taiwan for enrollment during the designated time, they will forfeit their right to retain their scholarships.
- c. Scholarship funding will become effective on the date of the recipient's enrollment. Scholarship funding will end according to the scholarship's expiration date or if the scholarship is revoked.
- d. Total of **240** months of Scholarship available for academic year of 2026.

IV. Eligibility:

Applicants must be United States citizens at least 18 years of age, possess a high school diploma or above, demonstrate excellent academic performance, and be of good moral character. In addition, those who apply through the Education Division of TECO in New York must be residents of one of the four states in our service area: New York, New Jersey, Connecticut and Pennsylvania.

Candidates with one of the following qualifications are *ineligible* to apply:

- a. Currently a registered student at any Mandarin Language Center or has been a degree-seeking student at any university or college in Taiwan.
- b. Has already received an HES, or a Taiwan-US Alliance (TUSA) Summer Scholarship or a Taiwan Scholarship in the past.
- c. Will be studying in Taiwan during the scholarship award period as part of an exchange student program or study-abroad program.
- d. During the study period in Taiwan, receiving financial benefits (including awards and subsidies) from the Taiwan government agencies, institutions, and/or schools in Taiwan.
- e. Starting from the Summer Term of the 115th (2026) Academic Year, applicants holding landing visas, electronic visas, or visa-exempt entry will not be eligible to receive the Mandarin Language Scholarship.

V. Application Deadline: Tuesday, March 31st, 2026 (postmark date)

VI. Application Instructions:

All applicants who meet the eligibility requirements stated in Article IV are welcome to submit an HES scholarship application. Applicants should follow the guidelines announced by the overseas offices (usually announced in January or February every year) and submit all required documents to the Taiwanese overseas offices in their home country or the country that has jurisdiction over their nationality before the application deadline. Please **MAIL** all application documents to our office at the address listed below in Article X.

A complete application **MUST include** all of the following documents:

- a. Completed application form. Please visit <https://depart.moe.edu.tw/NY/Default.aspx> for the application form.
- b. Statement of purpose (1 full page, single-spaced, size 12 Times New Roman font)
- c. Copy of U.S. passport or other document that demonstrates applicant's US citizenship
- d. Copy of the diploma/certificate from the applicant's highest degree attained
- e. An official academic transcript of the latest semester
- f. Proof of application to a Mandarin Language Center in Taiwan (such as a copy of the application form, the admission letter, etc.)

- g. Two (2) letters of recommendation written in English within three months, in envelopes sealed by the letter writers
- h. The applicant's signature on the *Terms of Agreement Ministry of Education Huayu Enrichment Scholarship Program (HES) Form*

VII. Deadline to submit admissions letter:

All scholarship applicants must also apply *separately* for admission to a Mandarin Language Center at a university in Taiwan following each center's regulations. Once a student is successfully awarded with the HES scholarship, he/she must submit a copy of the admissions letter or enrollment permit from the Mandarin Language Center to our office by the following date:

- **Tuesday, March 31st, 2026 (Summer Sessions Only)**
- **Tuesday, June 30th, 2026**

Scholarship recipients who do not send their admissions letter by these deadlines will be disqualified from the scholarship selection process.

VIII. Terms and Conditions for Scholarship Recipients:

- a. Recipients should only enter the R.O.C. (Taiwan) with either visitor visa or resident visa (for the study period of 6 months or above) for the purpose of studying Chinese. For more information regarding entry visa please visit:
<https://www.boca.gov.tw/cp-166-288-b3876-2.html>.
- b. The recipient should only study at the Mandarin Language Center affiliated with universities and colleges approved by the Ministry of Education for conducting overseas recruitment (please see our website for list of approved centers).
- c. 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 the Education Division of TECO in New York for confirmation by **June 30th, 2026 (non-summer session), March 31st, 2026 (summer session)**. Recipients who do not send their required admission letters before the deadline will be disqualified from the scholarship selection process.
- d. The recipient should undertake 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.
- e. Recipients of the 3-month, 6-month, and 9-month scholarship terms are not allowed to apply for a transfer to a different Mandarin Language Center once they have enrolled.

- f. If the recipient concurrently accepts scholarships/grants from other sources, he/she will lose their placement in the HES scholarship program. Any HES scholarship funds already disbursed during the period of overlap must also be returned.
- g. 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 their standards.
- h. Recipients of a scholarship term longer than six months are obligated to join the National Health Insurance (NHI) program in Taiwan. Once recipients hold an Alien Resident Certificate (ARC) and have resided in Taiwan for six months or more, they are required to compulsorily enroll in the National Health Insurance (NHI) program. Before joining the NHI, recipients should purchase student accident insurance and other relevant insurance. NHI fees can be deducted by the Mandarin Language Centers from the monthly scholarship stipend before it is disbursed to the student.
- i. The Education Division at TECO New York will announce scholarship selection results on or about April 15th for Summer Sessions, or or about May 15th for all other sessions.

IX. Suspension and Cancellation:

A. The scholarship will be suspended by the Mandarin language center for one month, if one or more of the following conditions occur:

- 1. The recipient has missed 12 hours or more of their language course within a single month.
- 2. Starting from the first semester (term), if the Recipients of a scholarship term longer than six months fails to attain the specified standard score (an average of 80 points out of 100), his/her scholarship will be suspended for one month in the next semester (term).
- 3. All recipients of scholarship terms of nine months or longer are required to take the Test of Chinese as a Foreign Language (TOCFL) and attain a Level 3 or higher. Recipients should submit test results or a score certificate taken within the previous two years. If the recipient cannot submit test results prior to enrollment, he/she should take the TOCFL exam during their studies in Taiwan and attain a Level 3 or higher. Test results must be submitted to the student's Mandarin Language Center no later than one month prior to the end of the student's scholarship period. If he/she fails to do so, the scholarship will be suspended for one month. Testing fees are the responsibility of the student.

4. Any other violations of the relevant regulations of the affiliated school or Mandarin Language Center will result in the suspension of the scholarship.

B. The scholarship will be cancelled by the Mandarin language center , if one or more of the following conditions occur:

1. The recipient fails to attain the standard score (an average of 80 points out of 100) for two consecutive semesters.
2. Any recipient missing final grades for any semester will be disqualified from receiving the scholarship, except in cases of serious illness or accident.
3. The recipient fails to collect the scholarship within the actual approved period will result in the forfeiture of the scholarship.
4. The recipient violates R.O.C law.
5. The recipient violates university or Mandarin Language Center regulations.

X. HES Application Contact Information:

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