

Ministry of Education, Huayu Enrichment Scholarship (HES)
International Student Directions, Year 2025
For Citizens of Italy, San Marino, Albania, North Macedonia and Malta.

Taipei Representative Office in Italy

Date: January 31, 2025

1. Purpose

To encourage students from Italy, San Marino, Albania, North Macedonia and Malta to undertake Mandarin courses in the Republic of China (Taiwan); in order to provide them with opportunities to increase their understanding of Taiwanese culture and society, and to promote mutual understanding and interactions between Taiwan and the above related countries.

2. Award Value

A monthly stipend of 28,000 NTD.

3. Duration

- a) Huayu Enrichment scholarship may last 2 months, 3 months or 6 months respectively.
- b) The duration of the scholarship is from September 1st, 2025 to August 31st, 2026. The duration of 2-month summer scholarship is from June to July or from July to August, 2025. If recipients fail to come to 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.

4. Eligibility

Citizens of Italy, San Marino, Albania, North Macedonia and Malta above the age of 18, who possess a high school diploma or above, have shown excellent academic performance, and are of good moral character are eligible.

Candidates with one of the following qualifications may not apply:

- a) Is an overseas Chinese 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 Taiwan government or another educational institution.

5. Application

Applicants need to submit the following documents to Taipei Representative Office in Italy before May 2nd, 2025.

- a) Application period: February 1st, 2025 to May 2nd, 2025
- b) Online Application: Please apply via the 「Taiwan Scholarship and Huayu Enrichment Scholarship Online Program System」 (<https://taiwanscholarship.moe.gov.tw/Apply>).
- c) The list of mandatory documents:
 - a. An application form.
 - b. A photocopy of passport.
 - c. A photocopy of the certificate of the highest credential and transcript.
 - d. A photocopy of the applications to the Mandarin Language Center.
 - e. Other documents required by Taipei Representative Office in Italy (if necessary).

6. Selection Procedure

A document review or personal interview will be conducted.

7. Terms and Conditions for Recipients

- a) The recipient should study at a registered Mandarin Language Center approved by the MOE.
- b) The recipient should apply for admission according to the regulations of the center. Once admitted, the recipient should send a photocopy of the admission letter to Taipei Representative Office in Italy before June 15th for confirmation. Recipients who do not send their documents before the deadline will be disqualified from the scholarship selection process.

- c) 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.
- d) The recipients are not allowed to apply to transfer to another Mandarin Language Center.
- e) If the recipient concurrently accepts scholarships from other sources, he/she will lose their placement in the scholarship program. He/she will also have to return the funds granted for those months that he/she received multiple scholarships.
- f) 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.
- g) 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 can be deducted by the Mandarin Language Centers from the monthly stipend before granting it to recipients.
- h) Recipients are not allowed to work in Taiwan during the award period.

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), his/her scholarship will be suspended for a month in the next semester (quarter).

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

- a) The recipient fails to obtain the standard score (an average of 80 points out of 100) for two consecutive semesters (quarters).

- b) Any recipient missing a final achievement score for any semester (quarter) will be disqualified from receiving the scholarship with the exception of a serious illness or accident.
 - c) The recipient will not continue to receive the scholarship if he/she violates R.O.C. law.
 - d) The scholarship will be suspended or revoked if the recipient violates University or Mandarin Language Center regulations.
9. For the rights and obligations of the recipients, please refer to the Taiwan Scholarship and Huayu Enrichment Scholarship Program Office (<https://taiwanscholarship.moe.gov.tw>).
10. Matters not mentioned herein shall be handled in accordance with the “MOE Huayu Enrichment Scholarship Guidelines” which were released on the aforementioned website.