



Ministry of Education, Taiwan
2009 Huayu(Mandarin) Enrichment Scholarship(*HES*)

Program Guideline

I.Purpose

To encourage international students and individuals to undertake Mandarin Chinese language study in Taiwan, in 2005 the Ministry of Education of the Republic of China (Taiwan) established the program “Ministry of Education Huayu Enrichment Scholarship.” While providing study opportunities for Mandarin Chinese language and Taiwan’s culture at university- or college-affiliated Mandarin training centers, this program also aims to:

- a. Give scholarship recipients a better command of the Mandarin Chinese language, and hence a greater understanding and appreciation of Taiwan’s culture.
- b. Promote friendship between Taiwan and countries around the world.
- c. Generate opportunities to increase exchange with international education institutions.

II.Amount of the Scholarship

A monthly stipend is NT\$25,000 (approximately AU\$1,100). In principle, stipends are granted before the 5th day of each month, through the Mandarin Training centers which the recipients attend, and by a method as specified by the individual institutions. Scholarship recipients receive the stipends each month. However, recipients have a responsibility to pay their own tuition fees, airfare, lodging/accommodation fees, food health insurance and other expenses.

IV.Duration of the Scholarship

a. Duration

- One year
- Nine months
- Six months
- Three months

b. Annual award periods

- (1)The yearly award period is **from 1 September 2009 through 31 August 2010**. If recipients fail to undertake their study in Taiwan during this period, their award status will be cancelled and cannot be extended for another year.
- (2)Recipients should be matriculated for the study term/quarter at the individual Mandarin training center as specified in the award. Recipients could defer their matriculation if approved by the Mandarin training center and the Ministry of Education; in any case, the yearly award period expires on August 31, 2010.

(3) If recipients begin their study after the intended study term/quarter has started, their award period will become effective from the month they matriculate at their individual Mandarin training centers in Taiwan.

c. A recipient's award period will end when his/her specified award period has finished. However, the award will terminate as soon as a recipient drops out, is expelled from a language training center, or his/her scholarships is revoked, whichever comes first, the award will be terminated.

II. Eligibility and Selection Criteria

An applicant must meet all of the following criteria:

- a. Must be an Australian Citizen.
- b. Be of 18 years of age or older, a high school graduate or above, have an excellent academic performance in his/her most recent formal educational study experience and be of good moral character.
- c. Does not hold the Republic of China (Taiwan) nationality.
- d. Does not have the status of an overseas compatriot student.
- e. Has never been either a student at a Mandarin training center, or a degree-seeking student at any university or college in Taiwan. (Those who are financially self-supporting while undertaking their degree or Mandarin studies in Taiwan are NOT eligible to apply for HES.)
- f. Is not an exchange student in accordance with an agreement of cooperation between an international university/college and an educational institute in Taiwan, at the time of receiving a HES.
- g. Has never received an award either under this scholarship program or the Taiwan Scholarship Program.
- h. Is not a recipient of a scholarship or subsidy being offered by any one of government or educational institutions in Taiwan.

V. Application and Selection Process

For application receipt, review and selection, applicants must send their completed documents to **Cultural Division-HES, Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Australia at Ground Floor, 53 Blackall street, Barton, ACT Canberra, 2600**

The application period is **from 23 February 2009 through 31 March 2009**. Application should be submitted by 5:00pm on **31 March 2009**.

A complete application includes the following materials:

- a. One completed application form.
- b. One photocopy of passport or other nationality certificates.
- c. One photocopy of the highest-level diploma and a complete academic transcript.
<**N.B.** These documents must be authenticated by one of Taiwan's overseas representative office if issued by international education institutions.>

- d. Supporting admission application material (e.g. photocopy of application form for language training centres where you intend to study. The applicant is responsible to apply for the admission to the desired Mandarin language school in Taiwan.)
- e. Two letters of reference, including one from a **current** lecturer or supervisor.

Please note that a photocopy of documentation must be verified by a Justice of the Peace to be successfully used with your application.

VI. Suspension and Revocation

(I) Suspension

a. Attendance Records:

With the exception of a serious illness or accident, if a recipient is absent from his/her required Language sessions for up to 12 hours within a single month, the award will be suspended for one month and the stipend cannot be reclaimed.

b. Academic Performance:

Beginning from the second term/quarter of his/her study in Taiwan, if a recipient's academic average scores for a study term/quarter are less than 80 out of 100, the award will be suspended for one month and the stipend cannot be reclaimed.

c. Recipients' whose award periods are 6 months or longer must submit their score transcripts of TOP (Test of Proficiency-Huayu) to the institution where they are studying within their award period. Recipients who fail to do so will lose one month's stipend. Recipients have to pay their own fees for TOP.

(II) Revocation:

A recipient may be permanently disqualified from receiving a HES and the remaining stipends will be cancelled, if one of the following situations arises:

- a. Failure to submit at the time of matriculation for each study term/quarter, **an Alien Resident Certificate (ARC)** with the reason **"Pursuing Studies,"** by the deadlines as specified by his/her Mandarin training center. **<Note.** This applies only to recipients who carry an award period of six or more months. **>**
- b. Failure to achieve an academic average score of 80 or above out of 100 for two consecutive terms/quarters of study, beginning from the second term/quarter of his/her study in Taiwan.
- c. Missing a final achievement score for any study term/quarter, with the exception of a serious illness or accident.
- d. Dropping out or being expelled from school.
- e. Simultaneously in receipt of another scholarship or subsidy, offered by Taiwan government or educational institutions.

VII. Transfer

After studying for a term/quarter at a Mandarin training center in Taiwan, a recipient with an award period of one year may be allowed to transfer **once** during the course of his/her study, only if the pertinent educational institutions approve this request. Recipients who carry an award period of less than one year may not apply for a transfer.

VIII.Scholarship Payment Schedule

In principle, stipends will be disbursed to recipients by the 5th day of each month, through the Mandarin training centers where the recipients attend classes, and by a method as specified by the individual institutions.

IX.Medical/Health Insurance Requirements

It is mandatory that recipients, who carry an award period of six or more months, participate in the National Health Insurance Plan and purchase the policies of the Student Accident Insurance during the period of their residence and study in Taiwan. The recipients' educational institutions will deduct fees for these insurance plans from the recipients' stipends, before processing and granting funds to them.

As a requirement for matriculation at their intended educational institutions, recipients must prepare medical/health insurance policies before their departure for Taiwan, and these documents must be valid for a minimum of 4 months, beginning from the date of their arrival in Taiwan. The policies must bear the authentication of a Taiwan overseas representative office.

IX. Application Form

For further information and application forms, please visit our website:

http://www.cultural.teco.org.au/2005/latest/scholarship_03_first.htm

All applications must be posted to:

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