

Frequently asked questions about the Huayu Enrichment Scholarship

Who are eligible to apply for the scholarship program through the Taipei Representative Office in Hungary?

Eligible applicants include citizens of Hungary, (Romania), Serbia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro, and Kosovo. They must be above the age of 18. Please note the Taipei Representative Office in Hungary does not accept applications from citizens from any other countries.

What are the benefits of the scholarship?

Monthly stipend of NT\$25,000 (approximately 650 euros, subject to exchange rate) to support studying at language centers in Taiwan.

How long is the award period?

From two months to 12 months. The short term language courses can be of a summer term (June to July or July to August), or can last from three, six, nine months to a year.

Do the applicants need to apply for the admission to the language centers before they apply for the scholarship?

Yes. The list of Mandarin Chinese Learning Centers can be found in the following link: www.taiwanembassy.org/hu

What is the Annual Award Period

The Annual award period is **from September 1 through August 31 of the following year**. Recipients must report to their school and matriculate within the required period. If recipients fail to arrive in Taiwan to register and study during this period, their award status will be cancelled and cannot be deferred, unless approved in advance by the receiving institution and the MOE.

When is the application deadline?

April 15, 2016

What documents should be included in the application package?

1. One copy of the completed application form.
2. One photocopy of passport or other nationality certificates.
3. One authenticated or sealed photocopy of the highest-level diploma and an official complete transcript.

4. A photocopy of applications to the Mandarin Language Center (e.g., copy of application form, receipt of application from universities/colleges, email confirmation).
5. Two recommendation letters, signed and sealed in envelopes (i.e. from the principals, professors, or supervisors). Photocopies and email submissions of letters of recommendation will not be considered.
6. It is also advised for the applicants who can speak Mandarin language to include certificates of language proficiency in the application package.

How should I apply for the scholarship?

Please send the application package to Taipei Representative Office in Hungary, 1088 Budapest, Rakoczi 1-3/ II by the deadline. You may choose to mail it by post or deliver it in person. Please note that email application is not acceptable.

Can I take the TOCFL exam in Europe?

Yes. There will be one TOCFL exam held on April 9, 2016 in Vienna, Austria. Please check the website of the Office (www.taiwanembassy.org/hu) for more information regarding TOCFL exam in Austria.

General Questions for both Huayu Enrichment Scholarship (HES) and Taiwan Scholarship (TS) Program:

Can I apply for the HES/TS if I have never learned Chinese before?

Yes.

Can I apply if I am currently not enrolled to any school?

Yes.

Whom should I asked for recommendation letters if I learn Mandarin with a private teacher, or if I finished academic study a few years ago? Do you have a set format for the recommendation letter?

Besides lecturers in academic institutions, supervisors in your career field can also provide references for your scholarship application. Please choose those who work closely with you so that they can present a convincing reference. There is no fixed form for recommendation letters, which should be in English or Chinese, sealed and signed by the person who recommends you. Email recommendation is not acceptable.

Besides the required documents, what else can I enclose in my application?

If you have received some outstanding awards that are related to your future study in Taiwan, you may present such records. Any documents you deem helpful for the evaluation can be attached to your CV.

Is there an age limit for applicants?

Yes. One must be above 18 years of age.

I am in high school now. Can I apply?

If you are older than 18, the answer is yes.

Is the financial support of the scholarship program sufficient for the cost of living in Taiwan?

The scholarship programs sponsored by the Ministry of Education of the Republic of China aim at encouraging foreigners to explore academic life in Taiwan, but not at covering every expenses during their stay in Taiwan. We highly recommend serious applicants to prepare a realistic financial plan before they go to Taiwan. Please be aware that the cost of living in every city varies. Personal preferences of housing and boarding also attribute to great differences in costs.

Can one work in Taiwan while studying with the scholarship?

Scholarship holders are not allowed to work in Taiwan. The only exception is taking internship related to their study. In that case it is necessary to apply for work permit through the university.

What kind of health insurance do I need?

The student who receives the scholarship should be insured according to the regulations. If one stays less than 6 months, s/he should be advised by the school to register for proper insurance against accidents. When studying more than 6 months, from the 7th month on/ he should join the national health insurance program.

Do I need a health check-up for my TS/HES application?

Health check-up is required after you are awarded the scholarship and before you apply for a resident visa to Taiwan.