

## **FAQ Huayu Enrichment Scholarship**

### **Who are eligible to apply for the scholarship program through the Embassy of the R.O.C. (Taiwan) to the Republic of Paraguay?**

Eligible applicants should hold the nationality of Paraguay, be 18 years old or above, and possess a high school diploma or highest degree, and demonstrate excellent academic performance.

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

### **What are the benefits of the scholarship?**

A fixed monthly stipend of NT\$25,000 (approximately 893 American dollars, subject to exchange rate), to support studying at language centers in Taiwan.

There is no other stipend.

### **How long is the award period?**

Six months.

### **I have been rewarded the Huayu Scholarship before. Can I apply for this Scholarships again?**

No. You cannot apply for it again. But the Ministry of Education offers the Taiwan Scholarships for foreign students to pursue degree programs. You could apply for a Taiwan Scholarship.

### **Do the applicants need to apply for the admission to the language centers before/during they apply for the scholarship?**

Yes. The list of Mandarin Chinese Learning Centers can be found in the following link:  
[www.estudiarentaiwan.com](http://www.estudiarentaiwan.com)

### **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.

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### **How will the scholarship be paid?**

The stipends usually will be paid through the school at the end of each month. In principle, the scholarship is paid month by month. Each university has its own policy to distribute the scholarship to students. Please contact the coordinator at your school to know more details. Please take note that the payment process may be delayed in the first month of your studying due to accounting or administrative procedures. It is suggested that all recipients have sufficient funds to pay for tuition and living expenses during this period.

### **Should I need to obtain a minimum average score?**

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)

### **In what kind of situation will my scholarship and the remaining stipends be cancelled?**

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).
- c. The recipient of a nine month or longer scholarship without a Level 3 or above TOCFL certificate within 2 years prior to enrollment must hand in the certificate or transcript one month before the end of the scholarship term. If he/she fails to do so, the scholarship will be suspended for one month.

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), he/she will be disqualified from receiving the scholarship.
- 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.

### **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 Taiwan school?**

Yes.

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### **Whom should I ask for recommendation letters?**

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 Spanish, 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.

### **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 expense 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.

### **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.

### **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.