

**Ministry of Foreign Affairs Selection Guidelines for Academic
Achievement Awards for Outstanding Performance in the Taiwan
Scholarship Program**

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I. Purpose

These regulations are established to encourage Taiwan Scholarship recipients to strive for academic excellence and to reward outstanding achievement.

II. Application eligibility

1. Bachelor's degree students who have attained a conduct score of 80 percent or above for the previous two semesters. Mandarin Language Enrichment Program (LEP) students who have had no absences in the previous two quarters / terms (other than for serious illnesses or special circumstances). Students who have not faced any disciplinary action in the previous two semesters (quarters / terms).
2. Have met the qualification requirements for the Taiwan Scholarship at the time of application.
3. The applicant must be currently enrolled.
4. Academic performance requirements

(1) Doctoral degree students

Have completed qualifying exams and obtained the status of a doctoral candidate and have published at least one paper (the same paper may not be used for repeat applications). Papers must be published in a journal with a formal review mechanism and the applicant must be the first author or have

proof of acceptance.

(2) Master's degree students

Have attained an average score of 90 or above for the previous two semesters.

(3) Bachelor's degree students

(a) Have earned at least 15 credits in each of the previous two semesters; fourth-year students must have earned at least nine credits.

(b) Attained average score of 90 or above in previous two semesters.

(4) LEP students

Attained an average score of 90 or above in the previous two quarters (terms).

5. Showed other exceptional talents or skills or made outstanding service contributions.

III. Number of awards

Twenty awards will be granted each semester. In principle, there will be five awards for LEP students, 10 awards for bachelor's degree students, and five awards for master's degree and doctoral degree students.

IV. Award details

Recipients will receive a certificate and an academic achievement award of NT\$20,000.

V. Review process

1. Eligible candidates may apply through their school (no more than five nominations per school) to the Taiwan Scholarship and

Huayu Enrichment Scholarship Office. The office review committee (composed of at least three members, including one selected by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs) will select 20 recipients based on the criteria set forth in these guidelines. If there are insufficient qualified applicants, however, the office may grant fewer awards.

2. Documentation to be provided by the Taiwan Scholarship and Huayu Enrichment Scholarship Program Office to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs

(1) Doctoral degree students

List of award recipients, transcripts of results, proof of paper submissions, Taiwan Scholarship and Huayu Enrichment Scholarship Program Office review forms, and other relevant supporting documents.

(2) Master's degree, bachelor's degree, and LEP students

List of award recipients, transcripts of results, Taiwan Scholarship and Huayu Enrichment Scholarship review forms, and other relevant supporting documents.

VI. Disbursement and presentation of awards

The Taiwan Scholarship and Huayu Enrichment Scholarship Program Office will apply to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs by March 31 of each year for funding for the current year's academic achievement awards. The Taiwan Scholarship and Huayu Enrichment Scholarship Program Office will disburse the funds to the recipient's school by April 30 and October 31 of each year. It will also provide the Ministry of Foreign Affairs with the necessary documents for verification

before June 30 and December 30 of each year.

VII. These guidelines shall be announced and implemented after being approved at a working meeting of the Taiwan Scholarship and Huayu Enrichment Scholarship Program Office. All amendments shall be handled in the same manner.