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Title :	OCAC Directions for Acceptance of Donations for Overseas Compatriot Student Scholarships and Grants for Teachers at Overseas Compatriot Schools in Disadvantaged Areas 
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Legislative :	1.Approved and announced for implementation by OCAC in November, 1972. 2.Approved and amended by OCAC on April 19, 1979. 3.Amended title and all Directions by OCAC order Qiao-Fu-Tzai No. 0903030735-1 on August 17, 2001 (Original title: Directions for Handling Overseas Compatriot Donations for Scholarships and Grants by OCAC). 4.Amended all 16 Directions by OCAC order Qiao-Fu-Tzai No. 09230227591 on May 27, 2003. 5.Amended all 16 Directions by OCAC order Qiao-Fu-Tzai No. 09630236261 on July 20, 2007, and came into effect the same day. 6.Amended Directions 1, 4 by OCAC order Qiao-Fu-Tzai No. 09730288601 on August 13, 2008, and came into effect the same day. 7.Amended Directions 6, 8 by OCAC order Qiao-Seng-Lian No. 1030501063 on October 6, 2014, and came into effect the same day. 8.Amended Directions 1, 9 by OCAC order Qiao-Seng-Lian No. 10705009311 on April 20, 2018, and came into effect the same day. 9.Amended by OCAC order Qiao-Seng-Lian No. 10705021641 on August 22, 2018, changed name to Directions for Acceptance of Donations for Overseas Compatriot Student Scholarships and Grants for Overseas Compatriot Schools, and came into effect the same day. 10.Amended Direction 13 by OCAC order Qiao-Seng-Lian No. 10805003951 on March 7, 2019, and came into effect the same day. 11.Amended by OCAC order Qiao-Seng-Lian No. 10905010621 on May 26, 2020, changed name to OCAC Directions for Acceptance of Donations for Overseas Compatriot Student Scholarships and Grants for Teachers at O.C. Schools in Disadvantaged Areas, and came into effect the same day. 12.Amended Directions 1, 8, 9 by OCAC order Qiao-Seng-Lian No. 1100501946 on September 30, 2021, changed name to OCAC Directions for Acceptance of Donations for Overseas Compatriot Student Scholarships and Grants for Teachers at Overseas Compatriot Schools in Disadvantaged Areas, and came into effect the same day. 13.Amended Direction 5 by OCAC order Qiao-Seng-Fu No. 1140501708 on June 27, 2025, and came into effect the same day.
Content :	1.The Overseas Community Affairs Council (OCAC) has established these Directions to govern the acceptance of donations of scholarships (the "Scholarships") from overseas community organizations, enthusiastic overseas compatriots, and members of the public for the purpose of fostering outstanding overseas compatriot students currently enrolled in schools, as well as donations of grants (the "Grants") for projects assisting overseas community schools in areas facing hardship, including strengthening teaching staff, establishing teacher retirement and pension funds, and enhancing teachers' instructional competencies. 2.The disbursement of Scholarships and Grants shall be conducted in accordance with these Directions; matters not covered herein shall be handled in accordance with the specific application instructions for the respective scholarship or the relevant regulations governing grants.

3. Overseas compatriots or individuals in Taiwan wishing to donate Scholarships or Grants as a memorial—whether in their personal capacity, through a bequest in a will, or as a dedicated fund—as well as overseas community organizations, enterprises, or institutions wishing to allocate dedicated funds for such purposes, may express their intent to donate to the OCAC in accordance with these Directions.
4. The names of the Scholarships and Grants shall be designated by the donors themselves; if a donor does not designate a name, the OCAC shall determine one on their behalf.
5. Eligibility for the Scholarships and Grants are limited to overseas compatriot students currently enrolled in schools who meet the following criteria:
 - (1) Enrolled in a domestic higher education institution (college or university) or the OCAC Vocational Education Program for Overseas Compatriot Students.
 - (2) Demonstrating excellent character and academic performance.
 - (3) Not having received any other scholarship or grant from the OCAC during the same academic year.Applications for this Scholarships and Grants are based on the standard duration of study prescribed by the respective educational institutions; however, students falling under any of the following circumstances are ineligible to apply:
 - (1) Students who have been held back a year, are repeating a year, or have delayed graduation at the time of application.
 - (2) First-year overseas compatriot students at the senior high school level or above; however, this restriction does not apply to first-year university students who were assigned to their programs after completing the autumn class of the Academy of Preparatory Programs for Overseas Compatriot Students of National Taiwan Normal University.Donors may establish additional eligibility criteria; however, if no overseas compatriot students meet these additional criteria in a given academic year, the OCAC may award the funds to other overseas compatriot students in accordance with the provisions of the preceding paragraph.
6. Methods for the donation and disbursement of the Scholarships and Grants are as follows:
 - (1) A lump-sum donation to the fund, with the annual interest income used for the Scholarships and Grants.
 - (2) A lump-sum donation to the fund, with the annual principal—or the principal combined with interest income—used for the Scholarships and Grants.
 - (3) A lump-sum donation to the fund, with the principal used for the Scholarships and Grants and distributed in a single payment.
 - (4) Annual donation of the Scholarships and Grants with a specified number of award recipients.
7. Scholarships and Grants shall be awarded once per academic year; the number of recipients and the award amounts shall be reviewed and approved by the Scholarship and Grant Management Committee. Following the distribution of Scholarships and Grants, if the remaining balance is insufficient to fund a full award, the Committee may, with the donor's consent, consolidate the remaining balance into the general Scholarship and Grant fund for disbursement.
For annual Scholarship and Grant donations with a specified number of recipients, the awards shall be distributed annually, while any interest accrued during the interim shall be incorporated into the general Scholarship and Grant fund.
8. Eligibility for grants is defined as follows:

- (1)Overseas Compatriot Schools: Schools or language classes located in areas facing significant hardship that have been registered with or filed for record with the OCAC in accordance with the "Directions for Contacting and Assisting with Overseas Compatriot Schools" , and which actively support with the government's policies on overseas compatriot education.
 - (2)Teachers at Overseas Compatriot Schools: Incumbent teachers employed by overseas compatriot schools; however, this excludes holders of passports issued by Mainland China, Hong Kong, or Macau.
 - (3)Retirement and Pension Funds for Overseas Compatriot School Teachers: Retirement and pension funds established for teachers of overseas compatriot schools by overseas compatriot education organizations registered in accordance with the "Directions of Overseas Compatriot Groups Registration" .
- 9.Donations for Grants may be made as a lump sum or on an annual basis. The principal, the accrued interest, or a combination of the principal and accrued interest may be used as the Grants, which shall be disbursed in one or multiple installments within the fiscal year. Any remaining balance after disbursement shall be carried forward and incorporated into the consolidated allocation for over for the following fiscal year. Regarding the approval and issuance of subsidies, the OCAC shall formulate relevant plans based on the current status of overseas compatriot education and submit them to the Scholarship and Grant Management Committee for review. Matters concerning the recipients and the amounts of the subsidies shall be reviewed and approved by the Committee.
- 10.Donated funds for Scholarships and Grants shall be deposited into a dedicated bank account and recorded in the OCAC' s accounts for reference.
- 11.When the OCAC accepts donations for Scholarships and Grants, it shall reward the donors in accordance with the "Directions of Rewarding Generous and Voluntary Donation from Overseas Compatriots".
- 12.Upon accepting donations for Scholarships and Grants, the OCAC shall establish a Scholarship and Grant Management Committee (the "Management Committee") to administer the funds.
- 13.The duties of the Management Committee are as follows:
- (1)Matters concerning the raising of funds for Scholarships and Grants.
 - (2)Matters concerning the planning for the utilization of Scholarships and Grants.
 - (3)Matters concerning the custody of Scholarships and Grants, and the utilization of the interest accrued thereon.
 - (4)Matters concerning the review of applications for Scholarships.
 - (5)Matters concerning the review of the utilization of Grants.
 - (6)Matters concerning the solicitation of donations for Scholarships and Grants.
 - (7)Other management matters related to Scholarships and Grants.
- 14.The Management Committee shall have one Chairperson, a position to be held concurrently by a Deputy/Vice Minister designated by the OCAC Minister. It shall also comprise ten to fifteen members appointed by the OCAC from among enthusiastic members of the public and personnel involved in overseas compatriot affairs; the term of office shall be three years, subject to reappointment upon expiration. All positions are unpaid. Regarding the composition of the Management Committee mentioned in the preceding paragraph, the proportion of members of either gender shall not be less than one-third.

15. The Management Committee shall have one Executive Secretary, one Accountant, and two or three Administrative Staff members to handle affairs related to Scholarships and Grants; these positions shall be held concurrently by relevant personnel designated by the OCAC
16. The Management Committee shall meet once a year to address the matters specified in Point 13. Extraordinary meetings may be convened when necessary.
17. Donors of Scholarships and Grants may request that the OCAC, pursuant to Point 6 or Paragraph 1 of Point 9, change the manner in which the donated funds are used, or provide information on the income and expenditures of the donated funds or the lists of Scholarship and Grant recipients.

Data Source : Overseas Community Affairs Council, Republic of China (Taiwan) Laws and Regulations Retrieving System