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Title :	OCAC Directions for Approval of Scholarships for Top and Outstanding Overseas Compatriot Students to Study at Universities in Taiwan 
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Content :	1.The Overseas Community Affairs Council (hereinafter referred to as the “OCAC”) has established these Directions to encourage top and outstanding overseas compatriot students to pursue bachelor’ s degrees at universities and colleges in Taiwan by awarding them the Top and Outstanding Overseas Compatriot Students Scholarships. 2.Eligibility requirements are as follows: (1)Applicants shall be overseas compatriot students who have graduated from a senior secondary school or an educational institution of a higher level, have demonstrated academic excellence and good conduct, and meet the requirements under Article 2 of the “Regulations Regarding Study and Counseling Assistance for Overseas Compatriot Students in Taiwan” for pursuing a bachelor’ s degree in Taiwan. (2)Applicants under any of the following circumstances are ineligible to apply: A.They have retained student status at a domestic university or college in Taiwan, or have registered and enrolled at a domestic university or college in Taiwan. B.They have previously studied in Taiwan in a degree program at the same level as that for which they intend to apply. C.They are currently studying at the Academy of Preparatory Programs for Overseas Compatriot Students of National Taiwan Normal University, an International Foundation Program at a domestic university or college, or a domestic public or private senior secondary school (including a vocational senior secondary school), or have subsequently enrolled at a domestic university or college after graduating from any such institution or program. D.During their studies in Taiwan, they are exchange students or students enrolled in dual or joint degree programs admitted by universities or colleges in Taiwan pursuant to academic cooperation agreements signed with foreign educational institutions. E.They have previously had this scholarship revoked. F.During their studies in Taiwan, they concurrently receive tuition and miscellaneous fee subsidies or waivers, or scholarships or grants, provided by an R.O.C. government agency or institution. This restriction does not apply to tuition and miscellaneous fee subsidies or waivers, or scholarships or grants, provided to recipients by the universities or colleges at which they are enrolled. 3.Scholarship amounts are as follows: (1)Scholarship for Top Overseas Compatriot Students: NT\$260,000

- per academic year (all monetary amounts specified below are in New Taiwan dollars), totaling NT\$1,040,000 over four years.
- (2) Scholarship for Outstanding Overseas Compatriot Students: NT\$100,000 per academic year, totaling NT\$400,000 over four years.
4. Scholarship duration and the retention and termination of scholarship eligibility are governed by the following provisions:
- (1) Scholarships may be awarded for a maximum of four years.
 - (2) Each award period shall run from September 1 of the academic year in which a recipient initially obtains or renews scholarship eligibility through August 31 of the following year.
 - (3) If a recipient takes a leave of absence, withdraws from school, or loses student status, the recipient's scholarship eligibility shall be terminated and scholarship payments discontinued. However, a recipient taking a leave of absence due to pregnancy, childbirth, or childcare may retain scholarship eligibility if the recipient submits relevant supporting documents and the university or college at which the recipient is enrolled forwards the documents to the OCAC for approval. Upon resuming studies, the recipient may continue to receive the scholarship in accordance with Point 11.
 - (4) If a recipient takes a leave of absence, withdraws from school, or loses student status as specified in the preceding subparagraph, the amount of scholarship funds already received for that academic year shall be calculated on the basis of the recipient's actual period of enrollment. A recipient enrolled for less than one-half of the academic year shall repay the scholarship in full; a recipient enrolled for at least one-half but less than three-quarters of the academic year shall repay one-half of the scholarship; and a recipient enrolled for at least three-quarters of the academic year shall not be required to make any repayment.
 - (5) Recipients shall report to their universities or colleges and complete registration on time. Those unable to come to Taiwan to study within the prescribed period shall be deemed to have relinquished their scholarship eligibility.
 - (6) When a recipient's transfer has been approved by both the university or college from which the recipient intends to transfer and the university or college to which the recipient intends to transfer, the original university or college shall specify the category of scholarship awarded to the recipient, the starting and ending months and years of the award period, and the month and year of transfer, and shall notify the recipient and the receiving university or college in writing. The receiving university or college shall specify the month and year in which it agrees to accept the recipient's transfer and shall reply in writing to the recipient and the original university or college. Both the original and receiving universities or colleges shall copy their correspondence to the OCAC and the relevant Embassies and Missions abroad or an OCAC-designated entity.
5. Applicants shall submit the following documents within the deadline specified by the relevant Embassies and Missions abroad or by an OCAC-designated entity accepting applications. Applications shall be complete, and none of the documents submitted shall be returned:
- (1) A scholarship application form.
 - (2) A photocopy of documentation proving permanent or long-term residency in the applicant's place of residence.
 - (3) Photocopies of the applicant's highest academic credential and academic transcripts. Documents prepared in a language other than Chinese or English shall be accompanied by Chinese translations. The photocopies and translations shall be authenticated by the relevant Embassies and Missions abroad or verified by a Culture Center of Taipei Economic and Cultural Office or a Recommendation Unit Authorized by the OCAC.
 - (4) Two letters of recommendation from school principals, teachers, or homeroom teachers. Each letter shall be personally signed by

- the recommender and submitted in a sealed envelope.
- (5) An autobiography, including a study plan.
- (6) Documents prescribed by the application guidelines and selection requirements announced pursuant to Subparagraph 1 of Point 7.
- Applicants shall apply either to the Embassies and Missions abroad in their place of residence or to an OCAC-designated entity. Duplicate applications shall not be accepted.
6. Before the end of October each year, the OCAC shall notify the Embassies and Missions abroad and OCAC-designated entities accepting applications in writing and provide them with the application guideline template for implementation.
7. The Embassies and Missions abroad and OCAC-designated entities accepting applications and their respective responsibilities are as follows:
- (1) The OCAC shall commission the Embassies and Missions abroad or designated entities to formulate application guidelines and selection requirements in accordance with these Directions and the template provided by the OCAC. They shall accept applications and conduct scholarship selection procedures independently or in cooperation with local governments, schools, cultural and educational institutions, and Recommendation Units Authorized by the OCAC. Chinese-language application guidelines for the scholarship, including information on selection criteria, methods, and schedules, shall be announced before the end of December each year.
- (2) After announcing the application guidelines and selection requirements referred to in the preceding subparagraph, the relevant Embassies and Missions abroad or designated entities shall submit an official letter to the OCAC, together with one hard copy and one electronic copy of the Chinese-language application guidelines, for its records.
- (3) In principle, applications shall be accepted from January through March each year. The actual application period shall be as specified in the application guidelines announced by the relevant Embassies and Missions abroad in the applicant's country or place of residence or by an OCAC-designated entity.
8. The Embassies and Missions abroad and OCAC-designated entities accepting applications shall select scholarship recipients in accordance with the following principles:
- (1) Consideration shall be given to whether applicants can contribute to national development and become professionals whose expertise benefits both their home countries and the R.O.C., thereby promoting industrial, economic, educational, and other forms of development.
- (2) Based on the applicant's cumulative grade average for all coursework completed at an institution equivalent to a domestic senior secondary school or an educational institution of a higher level before the application deadline, the minimum requirement shall be an average score of 88 or a class ranking within the top 5 percent for the Top Overseas Compatriot Students Scholarship, and an average score of 85 or a class ranking within the top 10 percent for the Outstanding Overseas Compatriot Students Scholarship. Applicants for either scholarship shall also have a cumulative conduct grade average of at least 80.
- (3) To accommodate differences among national education systems and grading methods, the Embassies and Missions abroad and OCAC-designated entities accepting applications shall formulate conversion standards for cumulative grade averages in accordance with the preceding subparagraph and submit them to the OCAC for its records. If conduct grades are unavailable, applicants shall be evaluated on the basis of other forms of performance.
- (4) As part of the review process, oral interviews shall be conducted in person or by videoconference to gain an understanding of each

- applicant' s personal circumstances, demeanor, courtesy, and moral character.
- (5) Priority shall be given to applicants who have passed the Test of Chinese as a Foreign Language (TOCFL) at the intermediate level or above and obtained the corresponding certificate.
9. Provisions governing review and notification are as follows:
- (1) After conducting document reviews and oral interviews, the Embassies and Missions abroad and OCAC-designated entities accepting applications shall select scholarship candidates and submit the review results and ranked lists to the OCAC for approval by mid-April each year.
- (2) The Embassies and Missions abroad and OCAC-designated entities accepting applications shall forward the OCAC' s official scholarship award letters to recipients before the end of July each year.
- (3) A recipient' s scholarship eligibility shall be canceled if any of the following circumstances applies during the academic year for which the scholarship is awarded:
- A. The recipient does not obtain admission to a university or college.
- B. The recipient is not assigned to a university or college by the Overseas Joint Admission Committee.
- C. The recipient is assigned by the Overseas Joint Admission Committee to the Academy of Preparatory Programs for Overseas Compatriot Students of National Taiwan Normal University.
- D. The recipient is assigned to an International Foundation Program at a domestic university or college.
- (4) Within the deadline specified by the OCAC, the Embassies and Missions abroad and OCAC-designated entities accepting applications shall report to the OCAC any vacancies resulting from awardees relinquishing their scholarship eligibility. The OCAC may fill such vacancies as circumstances warrant.
10. To meet national demand for professionals in key industries, the OCAC may reserve a portion of the scholarship quotas for designated departments at designated domestic universities and colleges. The relevant procedures are as follows:
- (1) Each designated university or college shall formulate application guidelines based on the template provided by the OCAC. Overseas compatriot students who have been newly admitted to a designated department and meet the eligibility requirements under Point 2 may apply.
- (2) Overseas compatriot students applying pursuant to this Point shall meet the required average grades in OCAC-designated subjects. The minimum requirement shall be an average score of 88 or a class ranking within the top 5 percent for the Top Overseas Compatriot Students Scholarship, and an average score of 85 or a class ranking within the top 10 percent for the Outstanding Overseas Compatriot Students Scholarship. Applicants for either scholarship shall also have a cumulative conduct grade average of at least 80. The provisions of Subparagraph 2 of Point 8 shall not apply.
- (3) The date on which the OCAC provides the application guideline template, the date on which designated universities and colleges announce their application guidelines, the application period, the deadline for submitting recipient selection results to the OCAC for approval, and the deadline for forwarding the OCAC' s official scholarship award letters may be determined according to the time required by the OCAC and the respective universities and colleges to complete the relevant procedures. Such dates and deadlines shall not be subject to Point 6, Point 7, or Subparagraphs 1 and 2 of Point 9.
- (4) Newly admitted overseas compatriot students accepted by a designated department at a designated university or college may still apply pursuant to the application guidelines of that university or college if they previously applied for the scholarship through the relevant Embassies and Missions abroad or another

OCAC-designated entity but did not receive an award, or if the result of that application has not yet been determined. Such applications shall not be subject to Paragraph 2 of Point 5. However, applicants who receive scholarships through both channels shall relinquish one of the awards within the deadline specified by the OCAC.

- (5) If a recipient selected pursuant to this Point transfers to a department other than a designated department at an OCAC-designated university or college, the recipient's scholarship eligibility shall be terminated.

11. Procedures governing initial scholarship disbursement, renewal eligibility, and the review of renewal applications are as follows:

- (1) A first-year recipient applying for initial scholarship disbursement shall, after completing registration for the first academic year, submit to the university or college photocopies of the OCAC's official scholarship award letter and other documents proving scholarship eligibility.
- (2) Renewal eligibility:
- A. During their period of study, recipients who meet the requirements of the preceding Point shall enroll in at least nine credits per semester. Recipients of the Top Overseas Compatriot Students Scholarship shall attain an academic-year grade average of A or at least 85 and a cumulative conduct grade average of at least 80 or the equivalent grade. Recipients of the Outstanding Overseas Compatriot Students Scholarship shall attain an academic-year grade average of A- or at least 80 and a cumulative conduct grade average of at least 80 or the equivalent grade. If a recipient becomes an exchange student during the period of study, credits and grades earned abroad during the exchange period shall first be recognized by the domestic university or college at which the recipient is enrolled.
- B. A recipient whose grades for the preceding academic year do not meet the standards under the preceding item may not apply for renewal. However, the recipient may reapply in a subsequent academic year if the grades for that year meet such standards.
- (3) From the second academic year onward, recipients shall apply to their universities or colleges for scholarship renewal by submitting academic transcripts demonstrating compliance with the preceding subparagraph. The universities or colleges shall review recipients' renewal eligibility, complete and submit the renewal review results to the OCAC for its records, notify the recipients, and apply for scholarship disbursement in accordance with Point 12.

12. Funding applications and expenditure reporting:

- (1) Universities and colleges shall conduct a preliminary review of the documents prescribed in Subparagraphs 1 and 3 of the preceding Point. After confirming that the documents comply with the applicable requirements, they shall submit rosters of recipients to the OCAC for its records and apply for scholarship disbursement.
- (2) Disbursement schedule: Universities and colleges shall submit rosters of recipients to the OCAC for its records and apply for scholarship disbursement by September 30 of each academic year. The OCAC shall disburse the scholarship funds for that academic year to the universities and colleges in two installments based on the academic semesters. For the first installment, which shall equal one-half of the scholarship award, universities and colleges shall apply for disbursement by September 30 of that academic year. For the second installment, consisting of the remaining funds, universities and colleges shall apply for disbursement by March 31 of that academic year.
- (3) Universities and colleges shall submit receipts or acknowledgments of receipt to the OCAC for expenditure reporting, together with recipients' acknowledgments of receipt, signed payment lists,

or expenditure documentation demonstrating that the funds were deposited into recipients' financial accounts. The aforementioned documents shall be submitted to the OCAC in separate installments corresponding to the OCAC's method of fund disbursement. The deadline for reporting expenditures from the first installment shall be November 10 of that academic year, and the deadline for reporting expenditures from the second installment shall be May 15 of that academic year. Any unused balance shall be returned together with the expenditure report.

(4) If a recipient's scholarship eligibility is terminated or revoked, any remaining funds shall also be returned.

13. If a recipient is found to have submitted forged application documents or application documents containing false information, the OCAC shall revoke the recipient's scholarship eligibility. Any scholarship funds already received shall be repaid, and relevant legal liability shall be pursued according to the circumstances.

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