The 2016 Taiwan Scholarship Program
(for degree studies)

I. Purpose:
The Taiwan Scholarship is created by the Ministry of Education (MOE) to encourage outstanding international students (excluding students from Mainland China, Hong Kong and Macau) to undertake degree programs in Taiwan. It provides study opportunities for a wide range of disciplines at universities in Taiwan. This program also aims to promote knowledge and understanding and friendship between the United States and the Republic of China (Taiwan), as well as increase academic and educational links for both countries' institutions of higher learning. It will also help foster outstanding professionals and experts to meet the needs of the global society.

II. Scholarship Particulars:

a. Tuition fees:
The MOE will provide each recipient with tuition fees amounting to NTD$40,000 per semester. If the total amount of the fees should exceed NTD$40,000, the remainder of the costs shall be the recipient’s responsibility. Tuition and academic fees do not include any of the following: administration fees, thesis advising fees, insurance premiums, accommodation and Internet access fees, all of which shall be paid by the recipients.

b. Stipend:
(a) Undergraduate: A monthly stipend of NTD15,000 (approximately US$469);
(b) Master: A monthly stipend of NTD20,000 (approximately US$625);
(c) Doctoral: A monthly stipend of NTD20,000 (approximately US$625).

III. Duration of Scholarships:

a. Undergraduate program: maximum 4 years;
b. Master program: maximum 2 years;
c. Doctoral program: maximum 4 years.

Upon satisfactory completion of a degree study program, the recipient may like to re-apply for another scholarship for the next-stage higher degree program. The total
awards, for a combination of the study programs, covers a maximum of five years under the Taiwan Scholarship Program.

**IV. Award Period :**

a. The annual award period is from September 1st through August 31st of the following year.
b. The monthly stipend will be disbursed by the recipient’s university/college. The duration of stipend begins from the month of the recipient’s registration on campus and ends when the award period expires or upon the recipient’s graduation, withdrawal, suspension, expulsion, or revocation of the scholarship.

**V. Number of Award :** 3

**VI. Eligibility :**

An applicant must meet all of the following criteria :

a. Is a high school graduate or above, with an excellent academic performance in his/her most recent formal educational study experience, of good moral character and does not have any criminal records.
b. Is a USA national.
c. Is not a R.O.C. (Taiwan) national.
d. Does not have the status of being a R.O.C. (Taiwan) overseas compatriot student.
e. Has never enrolled at any educational institutions in Taiwan for the same level of degree studies.
f. Is not an exchange student in accordance with any agreements of cooperation between an international university/college and an educational institute in Taiwan, at the time of receiving a Taiwan Scholarship.
g. Has never received the scholarship to undertake any degree programs or language study for more than the total award period of five years.
h. Does not have any revocation records regarding the Taiwan Scholarship Program, the Ministry of Education Huayu (Mandarin) Enrichment Scholarship Program, or the Taiwan-United States Sister Relations Alliance (TUSA) Summer Scholarship Program.
i. Is not a recipient of any other scholarship or subsidy offered by the Taiwan government or by any other educational institutions in Taiwan.
VII. Application Deadline: March 31st, 2016 (by postmark)

VIII. Application Documents:

a. A completed "Taiwan Scholarship Application Form" (attachment 1)
b. A photocopy of the applicant's passport or other nationality certificates
c. A photocopy of the highest-level diploma and that of the academic transcript
   (Documents in a language other than Chinese or English must be translated into
   Chinese or English and the translated documents must be authenticated by a
   Taiwan's overseas representative office.)
d. A photocopy of the application form for admission to a university in Taiwan
e. A photocopy of a language proficiency proof:
   (a) Applications for non all-English study programs: a photocopy of the transcript or
       the certificate for "Test of Chinese as a Foreign Language" (TOCFL) Level 3 of
       Band B or above. Applicants who cannot take the TOCFL in the U.S. due to
       geographical constraints shall apply for the TOCFL at their own expense and
       submit the test results or certificate to the schools by the end of the first semester
       after arriving Taiwan.
   (b) Applications for all-English study programs: A photocopy of an English language
       proficiency document is required. It can be of TOEFL test scores or other
       recognized English language proficiency exams, or of degrees previously
       awarded for satisfactory completion of all-English study programs.
       English-speaking nationals are exempt from this requirement.
       Applicants who apply to a program not included in the Ministry of Education’s
       English Program List must provide a photocopy of an all-English program proof
       document issued by their intended university/college in Taiwan.
   f. Two reference letters by the presidents (principals), the professors or the supervisors,
      signed and sealed in envelopes. The reference letters can be sent in the applicant’s
      package along with all other documents or mailed directly to the TECO Education
      Division. A scanned copy sent by email is not accepted.
   g. A completed sheet of the "Taiwan Scholarship Terms of Agreement" (attachment
      2)

IX. Selection & Notification of Application Result:

a. The selection of applicants will be based on review of application documents and if
   necessary, it may include a phone interview.
b. Applicants will be individually notified by email, of the result of the preliminary selection before May 31st, 2016.

c. Successful applicants in the preliminary selection will be required to submit before June 20th, 2016 to the TECO Education Division a photocopy of an admission letter from the university/college stated in their application. Once the admission is verified, the TECO Education Division will issue an Award Certificate to fully confirm the award status.

X. Mailing Address:

Applicants who permanently live in the state of Alaska, northern California (as far south as Fresno), Idaho, Montana, Nevada, Oregon, Utah, Washington or Wyoming must send completed application documents before the deadline to the following office:

Education Division, Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in San Francisco
555 Montgomery Street, Suite 503, San Francisco, CA 94111
Attn: 2016 Taiwan Scholarship

XI. Contact for Inquiries

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