

National Taiwan Normal University Review of Grants for Overseas

Chinese Students in Financial Hardship Notice

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1. Legal Basis: This Notice has been prescribed in accordance with Article 6, Paragraph 1 of the *Ministry of Education Guidelines for the Issuance of Grants for Overseas Chinese Students in Financial Hardship in Senior High School and Above*.
2. Purpose: To fairly, impartially, and objectively review the family background and academic performance of financially disadvantaged overseas Chinese students and to implement the awarding of grants on their behalf so they may complete their studies on schedule.
3. Applicants and Qualifications:
 - (1) Overseas Chinese students who return to Taiwan for their studies in accordance with *Overseas Chinese Returning to Taiwan in Pursuit of Studies and Counseling Regulations* (does not include graduate students, students who have extended their period of study, students studying in this University's Academy of Preparatory Programs for Overseas Chinese Students, or students repeating the remedial course Chinese Language and Literature.
 - (2) Financial hardship in the following circumstances in accordance with Article 3 of the *Ministry of Education Guidelines for the Issuance of Grants for Overseas Chinese Students in Financial Hardship in Senior High School and Above*.
 - A. Official overseas financial statements, or proof of financial hardship provided by the overseas Chinese student;
 - B. Situation of overseas Chinese student living in Taiwan.
 - (3) Overseas Chinese students in their second year or above who scored a minimum of a 1.7 GPA for the previous academic year and are in good standing with the school.
 - (4) Students who have already received government assistance in the form of tuition subsidies, tuition exemption, or grants in accordance with other regulations shall not be eligible for the Overseas Chinese Student Financial Hardship Grant.

4. Application Process:

(1) Application Period: Applications will be announced and accepted starting from second week of the first semester of every academic year.

(2) Necessary Documents:

- A. First-year overseas Chinese students: (1) Overseas Chinese Student Financial Hardship Grant Application Form (form 1); (2) Overseas Chinese Student Financial Hardship Grant Recommendation Form (form 2); (3) Overseas Chinese Student Financial Hardship Grant Student Status Review Form (form 3); (4) Official overseas financial statement, or proof of financial hardship for current year; (5) Photocopy of notification letter.
- B. Second year overseas Chinese students: (1) Overseas Chinese Student Financial Hardship Grant Application Form (form 1); (2) Overseas Chinese Student Financial Hardship Grant Recommendation Form (form 2); (3) Overseas Chinese Student Financial Hardship Grant Student Status Review Form (form 3); (4) Official overseas financial statement, or proof of financial hardship for current year; (5) Academic transcript from the preceding year.
- C. For parents who have been registered in Taiwan for less than two (2) years, an approved Individual Income Tax Exemption Qualification Certificate or a document issued by Revenue Service Office stating the annual household income shall be required.

5. Review Process:

(1) Review team: shall be composed of directors and staff members of the Office of International Affairs for a total of a minimum of five (5) persons.

(2) Review Period: Following the approval of grant quotas by the Ministry of Education, the review team shall complete its review for that academic year.

(3) Review Standards:

The review team shall review student submitted documents and discuss each case individually. Following, it shall arrive at a preliminary list of accepted students. To make the review work more rigorous and fairer, when necessary, this University may ask the Overseas Community Affairs Council to help with the review of applicants' family backgrounds and submitted documents as another form of reference. In cases of dispute, the review team reserves the right of final decision.

6. Scholarship Principles:

(1) Quota Calculation Method:

- A. Before September 30 of every year, this University will report to the Ministry of Education the number of overseas Chinese students (not including graduate students) enrolled for the academic year.
- B. Before October 25 of every year, the Ministry of Education, in accordance with its fiscal year budget and the number of overseas Chinese students (not including graduate students) enrolled in each university, shall approve grant quotas for each university for the academic year. These quotas shall include those students whose application for government sponsorship of financially disadvantaged students has been approved prior to the implementation of the *Ministry of Education Guidelines for the Issuance of Grants for Overseas Chinese Students in Financial Hardship in Senior High School and Above*.

(2) Grant Amounts:

The standard monthly payment for the categories referred to in the preceding Paragraph shall be determined by the Ministry of Education after consideration of the budget for the fiscal year. (From September of the current year to August of the following year, or June of the following year for graduating students.)

- (3) For financially disadvantaged overseas Chinese students who are unable to receive an Overseas Chinese Student Financial Hardship Grant, they shall be given priority when it comes to work-study subsidies provided by the Overseas Community Affairs Council.

- (4) In the following circumstances, the Overseas Chinese Student Financial Hardship Grant shall be discontinued:

- A. Students who suspend their studies, withdraw from their studies, graduate, change their student status, lose their student status, or are expelled shall have their grant discontinued from the following month. If the 15th of the current month has already passed, the student may retain the grant for the current month.
- B. If overseas Chinese students are found to have forged or submitted false documentation, their qualifications shall be revoked, all grant funding received to date shall be returned, and prosecution for criminal responsibility shall be undertaken according to all relevant laws.
- C. For overseas Chinese students who are given a grant in the academic year in which they have been punished for the preceding infractions, their grant shall be discontinued in the month following a public announcement by this University.

D. For schools with student dormitories, grant recipients who do not receive the school's approval before choosing to live off campus and are found to have done so, in the month following the discovery, their Overseas Chinese Student Financial Hardship Grant shall be discontinued.

7. This Notice, and any ensuing revisions, shall be implemented following the review and approval of the University president.