THU Financial Aid Regulations for Underprivileged Overseas Chinese Students

Article 1 To assist overseas Chinese students from high schools and above who are financially disadvantaged and striving academically to complete their studies on schedule, and in line with Article 19 of the Ministry of Education's Regulations Regarding Study and Counseling Assistance for Overseas Chinese Students in Taiwan, these guidelines have been established.

Article 2 The aid targets financially disadvantaged overseas Chinese students enrolled in high school or higher education institutions, who meet the following eligibility criteria:

a. Overseas Chinese students in Taiwan for study purposes as per the regulations, excluding graduate students, students who have extended their studies, preparatory students from National Taiwan Normal University, and students repeating a year due to failure.
b. Financial need is considered based on:
    1. Official proof of financial hardship provided by the student or a financial capability certificate from overseas, which may be verified by the Overseas Community Affairs Council if necessary.
    2. The student's living conditions in Taiwan.
c. Students in their second year or above must have passed the previous academic year with satisfactory grades and have not received any major disciplinary actions in college or minor ones in high school.

Article 3 Students already receiving tuition assistance, fee waivers, or scholarships from the government are not eligible to apply for this scholarship.

Article 4 The scholarship quotas and amounts for each academic year are determined based on the budget of the fiscal year and the number of overseas Chinese students at each institution (excluding graduate students).

Article 5 The scholarship is granted for one year, from September 1 of the current academic year to August 31 of the following year. If a scholarship recipient suspends studies, withdraws, or is expelled, the disbursement of the scholarship ceases. If the cessation occurs after the 15th of the month, the scholarship for that month will not be reclaimed.

Article 6 The review process is conducted by a review committee chaired by the Director of International Affairs, which evaluates the applications and submits the list of qualified candidates to the department for the disbursement of funds.

Article 7 The assessment criteria for the scholarship include the following indicators (with points):

1. Dependent status (1-5 points).
2. Health condition of the applicant and their family members (0-3 points).
3. Number of siblings also enrolled in educational institutions (1-5 points).
4. Family income (1-5 points).
5. Housing conditions in the country of residence (1-2 points).
6. Academic performance in the previous semester (1-5 points).
7. Leadership roles in student organizations in the previous semester (0-3 points).

8. Other significant changes affecting the family's financial status or other special circumstances (0-2 points).
9. Autobiography, family background, contributions to overseas Chinese student activities, and the reasons for applying for the scholarship (1-5 points).

A total of 35 points is possible, and the ranking of applicants based on scores is conducted by the review committee.

Article 8 If it is verified that a student has falsified or provided false documents, their eligibility will be revoked, and they will be required to repay any scholarship funds received, in addition to legal accountability.

Article 9 Overseas Chinese students who do not receive this scholarship may be given priority for work-study funds by the responsible administrative authority for overseas affairs.