

Taiwan Agricultural Scholarship Project Provisions

- I. In response to the United Nations "Sustainable Development Goals)" (UNSDGs) and the purpose of the Food for the Hungry International Federation (FHIF), FHIF encourages National Partner and VOFC members to recommend outstanding students to study agriculture-related degrees at National Chung Hsing University (NCHU), and return to their countries to participate **Agricultural Development Plan** that designed by the organization they are recommended. At the same time, during the study time in Taiwan, they will understand the educational and academic environment here, and enhance the exchanges, understanding and friendship between Taiwan and other countries in the world.

- II. The FHIF takes Food for the Hungry International Taiwan (FHIT) as its executive unit. Scholarships (subsidy categories) are provided for each recipient as follows:
 1. **Tuition and miscellaneous fees** (including credit fees and the base of tuition and miscellaneous fees). If the exemption has been approved by NCHU, FHIT should pay for the excess of the exemption. **(apply NCHU Scholarship same time when the recipient apply the admission)**
 2. **Living allowance:** NT\$8,000(US\$ 270 approximately) per month per university student ; NT\$9,000(US\$ 300 approximately) per month for master and doctoral students.
 3. **Other miscellaneous expenses:** accommodation fee (reported and supplemented if living on campus, if not living on campus, FHIT will arrange for it), insurance, and a fixed subsidy of NT\$5,000 per semester for additional book purchases.
 4. **Transportation subsidy:** one-way air tickets for studying in Taiwan and returning home country after graduation; students from African regions are additionally subsidized for visa application one round-trip air tickets if needed.

- III. Scholarship Duration and Time Limits as follows
 1. The maximum period of Taiwan Agriculture Scholarship (TAS) may be held is: four years for undergraduate programs, two years for master's degree programs, and four years for doctorate programs. The maximum total period that any one person may hold Taiwan Agriculture Scholarship is five years.
 2. The Taiwan Agriculture Scholarship year begins on September 1 and ends on

August 31 of the following year. Recipients must arrive in Taiwan and register at the scheduled time. It is not permitted to defer taking up a Taiwan Agriculture Scholarship until the following year. A student who is unable to arrive in Taiwan and register at the scheduled time will be considered to have forfeited their scholarship eligibility.

3. Living allowance payments begin from the month when the recipient actually begins attending the university, and they end when the maximum scholarship period for their degree level expires, or when the recipient graduates, withdraws from their studies, is suspended or expelled, or has their Taiwan Agriculture Scholarship revoked.

IV. Eligibility:

1. Students who have a secondary (senior high school) school graduation diploma or a post-secondary degree(s), and an excellent academic record, and be of good moral character. But those who want to study master or doctoral degree are preferred. High school graduates with excellent grades followed.
2. A person in any of the following categories is ineligible to apply:
 - (1) Those who have studied in Taiwan for the same level degree program which you are applying for.
 - (2) Those who have received the scholarships for all levels of the program for a total period of more than five years.

V. The recommended students should prepare the following documents and apply to the FHIF National Partner or the relevant VOCF executive unit before October 31st each year:

1. Scholarship Application Form.
2. Research Project and Autobiography.
3. A photocopy of the applicant's passport or other documentary evidence of nationality.
4. Photocopy of the highest education certificate and transcript. For languages other than Chinese and English, certified Chinese or English translations shall be attached.
5. A photocopy of the language proficiency appraisal certificate. For example, TOEFL test scores or other English proficiency test certification documents recognized by the local government, or English language graduation certification documents (exemption for those whose nationality uses English as the official language).

6. Two reference letters – from a principal, a college or university president, professors, and/or supervisors – personally signed, and placed in sealed envelopes.
7. After completing the course of study and returning to home country to participate in the relevant development plan of the recommended unit. (Taiwan Agricultural Scholarship Commitment Letter)

VI. **The organizations and procedures for accepting applications are as follows:**

1. After the FHIF National Partner or VOFC members selecting outstanding students, they have to send the information of the students to be recommended together with the organization recommendation letter and the "**Agricultural Development Plan**" to FHIT before November 30 each year. (postpone to 20. February , 2023 this year)
2. The FHIT will hold a meeting of the "TASP Scholarship Review Group" before January 31 of the following year to complete the program review and student selection. Then notify the award-winning organizations and students to apply according to the admission method and scholarship of NCHU.
3. After NCHU approves the application, the recipient should promptly send the photocopies of the proof documents of the admission permit (such as the photocopy of the receipt for paying the registration fee for the admission application, the photocopy of the admission application form, the reply slip or email that the applicant school has received, etc.) to FHIT.
4. The relevant application forms should be complete and will not be returned after review.

VII. The selection criteria are as follows

1. **It should be considered that the scholarship recipients can cooperate with their recommended membership to help their home countries to promote the development of agriculture, economy, education, entrepreneurship, poverty eradication, hunger and other aspects.**
2. **When the total average GPA score of the recipients in school is 4.5 points out of full marks, the university students should have an average score of 3 points or more, and the master's class should have an average score of 3.5 points or more.** If the calculation method of FHIF member country is different, the "TASP Scholarship Review Team" will convert accordingly, or according to the current situation of the local country, select the outstanding students whose academic performance is above a certain level in general universities and colleges in that country.

3. The "TASP Scholarship Review Team" should conduct **physical interviews or video calls** when reviewing scholarship candidates to understand the student's personal status, manners and morals.
4. This scholarship program is taught in English. If English is not your official language, you should submit TOEFL test scores, or other English proficiency tests recognized by the local government to prove intermediate level or above, or the total score of the test is 75% or above academic transcripts.

VIII. The process for determining whether each scholarship recipient whose scholarship has not yet expired will continue to receive scholarship benefits is as follows:

1. Scholarship recipients should submit their academic and conduct scores and attendance records for each semester to the "TASP Scholarship Review Team" for the follow-up work of the scholarship.
2. Scholarship recipients should meet the following criteria in terms of academic average in order to be eligible for the scholarship for the next academic year.
 - (1) Undergraduate students must achieve a minimum average semester mark of 70, postgraduate students must achieve a minimum average semester mark of 80.
 - (2) If a scholarship recipient is in the 3rd year or later year of a doctoral program, the manner in which their results are assessed and the criteria used to determine their semester results will be in accordance with the regulations of National Chung Hsing University
3. If the student's grades do not meet the standard due to force majeure factors, they can submit evidence to explain the reasons, and the "TASP Scholarship Review Team" will make the decision.
4. If the recipient's award period has not expired, and the department recommends to study the next-level degree, the recipient can fill in the scholarship application form, prepare academic transcripts in Taiwan, and the approval information of the degree, etc., and send it to the "TASP Scholarship Review Team" for approval. Apply to change the award level and time limit. The "TASP Scholarship Review Team" will send a letter to FHIF and the original recommending organization.

VIII. The transfer of awardees is as follows:

1. Award recipients who have studied in the Department of Agricultural & Natural Resources College of NCHU one semester or more, **may transfer the department or institution in accordance with the regulations of NCHU**. A transfer to another department/graduate school to a degree program at the

same level may only be undertaken once while receiving Taiwan Agriculture Scholarship.

2. Scholarship recipients who intend to change departments or institutes **should re-apply** to the "TASP Scholarship Review Team" and are not allowed to transfer to programs that are not related to agriculture.

X. Other Important Provisions:

1. If a scholarship recipient is found to be in simultaneous receipt of any other award or subsidy from other institution, and this has been verified, their scholarship will be revoked and the student must pay back all the living allowance payments and the tuition and miscellaneous expenses paid during the period when they were also receiving the other award or subsidy.
2. Any scholarship recipient who submits any application document or any document when they are enrolling that is found to be fake, misleading, has been altered in some way, or contains any falsehood will have their scholarship revoked and must pay back all the living allowance payments and the tuition and miscellaneous expenses provided by the scholarship from the date the scholarship began until the date it was revoked.
3. The recipients should cooperate with the arrangement of FHIT to participate in the teaching, communication and activities of language, culture and church. For those who fail to cooperate, the "TASP Scholarship Review team" may decide to rescind the scholarship.
4. A scholarship recipient who has registered at the university/college and begun their program is absent from their classes for more than one-third of any month excluding summer and winter breaks. When the absences have been verified, the recipient's living allowance for any such month will be suspended (or have to be paid back), and depending on the circumstances, the "TASP Scholarship Review team" may decide to revoke the student's scholarship.
5. Those who violate the laws of the Republic of China (Taiwan), are punished by NCHU for major demerits, are suspended from school or are subject to withdrawal from school, their scholarships should be revoked.
6. After the awardees return to their home countries, they must keep in touch with relevant auxiliary organizations, and hold seminars to share their research results, learning experiences, and life experiences in Taiwan.