

National Taiwan Normal University Directives for the Scholarship for Exceptional Students from Economically Disadvantaged Backgrounds

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1. Purpose:

The Directives for the Scholarship for Exceptional Students from Economically Disadvantaged Backgrounds (the “Directives”) are formulated to encourage economically disadvantaged students at the University to strive for academic excellence and achieve outstanding academic performance through monthly scholarship awards, thereby fostering in them a positive, proactive, and confident attitude and empowering them to pursue personal growth and development throughout their higher education.

2. Target Recipients:

This scholarship is available only to domestic undergraduate students who are currently enrolled at the University, are in their second year or above, and are from economically disadvantaged backgrounds or families with financial hardship. Students who have extended their period of study, graduate students (master’s or doctoral), students in post-baccalaureate programs, and international students are not eligible. Eligible applicants who pass the review shall be awarded the scholarship.

Freshmen are not eligible for the scholarship because they do not have academic records from the previous academic year.

3. Quota:

- (1) The number of economically disadvantaged students shall be determined by the Ministry of Education based on data from the Integrated Platform for Student Financial Aid Systems in Colleges and Universities and shall be used to determine the approved quotas for Category A and Category B scholarships.

- (2) Based on the quotas for Category A and Category B scholarships allocated by the Ministry of Education, the quotas for each category may be adjusted according to the actual number of eligible students in each category, provided that the adjustments remain within the total subsidy budget allocated by the Ministry of Education.
- (3) Following the adjustment of the quotas for Category A and Category B scholarships, if any portion of the Ministry of Education's subsidy remains unused, additional scholarship recipients may be added by supplementing the subsidy with self-raised funds, provided that the scholarship amount awarded to each recipient is not reduced.

4. Eligibility:

Students shall meet both of the following criteria: being economically disadvantaged and demonstrating outstanding academic performance.

(1) Economic disadvantage

A. **Category A:** Students eligible for tuition and miscellaneous fee waivers, including students from low-income or middle-to-low-income households; students with physical or mental disabilities or who are children of persons with physical or mental disabilities; children or grandchildren of families in special circumstances; and Indigenous students.

B. **Category B:** Students eligible for scholarship subsidies under the Financial Aid Program for Disadvantaged Students in Colleges and Universities, including students whose annual household income is NT\$900,000 or less; students whose families have experienced sudden changes in financial circumstances and whose eligibility has been approved by the University following review; and other students identified by the University as economically disadvantaged.

(2) Outstanding academic performance

Students whose academic performance ranked in the top 30% of their class in the previous academic year and who have not received a warning or more serious disciplinary punishment.

5. Scholarship Amount:

- (1) Students who meet the criteria for Category A and demonstrate outstanding academic performance shall receive a monthly scholarship of NT\$8,000.
- (2) Students who meet the criteria for Category B and demonstrate outstanding academic performance shall receive a monthly scholarship of NT\$10,000.

6. Conditions for Scholarship Award:

- (1) This is a government-funded scholarship. In accordance with the principle of non-duplication of government subsidies, students who have received scholarships of the same nature from other government agencies are not eligible to receive this scholarship concurrently.
- (2) Students who are already receiving government subsidies under other government-funded programs are not eligible to receive this scholarship.
- (3) Students who have already received government-funded grants for financial aid or scholarships tied to service obligations remain eligible for this scholarship.
- (4) Students who receive the scholarship and subsequently take a suspension of studies or withdrawal from the University, transfer to another institution, or receive a disciplinary punishment of a warning or higher shall have their scholarship payments suspended beginning in the month following the occurrence of such an event.

7. Review Mechanism:

- (1) Each academic year, the Office of Student Affairs shall establish a review committee and convene review meetings to evaluate and approve the scholarship recipients and quota.
- (2) The review committee shall comprise the Vice President for Student Affairs, who shall serve as convener; the Head of the Student Services Division; the Director of the Student Adviser Office; the Head of the Registrar's Office, Office of Academic Affairs; three adviser and faculty representatives appointed by the Vice President for Student Affairs; and two student representatives appointed by the Students' Union.

- (3) In addition to meeting the eligibility criteria outlined in Article 4, scholarship applicants shall be evaluated comprehensively based on their family's current living conditions and financial needs, as well as their outstanding achievements in competitions, academic achievements, or other service accomplishments. Applicants shall be ranked, and the most qualified candidates shall be selected for scholarship awards.
8. **Source of Funds:** Primarily funded by earmarked grants from the Ministry of Education, supplemented by the University's student incentive funds.
9. The Directives and any amendments thereto become effective after approval by the Office of Student Affairs Council meeting and ratification by the University President.