# Tzu Chi University of Science and Technology Regulation for International Student's Scholarship/Financial Aid

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- Article 1 The Regulation for the International Student's Scholarship/Financial Aid (here in after referred to as the Regulation) was enacted to reward international students who demonstrate academic excellence, and/or to assist economically disadvantaged international students.
- Article 2 In this Regulation, international students refers to international students currently enrolled at Tzu Chi University of Science and Technology (TCUST) and students who applied to study at TCUST in accordance with the Regulation Regarding Study and Counseling Assistance for Overseas Chinese Students in Taiwan and TCUST's Foreign Student Enrollment Regulation.

#### Article 3 Application requirements:

Except graduate students and students who have delayed their graduation, all international students who have outstanding academic record or those who are financially disadvantaged and meet the following conditions may apply for the scholarship/financial aid:

(New students are exempted from the following conditions)

- 1. Applicants for scholarship must achieve an academic score of 75 or above; whereas applicants for financial aid must achieve academic score of 65 or above.
- 2. Applicants must achieve a conduct grade of 80 or above and have no record of serious misconduct including three accumulated reprimands.
- 3. Applicants need to fulfill a total of 25 hours on volunteer service or participation in Tzu-Chi humanities activities during the award semester (the credit hours needed for other application of TCUST's scholarship/financial aids shall be excluded).
- 4. Applicants had not applied for any scholarship/financial aid, offered by the school or government.

### Article 4 1. Quota and amount of scholarship/financial Aid:

- The quota and amount of scholarship/financial aid is subject to school's annual budget. Individual may be offered scholarship/financial aid that cover tuition fees, miscellaneous fees and/or stipend of NT\$5,000 per month (for a maximum of 4 months) and/or free dormitory accommodation and free meals in the university canteen.
- 2. The quota and amount of scholarship/financial aid is to be decided by the committee.

#### Article 5 Application procedure and required documents:

New students must enclose a hard copy of their application form and all supporting documents. Current students who applied for financial aid should complete the application online together with class teacher's opinion and proof of poverty by relevant authority or Tzu Chi branch and submit a hard copy of the same to the Office of Humanities, before the deadline.

#### Article 6 Review process:

- 1. Only when the Admissions Committee has accepted the students, may their application for scholarship/financial aid be processed. A committee comprise of the Deans of the Office of Academic Affairs, Office of Student Affairs, Office of Humanities, and heads of the relevant department shall conduct a meeting to select eligible applicants, and decide the amount of scholarship/financial aid according to the school's annual budget. The Admission Section shall announce the decision of the meeting, and inform the successful recipients. New students who receive the scholarship / financial aid shall then complete the application form online upon registration.
- 2. For current students, after an initial review of the application documents by the Office of Humanities, a list of eligible applicants shall be submitted to the TCUST's International Student's Scholarship/Financial Aid Award Review Committee for a final review. The scholarship / financial aid can be released to successful recipients after due notification to the school president.

## Article 7 The scholarship/financial aid shall be terminated if any of the following

#### situations occurs:

- 1. Students leave TCUST because of suspension, expulsion or dismissal from the school for any reason. The scholarship/financial aid shall be suspended from the day of their withdrawal from the school.
- 2. Students found to have forged or provided false documents.

  The disqualified student shall return all money/benefits received and also be penalized in accordance with TCUST's regulations.
- Article 8 This Regulation has been approved at an Executive Council meeting and promulgated following approval by the TCUST President. The same procedure shall be applied to any subsequent amendments.
- Article 9 Should there be any discrepancies between the Chinese and English version of this Regulation, the Chinese version shall prevail.