

Language Center, NTUST

Higher Education SPROUT: Instructions for TOCFL Subsidy Program

Application for Spring 2024

I. Purpose of the Subsidy Program

The second phase of the Higher Education SPROUT Project promotes support for international students' learning, encouraging them to obtain the Test of Chinese as a Foreign Language (TOCFL) certification at level B1 or above. This aims to strengthen the Chinese language abilities required for living in Taiwan and continuing to stay in Taiwan after graduation. Therefore, this TOCFL subsidy program is explicitly established.

II. Introduction of TOCFL

The Test of Chinese as a Foreign Language (TOCFL) is a standardized language proficiency test designed specifically for non-native speakers of Chinese. It is based on the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR) and divides language proficiency into levels, including **Entry-Basic-level**, **Advanced high-level**, and **Fluency Proficiency-level**. The test is widely applicable and can be used by Chinese language learners to assess their Chinese proficiency or by individuals who study, work, or engage in trade in Chinese-speaking countries to provide proof of their Chinese language abilities.

III. Eligible Applicants for the Subsidy

All **registered international students (Students whose student ID begins with B/M/D. Exchange students not included in the eligible applicants)** NTUST are eligible to apply. Priority will be given to international students taking intermediate-level or higher Mandarin courses for the current semester (Spring 2024). Specifically, those who have taken **Mandarin Chinese Practical (Level 5), Mandarin Chinese Practical (Level 6), Business Chinese, Basic Chinese News, and Mandarin Communication for Campus Life and Socializing** during the Spring 2024 semester have priority to apply for the subsidy.

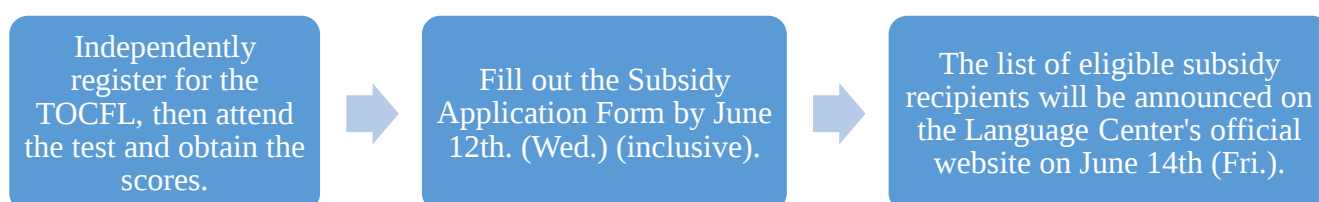
If the number of applicants exceeds the available slots, the selection will be based on the expected graduation year and grades. If there are still more applicants than available slots, drawing straws will be used to determine the selected students.

IV. Application Process for Subsidies

Please follow the steps below to complete the application process for the international students who apply for the subsidy. Failure to adhere to the procedure and requirements will result in disqualification from receiving the registration fee subsidy:

1. Independently register for the TOCFL, then attend the test and obtain the scores.
2. Fill out the **Subsidy Application Form** (<https://forms.gle/HQBqR4T16dx6mXcZA>) by **June 12th. (Wed.) (inclusive)**.
3. The list of subsidy recipients will be announced on the Language Center's official website on June 14th (Fri.).

Please refer to the application subsidy process diagram below for more information:



V. Available Test Dates for Subsidy

All **official test sessions** of the Test of Chinese as a Foreign Language (TOCFL) from November 2023 to May 2024 are eligible for subsidy application.

No.	Test Date	Test Type
1	2023/11/11	Listening & Reading
2	2023/11/12	Speaking
3	2023/11/12	Writing
4	2023/12/9	Listening & Reading
5	2024/1/27	Listening & Reading
6	2024/3/9	Listening & Reading
7	2024/3/10	Speaking
8	2024/3/10	Writing
9	2024/4/13	Listening & Reading
10	2024/5/18	Listening & Reading

For the test schedule, please refer to the announcements on the official website of TOCFL. (https://tocfl.edu.tw/index.php/sign_up/tw/list/1)

VI. Amount of Subsidy

The subsidy amount corresponds to the registration fee for the applied test session. The maximum subsidy for the Listening & Reading test is **NTD 2,000**; meanwhile, the maximum subsidy for the Speaking test and the Writing test is **NTD 1,400**

For instance:

1. The registration fee for the computer-based adaptive listening and reading test is NTD 2,000, then a subsidy of NTD 2,000 will be granted.
2. The registration fee for the computer-based adaptive listening and reading test with an e-coupon code is NTD 1,800, then a subsidy of NTD 1,800 will be granted.
3. The registration fee for the speaking or writing test is NTD 1,400, then a subsidy of NTD 1,400 will be granted.

VII. Required Information for Subsidy Application

1. Account for TOCFL Online Registration System
2. Certificate or transcript of the TOCFL
3. Payment receipt for the registration fee
4. Certificate of Study for Spring 2024 semester
5. Post-office passbook (The account must be visible.)
6. Screenshot of the post office account on the NTUST Student System

VIII. Important Notice

1. Each international student may apply for the subsidy **twice** during enrollment. **Only one application per test session** is allowed, which means an application for a subsidy for the same test session twice is unavailable. For example, If Student A applies for a subsidy using the scores from the test session on September 2nd, then Student A cannot use the scores again.
2. The Language Center will not grant subsidies under the following circumstances:
 - (1) Incorrect application procedures or identity discrepancies after verification. The list of eligible subsidy recipients announced by the Language Center on **June 14th (Fri.)** will be the final version.
 - (2) Failure to complete the **Subsidy Qualification Application Form** within the specified period.
 - (3) Missing information or absence from the test.
 - (4) Submission of forged documents. In addition to losing subsidy eligibility, legal consequences may also apply.

IX. Link for the Subsidy Qualification Application Form

<https://forms.gle/HQBqR4T16dx6mXcZA>

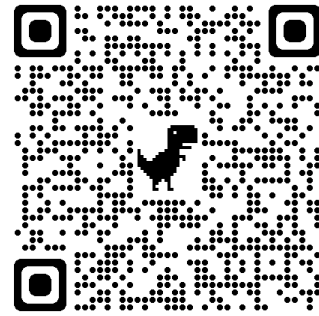
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XI. References

- TOCFL Official Website (<https://tocfl.edu.tw/>)
- TOCFL 2023 Formal Test Schedule (<https://reg.sc-top.org.tw/upload/files/2023%20TOCFL%20Schedule%20in%20Taiwan.pdf>)
- TOCFL 2024 Formal Test Schedule (https://tocfl.edu.tw/index.php/sign_up/tw/list/1)
- TOCFL Online Registration System (<https://reg.sc-top.org.tw/>)

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