

Kaohsiung Medical University (KMU)

Guidelines on Examination of Grant to Overseas Chinese Students with Economic Hardship

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Article 1 In order to fairly, impartially and objectively examine the family economic status and academic results of the financially difficult overseas Chinese students currently studying at KMU but with, and actually offer financial aids for the hardworking overseas Chinese students of financially difficult families to complete their studies timely, these Guidelines are formulated in accordance with the “Guidelines on Approval and Awarding of Grants to Financially Difficult Overseas Chinese Students of Schools Beyond the High School Level by the Ministry of Education.”

Article 2 **Eligibility:** Any poor overseas Chinese students currently studying at KMU and meeting the following eligibility requirements may submit application to the Division of Overseas Chinese Student and Foreign Student Counseling, the Office of Student Affairs:

1. The overseas Chinese students undertaking studies in Taiwan in accordance with the Regulations Regarding Study and Counseling Assistance for Overseas Chinese Students, or the Hong Kong and Macao students undertaking studies in Taiwan in accordance with the Regulations for Hong Kong and Macao Residents Studying in Taiwan (exclusive of postgraduates, and the undergraduates delaying their graduation).
2. Overseas Chinese students shall only be regarded as having financial hardship after the following items have been brought under deliberation:
 - (1) An official document provided by the overseas Chinese student certifying the overseas economic status or economic hardship of the applicant. If necessary, a letter should be sent to Overseas Community Affairs Council for document verification.
 - (2) Living conditions of the overseas Chinese student in Taiwan.
3. The overseas Chinese students being sophomores should achieve a passed GPA in the academic results for the entire year of the previous academic year, and is given no punishment of Warning or above.

Any overseas Chinese students being awarded from the government any grant or exemption from tuition and miscellaneous fees or any other grants shall not apply for the grant indicated here.

Article 3 **How to apply:**

1. Application period: Within 2 weeks after registration and commencement of the first semester of each academic year.
2. Documents required:
 - (1) Overseas Chinese students being freshmen: Application form, score sheet,

- and a document certifying the economic hardship of the applicant.
- (2) Overseas Chinese students being sophomores or above: Application form, score sheet, a document certifying the economic hardship of the applicant, and a transcript.
 - (3) Transferred overseas Chinese students: Application form, score sheet, a document certifying the economic hardship of the applicant, and a transcript of the previous academic year at the original university.

Article 4 Examination procedures:

1. Examination team: It consists of 5 members, including the Chief of Student Counselling, the Chief of the Division of Student Counseling, the Chief of the Division of Overseas Chinese Student and Foreign Student Counseling, the Chief of the Division of Registration and Curriculum under the Office of Academic Affairs, and a representative of overseas Chinese students. The person in charge of the affairs of overseas Chinese students should attend the examination meeting to give supplementary remarks.
2. Examination standards: The scores of applicants are given in accordance with the Scoring Standard for KMU's Examination of Grants to Overseas Chinese Students with Economic Hardship. Based on the following rules, the priority order of the grant recipients shall be fixed:
 - (1) The overseas Chinese students being freshmen: The priority order is based on the descending order of their scores of economic hardship.
 - (2) The overseas Chinese students being sophomores: Add up the scores of economic hardship, and the average scores of GPA and conduct of the previous academic year to achieve the total scores. The priority order is based on the descending order of their total scores.
 - (3) When two applicants achieve the same scores, decision shall be made based on comparison of the scores as from the first item of score sheet.

Article 5 Principles of the grant:

1. Number of grant recipients:
In accordance with the quota approved and allocated to KMU by the Ministry of Education.
2. Amount of the grant:
The amount approved and allocated by the Ministry of Education for the academic year shall be the standard quota for the grant (from September of the year to August of the next year; but up to June of the next year for the current graduates of the year).
Those financially difficult overseas Chinese students failing to obtain any grants shall be prioritized to be awarded internship grant from Overseas Community Affairs Council

Article 6 Should a grant recipient be in any of the following circumstances, awarding of the grant to the student shall be terminated:

1. Should an overseas Chinese student suspend from studies, or be expelled or dismissed from KMU, awarding of the grant to the student shall be terminated. Should this case happen after the 15th day of the month, the student is not required to return the collected grant of the month.
2. If an overseas Chinese student is found to have forgery or provide inauthentic documents, and the misconduct is checked to be true, the grant recipient status of the student shall be disqualified, and his/her collected grant should be returned. Besides, the student shall be held responsible for the misconduct in accordance with

the laws.

3. Should an overseas Chinese student be given a Demerit or more serious punishment in the academic year, awarding of the grant to the student shall be terminated from the next month after announcement of the punishment by KMU.

Article 7 Source of funds: The funds for this grant shall be allocated by the Ministry of Education for the specific purpose.

Article 8 Having been approved by the Committee of Student Affairs, submitted to the President, and achieving the President's approval, these Guidelines are announced for implementation. Any amendments to the Guidelines shall also be processed in the same way.