

Language Center, NTUST

Higher Education SPROUT: Instructions for TOCFL Subsidy Program

Application for Fall 2023

I. Purpose of the Subsidy Program

The Second Phase of the Higher Education SPROUT Project promotes support for international students' learning, encouraging students 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 own 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. Applicable Applicants for the Subsidy

All **registered international students** at NTUST are eligible to apply. Priority will be given to international students who are taking intermediate-level or higher Mandarin courses for the current semester (Fall 2023). 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 Fall 2023 semester have priority to apply for the subsidy.

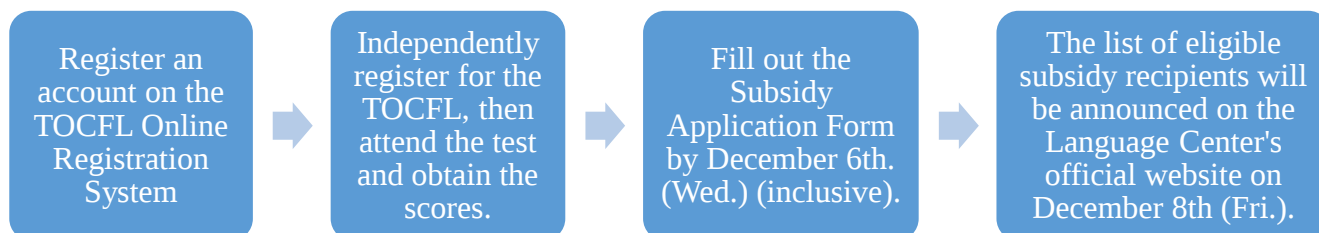
If the number of applicants exceeds the available slots, the selection will be based on the expected year of graduation and grades. If there are still more applicants than available slots, drawing straws will be used to determine the selected students.

IV. Application Process for Subsidies

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

1. Register an account on the TOCFL Online Registration System. (<https://reg.sc-top.org.tw/>).
2. Independently register for the TOCFL, then attend the test and obtain the scores.
3. Fill out the **Subsidy Application Form** (<https://forms.gle/uKqnKgMS648KiCuCA>) by **December 6th. (Wed.) (inclusive)**.
4. The list of subsidy recipients will be announced on the Language Center's official website on December 8th (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) in 2023 are eligible for subsidy application.

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 amount of subsidy corresponds to the registration fee for the applied test session.

For instance:

1. For the registration fee of the computer-based adaptive listening and reading test is NTD 2,000, then a subsidy of NTD 2,000 will be granted.
2. For 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. For 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. Personal information
2. Account for TOCFL Online Registration System
3. Certificate or transcript of the TOCFL
4. Payment receipt for the registration fee
5. Certificate of Study for Fall 2023 semester
6. Post-office passbook (account must be clearly visible)
7. Screenshot of the post office account on the NTUST Student System

VIII. Important Notice

1. Each overseas student may apply for the subsidy **twice** during the enrollment period. **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 apply for a subsidy using 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 **December 8th (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/uKqnKgMS648KiCuCA>

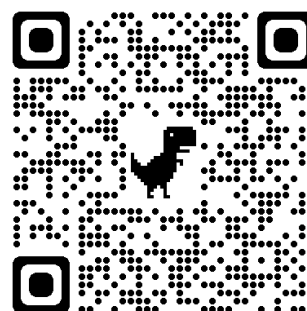
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XI. References

TOCFL Official Website (<https://tocfl.edu.tw/>)

TOCFL 2023 Formal Test Schedule (https://tocfl.edu.tw/index.php/sign_up/tw/list/1)

TOCFL Online Registration System (<https://reg.sc-top.org.tw/>)