

Regulations for Grants Awarded to Disadvantaged Students of I-Shou University

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Article 1 The Regulations for Grants Awarded to Disadvantaged Students of I-Shou University (hereinafter referred to as the “Regulations”) are enacted as per the Student Grant Program for Disadvantaged Students at Universities, Colleges and Junior Colleges under the auspices of the Ministry of Education (Letter No. Tai-Kao-Tong-Tzu 1010150509 dated on September 18, 2012).

Article 2 Qualifications and Grant Amount:

1. Applicants must be R.O.C. nationals and enrolled students at the University (students in the in-service master's programs or extension education programs are excluded), who have not applied for tuition and miscellaneous fees exemption/reduction to the Ministry of Education while studying at the University, and meet all requirements as stated below:
 - a. The annual household income of the potential applicant is less than NT\$700,000.
 - b. The total income from interest of the household is less than NT\$20,000. If part or all of the income from interest is accrued under the preferential interest rate, the applicant may submit supporting documents to the University, and the University will forward these documents to the Ministry of Education for approval. It is to be noted that the deposit must be less than NT\$1,000,000.

- c. The total value of immovables owned by the household is less than NT\$6,500,000.
 - d. The applicant has received an average semester grade of 60 or higher for the most recent semester. This requirement, however, does not apply to new enrollees and transfer students. Where a graduate student has not taken any course at the most recent semester, leading to no semester grade while composing the thesis or dissertation, the latest average semester grade will be recognized.
2. Those who satisfy all of the qualifications and requirements stated above may apply for the grant:
- a. NT\$35,000 per academic year is granted to every qualified applicant with an annual household income of NT\$300,000 or less;
 - b. NT\$27,000 per academic year is granted to every qualified applicant with an annual household income of NT\$300,000~400,000;
 - c. NT\$22,000 per academic year is granted to every qualified applicant with an annual household income of NT\$400,000~500,000;
 - d. NT\$17,000 per academic year is granted to every qualified applicant with an annual household income of NT\$500,000~600,000; and
 - e. NT\$12,000 per academic year is granted to every qualified applicant with an annual household income of NT\$600,000~700,000.
3. In any of the following situations, the value of an immovable property may be deducted from the total value of immovables (land/building) referred to in the preceding paragraph after accredited by municipal/city/county-level competent authorities:
- a. lands reserved for indigenous people that have not yielded economic benefits yet; lands that satisfy the Criteria for Lands Reserved for Indigenous People that Have not Yielded Economic Benefits yet;
 - b. lands reserved for public infrastructure that have not yielded economic benefits yet, and existing roads that could be used for public access;
 - c. lands for national security use, ecological protection, historical monument preservation, graveyard use and water conservancy that have not yielded economic benefits yet in non-urban areas;
 - d. lands obtained after the dismissal of ancestral worship groups and that have not yielded economic benefits yet.

Article 3 The household referred to in Article 2 comprises the applicant, his/her parent(s)/legal guardian(s), and his/her spouse if married.

Article 4 Grant applications are accepted only during the first semester of every academic year. Applications and supporting documents will be forwarded to the Financial Data Center of the Ministry of Finance by the Ministry of Education for accreditation. As long as an applicant is accredited to be qualified for the grant, the amount of his or her grant will be used to offset part of the tuition and miscellaneous fees for the following semester. The application procedures are as follows:

1. After the University announces the application schedule, students who wish to apply shall submit an application form and a certified full household registration transcript dated within three months prior to the application date to the University before the deadline on October 20.
2. The staff-in-charge will check and verify the scope of the income and immovables which shall be recognized as per the Regulations, and then input relevant data into the platform established by the Ministry of Education.
3. The Ministry of Education will collect and deliver all data to the Financial Data Center for accreditation. The Ministry will then notify the University of the accreditation results by November 20, and the University shall deliver the results to applicants. Where any applicant is in any doubt as to the results, he or she shall submit supporting documents to the University for correction by December 5.
4. The University will print out and deliver the registration payment sheets for the following semester according to the accreditation results.

Article 5 The University reserves the right to ask students qualified for the grant to participate in the Service-Learning program according to the accreditation results, and students' performance on Service-Learning will be an important reference to their next grant applications. (Please refer to the appendix for the implementation of the Service-Learning program.)

Article 6 The grant package covers the tuition, miscellaneous fees, credit fees, the tuition and miscellaneous fees per credit, and basic tuition and miscellaneous fees, but it does not include fees for extending years of study, retaking a course or making up a course.

Article 7 Except for post-baccalaureate programs, students who have received the grant are not permitted to reapply for the grant while studying at the same grade level during the same educational stage for a second time.

Article 8 When a student qualified for the grant transfers to another school, suspends schooling, withdraws from the University or is dismissed, the grant awarding is governed by the following rules:

1. No grant is awarded if he or she fails to complete studies for the first semester

(due to suspension of schooling, withdrawal or dismissal, etc.). Where he or she fails to complete studies for the second semester (due to suspension of schooling, withdrawal or dismissal, etc.), the University will not ask him or her to return the grant awarded. However, no more grants are awarded when he or she resumes schooling or re-enrolls.

2. Where he or she transfers to another school after completing studies for the first semester, the grant shall be awarded by the school to which he or she transfers.
3. Where he or she ceases studies after completing studies for the first semester, only half of his or her grant is awarded.

Article 9 If the tuition, miscellaneous fees, credit fees, the tuition and miscellaneous fees per credit, or basic tuition and miscellaneous fees paid by students during the academic year in which an application is filed are lower than specified by the Student Grant Program, these students shall receive only the exact amount they have paid.

Article 10 Students are not eligible to apply for this grant if they have applied for tuition and miscellaneous fees exemption/reduction to the Ministry of Education or other government-sponsored student grants programs, including but not limited to: grants to farmers' and fishermen's children by the Council of Agriculture, Executive Yuan; student subsidies to unemployed laborers' children and grants to laborers' children for craftsmanship and skill development by the Council of Labor Affairs, Executive Yuan; educational subsidies to government and teaching personnel's children by the Central Personnel Administration, Executive Yuan; grants to impoverished veterans' children by the Veterans Affairs Commission, Executive Yuan; and student subsidies to unemployed laborers' children by Taipei City Government.

Article 11 Students who fully satisfy all the qualifications and requirements stated herein are eligible to apply for living allowances, and they shall file an application while applying for this grant or tuition and miscellaneous fees exemption/reduction.

Article 12 The Regulations become effective on the day of promulgation after being adopted by the University Administration Council and ratified by the President.

Note: In the event of any disputes or misunderstanding as to the interpretation of the language or terms of these Regulations, the Chinese language version shall prevail.

Appendix: Regulations for Grants Awarded to Disadvantaged Students of I-Shou University - - Rules of Implementation of Service-Learning Program

- I. The Ministry of Education' Letter No. Tai-Kao-Tong-Tzu 1010150509 shall be complied with.
- II. The University aims to raise students' awareness of social and civic responsibilities, and help students applying for the grant to become independent, make progress and learn how to service others.
- III. Students who apply to the University for the grant shall participate in the Service-Learning program.
- IV. The implementation period of the Service-Learning program begins on the date on which a student files an application and ends at the end of the academic year in which an application is filed (including summer and winter vacations).
- V. According to the Student Grant Program for Disadvantaged Students at Universities, Colleges and Junior Colleges (hereinafter referred to as the "Program") of the Ministry of Education, students in need may also apply for living allowances, and at the same time have the obligation to take work-study jobs, in addition to the Service-Learning hours specified in the Program. Please contact the Service Education Section for more details.
- VI. The grant amount awarded per academic year is determined by an applicant's annual household income. The correlations between the grant amount and the annual household income are as follows:
 1. Grade 1: NT\$35,000 per academic year is granted to every disadvantaged student with an annual household income of NT\$300,000 or less;
 2. Grade 2: NT\$27,000 per academic year is granted to every disadvantaged student with an annual household income of NT\$300,000~400,000;
 3. Grade 3: NT\$22,000 per academic year is granted to every disadvantaged student with an annual household income of NT\$400,000~500,000;
 4. Grade 4: NT\$17,000 per academic year is granted to every disadvantaged student with an annual household income of NT\$500,000~600,000; and
 5. Grade 5: NT\$12,000 per academic year is granted to every disadvantaged student with an annual household income of NT\$600,000~700,000.
- VII. According to the Program, students applying for the grant are obligated to do Service-Learning. There shall be no difference in the Service-Learning hours, even if the

grant amounts awarded to respective students vary, for fear of relative deprivation. As a result, all the students receiving the grant under the Program must fulfill forty hours of Service-Learning by the end of the academic year.

VIII. Students applying for the grant are provided with the following options to fulfill the Service-Learning hours:

1. On-campus service: students may choose to do Service-Learning at the University's administrative or academic units. Such jobs are considered on-campus service, and 100% of the hours earned via this option will be recognized.
2. Off-campus service: students may choose to do Service-Learning at government-accredited social welfare and charity groups, communities or student clubs as volunteers. The hours of working as club volunteers will not be recognized unless verified and approved by the University. Only a maximum of sixteen hours of off-campus service will be recognized as the Service-Learning hours.

IX. To inspire students applying for the grant to make progress, and cultivate them to be sincere and diligent in their studies, they are entitled to be exempt from one-fourth of the Service-Learning hours (i.e. ten hours) when his or her average semester grade for the first semester of the academic year in which an application is filed is ranked among the top 20% in his or her class. Those who qualify for the exemption shall apply to the Registration Section for a valid academic transcript: submitting an application with the transcript to the Chair of the department (the Director of the institute) for review, and then delivering them to the Student Campus Life Guidance Section for approval.

X. The Rules of Implementation of Service-Learning Program also apply to students enrolled at the Division of Continuing Education.

XI. Departments, institutes and the Division of Continuing Education shall deliver a list of valid Service-Learning hours and performance of students applying for the grant to the Student Campus Life Guidance Section every month. These data will be an important reference to students' grant applications for the following academic year.

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