

2016 06/30 - 08/24

TUSA Ambassador

Summer Scholarship Program

Program Snapshot

Program Name: Taiwan-United States Sister Relations Alliance (TUSA) Ambassador Summer Scholarship Program

Area of Study: Advanced Immersion Program for Chinese Language Learning and Taiwanese Cultural Experience

Location of Program: National Cheng Kung University, Tainan, Taiwan

Date of Program: June 30th to August 24th, 2016 (8 weeks)

University Recognition: 6 Credits

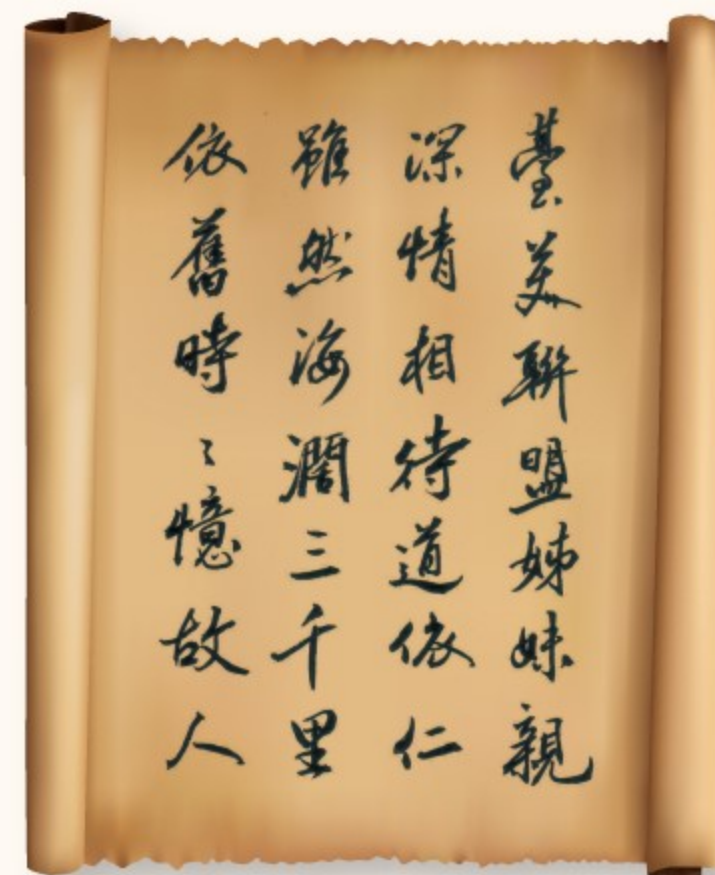
Scholarship Provides: Tuition, dormitory, accident insurance, free excursions, host family weekend, and a one-on-one language exchange partner

Expected Costs: Airfare, meals, minor utilities, and additional spending money

Online Application Period: January 1st to March 31st, 2016

Where to Apply: Online at www.taiwanusalliance.com

Winners Announced: February 25th for early acceptance and April 10th for regular admission



Program Overview

About

The annual program provides scholarship students from the United States a unique opportunity to immerse intensively in studying Chinese Language (Mandarin) and Taiwanese culture over a period of 2 months. TUSA Ambassadors are expected to act as goodwill advocates for both the United States and Taiwan wherever opportunities present themselves.



Requirements

- Ideal applicants are American citizens who hold neither a Taiwan passport nor claim Taiwanese or Chinese heritage
- Full-time student at a U.S. college or university
- Minimum 3.0 GPA on 4-point scale
- Two letters of recommendation from college professors
- All levels of Chinese (Mandarin) proficiency are acceptable; there is no requirement of prior language experience



Advanced Immersion Program Details

1. Intensive Chinese Language Classes:

Classes will be divided into four levels depending on your Chinese language proficiency test.

- Daily small group classes, 2 hours per day
- One-on-one tutorial classes
- Oral-training or professional Chinese classes
- Teaching will use Hanyu pinyin romanization and traditional characters

2. Electives in Cultural Courses and Activities:

Calligraphy, Chinese Painting, Taichi, Tea Ceremony, Stamp Engraving, Taiwanese Language, Chinese Cuisine, and Seminars on relevant topics



3. Cultural and Language Exchange:

One-on-one language exchange with volunteer students of National Cheng Kung University

4. Cultural Excursions:

Visiting National Palace Museum, Indigenous or Hakka Culture experience, and other cultural sites

5. Local Weekend Host Families and Volunteer in Local Schools:

Students will be given additional opportunities to further immerse themselves in Taiwanese society.

Allison Gray (2014 Class) said "I didn't expect a scholarship to provide so many different opportunities. Most scholarships provide you money but this scholarship provides you friends, new experience, and new language."

Visit taiwanusalliance.com to complete the scholarship application provided by TUSA.

