

Introduction

In order to meet the eager needs of overseas compatriot youth in learning cultural heritage, manufacture and management skill, the Overseas Youth Vocational Training Workshop (OYVTW) offers overseas compatriot youth related trainings, which enables them to succeed and contribute what they have learned after returning their residing countries, thus help to promote prosperity of the local communities, develop the competitive edge of Taiwanese overseas business, and expand the trade relationship between these countries and Taiwan. The OYVTW was established by the OCAC in 1963, and has cultivated more than 20,000 students from 41 countries, such as Malaysia, Indonesia, Vietnam, Thailand, Philippines, South Africa and Spain, etc.

Guidelines

1. Mission

Our mission is to provide overseas compatriot youth with the manufacturing techniques and practical knowledge to start business in agriculture, industry, and trade, to promote prosperity in their local communities.

2. Characteristics

The OYVTW curriculum is categorized by profession and aims to give students practical skills in their fields. Students studying agriculture and craftsmanship courses will spend 70% of their time engaging in hands-on training, with the remaining 30% taken up by lectures. Commercial courses balance practice with theory, ensuring that students graduate with the skills necessary to succeed in their professions.

3. Training Period

All courses last for two years, divided into four semesters (including internship in school).

4. Application Requirements

- (1) Applicants must at least be in the second year of high school, and be overseas compatriot or ethnic Chinese under 40 years of age. The age limit for female applicants who have children may be extended two years per child to a maximum of 45 years of age. Please attach supporting documents.
- (2) Applicants must be born overseas, and must have received citizenship or permanent residency in a foreign country, or have received the endorsement of Overseas Chinese Status in the Republic of China passport that they hold when departing Taiwan.
- (3) Applicants must be in good health, and be of good character without bad habits.
- (4) Applicants must be able to speak Mandarin and take notes in Chinese.

Those who meet the above requirements may apply for recommendation. Selection will be based on personal merit and subject to quota restrictions.

5. Recommendation units

Applicants may be recommended by ROC (Taiwan) consular offices, representative offices, overseas compatriot organizations authorized by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Overseas Community Affairs Council (OCAC) Culture Center, or recommendation units authorized by the OCAC.

6. Application Period and Enrollment Date: (For reference only, actual date will be specified in the admission guides)

- (1) Spring Class: Application: July 15th to Aug. 31st;

Commencement: Mar. 1st, the next year.

- (2) Autumn Class: Application: Apr. 1st to Apr. 30th;
Commencement: Sep. 20th, the same year.

7. Fees

- (1) While in Taiwan, medical insurance, National health insurance, food, housing, training materials, airfare, and other miscellaneous expenses are the responsibility of the students.
- (2) Tuition fees are not required as the students are subsidized by the OCAC.

8. Counseling and Care

- (1) Scholarships are provided for students with excellent academic records.
- (2) Part-time employment on campus and study subsidy may be provided.
- (3) National health insurance premiums may be subsidized for students under poverty line.
- (4) Meaningful student social activities may be subsidized.
- (5) On-campus emergency medical assistance and care may be subsidized.
- (6) Exhibitions of students' work, joint graduation ceremonies, and farewell parties may be subsidized.

9. Graduation

- (1) At the end of the training period, those students whose grades meet requirements will be granted Overseas Youth Vocational Training Workshop graduation diplomas in Chinese and English issued by the participating schools.
- (2) Schools will issue academic credit certificates to those students who complete their courses and comply with the school's regulations.