

Visitor Visas for Foreign Exchange Students for Stays less than 6 Months

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REQUIREMENTS

- Application form
Go to website: <https://visawebapp.boca.gov.tw>. Fill out the application form online and print it out. Make sure the application form shows a bar code on it. Sign the application form.
- Two colored passport- size photos
Place two (2) glossy, 2"x1.5", white background photos that were taken within the last six (6) months on the application form.
- Passport
The passport must be valid for at least 6 months with blank pages. One photocopy of the passport bio page with the applicant's photo is required.
- Letter of approval and admission issued by a university/college or competent educational authorities in Taiwan
 - (1) Exchange students must abide by the "Regulations Regarding International Students Undertaking Studies in Taiwan" during their stay.
 - (2) For university or college exchange students, a letter of approval from the university/college they intend to enroll in is required.
 - (3) For senior high school students, a letter of approval issued by the ROC (Taiwan) Ministry of Education or city/county Bureau of Education is required.
- Enrollment record and transcript of records from the home school
The enrollment certificate, transcript of records, and student identification card provided by the student's home school.
- Copy of Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) on Student Exchange Program signed between both side schools
Valid MOA signed by Taiwanese school and home school
- Dispatch Letter from the home school
Letter from the home school indicating the student who is assigned to Taiwanese school on exchange program.
- PSA Birth Certificate (only those with Philippine passports.)
- PSA Marriage Certificate (if a female applicant is married; only those with Philippine passports)
- Proof of financial support (either of personal or family bank statements that detail the six-month bank transactions and proof of full scholarship)
 - (1) Bank statements showing 6-months transaction history or records of remittance provided by the applicant or his/her relatives within the third degree of kinship (grandparents, parents, and siblings).

- (2) Bank statements or records of remittance supported by the applicant's relatives must be submitted along with the household registration/ birth certificate/ family book that may prove a relative's relationship.
- (3) A bank statement must be issued within 30 days with at least Php 120,000.00 maintaining balance to cover the applicant's tuition costs plus the basic cost of living in Taiwan for three (3) months. (The minimum monthly wage in Taiwan is about NTD 25,250 in 2022, approximately PHP 40,000.00 per month.) However, the required amount may be higher depending on the tentative staying period.
- (4) For beneficiaries of government or university scholarships (full or partial), a proof of scholarship stating the period, exact tuition coverage, and monthly stipend must be submitted along with a bank statement showing a (6) six-month transaction history and any amount.

□ Other supporting documents

- (1) The applicant will be scheduled for an interview if required.
- (2) Other additional documents such as travel Itinerary, certification of purpose of stay, parental leave form, parental guarantee, guardian agreement in Taiwan, criminal record certification, educational partnership or sister school agreement signed by the applicant's home institution abroad, etc. may be required on a case-by-case basis during processing.

NOTICES

1. All documents submitted to this office must be original with one (1) set of photocopies on A4-sized paper. Original documents are to be returned after review.
2. Visas are issued as stipulated by Article 12 of the Statute governing the issuance of ROC visas for foreign passports. As a sovereign nation, the ROC has the right to refuse visa applications without providing any explanation for such decisions; the visa application fee is not refundable.
3. Persons legally in Taiwan under a visa waiver for exchange studies may enter the country without a visa. Those having entered under a visa-waiver arrangement or on a landing visa or e-visa, as well as those who have entered the country on a visitor visa granted for reasons other than study, may not then apply to change their visitor (or resident) visa to one for which study is the reason, nor may they apply to extend their stay for study purposes.
4. Persons not enrolled as full-time students may not apply for a visitor visa on the grounds of study.
5. Obtaining a school admission permit does not guarantee the issuance of a visa. Issuance of a visa does not guarantee entry into the ROC (Taiwan).