

Why We Ask for This Information

The Shi Wen-Ling Scholarship offers up to NTD \$5,000,000 in support per scholar. The information in this form helps us decide how that funding is allocated among the scholars we select. The questions cover your own financial situation and any support you receive from family or others.

A few things to know before you start.

Your answers do not affect whether you are selected. Selection is based on your application materials, not your finances. This form is read separately and only by the committee members responsible for allocating funding.

There are no right or wrong answers. Financial circumstances vary widely among early-career physicians in Taiwan. Some applicants have family resources to draw on; others do not. Some have student loans; others received scholarships. Whatever your situation, please answer honestly. Receiving support from family will not disqualify you or reduce your funding by default. We are trying to understand your context, not judge it.

All responses are confidential. Information is used only for the purpose of allocating scholarship funding. The committee may follow up if a question needs clarification.

If something doesn't fit the form. Most applicants' situations fit the brackets and categories below. If yours doesn't, use the open-text fields or the final question to explain.

Financial Background During Medical School

1. **Employment During Medical School:** Did you work in any paid capacity (part-time, internships, summer jobs) while attending medical school? **(Select one)**

Yes

No

If yes, please briefly describe the types of work and roughly how often you worked. For example: research assistant during summers, tutoring approximately 10 hours per week during semesters, occasional clinic internships.

2. **Annual Living Expenses During Medical School:** Approximately what was your annual cost of living during medical school, excluding tuition? **(Select one)**

Less than NT\$150,000 per year

NT\$150,000 to NT\$300,000 per year

NT\$300,000 to NT\$500,000 per year

More than NT\$500,000 per year

3. **Funding Sources During Medical School:** How did you cover your living expenses while in medical school? **(Select all that apply)**

Support from family

Personal savings

Earnings from part-time work or internships

Scholarships or stipends (non-repayable awards)

Student loans

Other (please specify below)

If you used multiple sources, you may note which covered the largest share. For example: "mostly family support with some part-time income."

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4. **Scholarships or Grants in Medical School:** Did you receive any scholarships or grants during medical school, whether for tuition or living costs? **(Select one)**

Yes

No

If yes, please list each scholarship or grant and the approximate amount, per year or in total. For example: "ABC Foundation Scholarship, approximately NT\$100,000 per year for three years."

5. **Loans for Education:** Did you take out student loans to help pay for medical school tuition or living expenses? **(Select one)**

Yes

No

If yes, please indicate the total amount borrowed (approximate) and the type or source. For example: "Government student loan, approximately NT\$400,000" or "Private bank loan, approximately NT\$300,000."

Current Financial Situation

6. **Current Annual Income:** What is your current total annual income from all earned sources, including salary, stipends, and any side or freelance work? **(Select one)**

No current income

Less than NT\$1,500,000 per year

NT\$1,500,000 to NT\$2,000,000 per year

NT\$2,000,001 to NT\$3,000,000 per year

NT\$3,000,001 to NT\$4,000,000 per year

NT\$4,000,001 to NT\$5,000,000 per year

More than NT\$5,000,000 per year

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7. **Spousal Income:** If you are married, please indicate the range that best represents your spouse's annual income. **(Select one)**

Not married or not applicable
Less than NT\$1,500,000 per year
NT\$1,500,000 to NT\$2,000,000 per year
NT\$2,000,001 to NT\$3,000,000 per year
NT\$3,000,001 to NT\$4,000,000 per year
NT\$4,000,001 to NT\$5,000,000 per year
More than NT\$5,000,000 per year

8. **Approximate Value of Liquid/Invested Assets:** What is the approximate total value of your liquid and invested assets? Include bank accounts, stocks, bonds, mutual funds, and other easily marketable investments. Exclude real estate. **(Select one)**

Less than NT\$200,000
NT\$200,000 to NT\$500,000
NT\$500,001 to NT\$1,000,000
NT\$1,000,001 to NT\$2,000,000
NT\$2,000,001 to NT\$5,000,000
More than NT\$5,000,000

Optional: if some of these assets are shared or co-owned with family, please note your approximate share.

9. **Real Estate or Other Major Property:** Do you personally own, co-own, or hold a significant stake in any real estate or major property (land, house, apartment) in Taiwan or abroad? **(Select one)**

Yes
No

If yes, please provide the government-assessed value or official valuation for each property, along with your ownership share. For example: "50% ownership of a house assessed at approximately NT\$2 million" or "25% co-ownership with siblings of farmland valued at NT\$3 million total."

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10. **Current Sources of Income:** What are your current sources of income or financial support? **(Select all that apply)**

Salary from full-time employment (specify role below)

Stipend or allowance from a training program or fellowship

Earnings from part-time work, consulting, or freelance projects

Income from investments or rental property

Ongoing financial support from family

Other (please specify below)

11. **Share of Living Expenses You Cover:** Approximately what portion of your current living expenses do you pay for yourself, using your own income or savings? **(Select one)**

0% (others cover all of my living expenses)

1% to 25%

26% to 50%

51% to 75%

76% to 100% (I cover all of my living expenses)

12. **Personal Savings:** Approximately how much do you currently have in personal savings or readily available funds? **(Select one)**

Less than NT\$100,000

NT\$100,000 to NT\$500,000

NT\$500,001 to NT\$1,000,000

More than NT\$1,000,000

13. **Emergency Support:** If an unexpected financial need arose, do you have access to additional funds or support beyond your own savings? **(Select one)**

Yes

No or not sure

If yes, please briefly describe what that support looks like. For example: "Family I could turn to," "Emergency fund through insurance," or "Credit line I haven't drawn on."

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14. **Outstanding Student Debt:** Do you currently have any outstanding loans or education-related debt from medical school or other studies? **(Select one)**

Yes

No

If yes, please indicate the approximate remaining amount and the lender or type. For example: "Approximately NT\$500,000 remaining on a government student loan."

15. **Ongoing Financial Obligations:** Do you have any significant fixed expenses or financial obligations at present? **(Select all that apply, and provide an approximate annual amount for each.)**

Housing (rent or mortgage), approx. NT\$ _____ per year

Insurance premiums (health, vehicle, life), approx. NT\$ _____ per year

Childcare or education costs for dependents, approx. NT\$ _____ per year

Regular support sent to family members, approx. NT\$ _____ per year

Other significant obligations (please specify below)

None of the above beyond routine living expenses

16. **Dependents:** Do you have any household dependents who rely on you financially? This includes children, a non-working spouse, siblings, or elderly parents. **(Select one)**

Yes

No

If yes, please specify how many dependents, their relationship to you, and the extent of your financial responsibility. For example: "Two young children, both fully supported" or "One elderly parent, I cover approximately 50% of her expenses."

External Support Questionnaire

This section asks about financial or material support you receive from family or other external sources. We ask because in Taiwan, as elsewhere, family support often plays a significant role in an early-career physician's finances, and a salary figure alone doesn't tell us the full picture. Please answer openly. Receiving family support does not work against you.

1. **Regular Financial Support:** Do you currently receive any regular financial support or allowance from your parents or other family members?

If yes, please describe the form, approximate amount, and frequency. For example: "Monthly cash allowance of approximately NT\$20,000 from my parents," or "Parents pay my health insurance and phone bill directly."

2. **Housing Assistance:** Do you live in a property owned by family members or other benefactors without paying full market rent?

If yes, please describe the arrangement. Are you living rent-free, paying a reduced rent, or having certain costs (utilities, maintenance) covered? Please estimate the market value of this housing support, meaning the rent you would otherwise pay for similar accommodation in your area.

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3. **Educational Expenses:** Have your family members or other benefactors paid for or substantially contributed to your tuition or educational expenses in recent years?

This includes university tuition, training program fees, course materials, textbooks, or tutoring. If yes, please specify what was covered, approximately how much, and over what time period.

4. **One-Time Financial Gifts or Contributions:** Have you received any significant one-time financial gifts or contributions from family or others in the past few years?

Examples include large cash gifts, major purchases made for you (such as a car or down payment on housing), settlement of a debt on your behalf, or other sizable one-time financial help. If yes, please describe the contribution, approximate value, and year. For example: "In 2024, my parents gifted me NT\$300,000 toward a home down payment."

5. **Ongoing Personal Expenses Covered by Others:** Do family members or benefactors regularly cover any of your ongoing personal expenses?

This includes things like health insurance, vehicle costs, transportation, loan payments, groceries, or phone bills. If yes, please list which expenses are covered and the approximate amount contributed for each.

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6. **Other Material Support:** Aside from the items above, do family members or benefactors provide any other form of material support that reduces your financial burden?

This is a place to mention anything that doesn't fit the categories above. For example: free use of a vehicle, meals at home with family that reduce your food costs, or family-paid travel.

7. **Changes in Support:** Has the level of support you receive changed recently, or do you anticipate it changing in the near future?

If so, please explain. For example: "My parent retired last year and now provides less support" or "I moved back home this year and now pay reduced rent." Please indicate when the change took place or is expected.

8. **Additional Context (Optional):** Is there anything else about your financial situation or external support that you would like the committee to know?

This is a space for anything the structured questions above don't capture well. For example: complicated family business income, an ill family member you are supporting, or context about your family's ability to help. You can also use this space to elaborate on any earlier answer.

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Statement and Consent

By submitting this form, I confirm that the information I have provided is accurate to the best of my knowledge. I understand that the Shi Wen-Ling Scholarship Committee may follow up with clarifying questions during the review process.

I consent to this information being used by the Andrew T. Huang Medical Education Promotion Fund solely for the purpose of evaluating scholarship support. The information will be kept confidential and will not be shared outside the committee.

I have read and agree to the statement above.

Name:

Date: