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## [SDGs 1] No Poverty

[1.3.4] Does your university as a body have programmes to assist students who fall into the bottom 20% of household income group in the country to successfully complete their studies?

# **NCUT's Assistance Program for Disadvantaged Students**

Overview of the Ministry of Education's Program

To alleviate the financial burden on students from economically disadvantaged backgrounds, the Ministry of Education provides various subsidies and assistance measures. NCUT actively participates in this program to ensure that students from families with an annual income below NT\$700,000 receive the necessary financial support. The subsidy amounts range from NT\$5,000 to NT\$16,500, tailored to different levels of need.

# **Key Measures to Support Disadvantaged Students**

#### 1. Subsidies for Student Aid:

- Families with annual incomes below NT\$700,000 are eligible for subsidies.
- Subsidy amounts vary from NT\$5,000 to NT\$16,500 based on the level of financial need.

#### 2. Government and School Subsidies for the Bottom 40% Income Families:

- College students from families in the bottom 40% income bracket receive targeted government or school subsidies.
- The Ministry of Education adjusts existing fund allocations to prioritize direct subsidies for tuition and miscellaneous expenses.

# 3. Revised Allocation of Award and Subsidy Funds:

- The Ministry of Education has revised the allocation of funds originally intended for awards and subsidies to private schools.
- These funds are now redirected to directly subsidize students' tuition and miscellaneous expenses, ensuring more immediate financial relief.

# **Implementation Measures**

To further support disadvantaged students, NCUT implements a comprehensive assistance plan that includes four main components:

#### 1. Bursaries:

- Provide financial assistance to help cover tuition fees and other educational expenses.
- Available to students based on their financial need and academic performance.

#### 2. Living Bursaries:





- Offer support for day-to-day living expenses, ensuring that students can focus on their studies without the stress of financial instability.
- These bursaries help cover costs such as food, transportation, and essential supplies.

# 3. Emergency Relief Bursaries:

- Provide immediate financial assistance in case of unexpected financial difficulties or emergencies.
- Ensure that students can continue their education without interruption during times of crisis.

#### 4. Accommodation Discounts:

- Offer reduced rates for on-campus housing to ease the financial burden on students and their families.
- Ensure that economically disadvantaged students have access to safe and affordable living conditions.

### Impact of the Program

## **Enhanced Access and Retention**

- Increased Enrollment:
  - By offering substantial financial support, NCUT has increased the enrollment of economically disadvantaged students year by year.
  - In 2021 and 2022, a total of 33 students were admitted through the vision plan, with a high registration rate of 87.87% in 2021.
- Comprehensive Financial Relief:
  - Full subsidies for admission fees and examination-related expenses, reducing the financial burden on students and their families.
  - Since 2018, NCUT has subsidized registration fees for 420 students over three years and expanded subsidies for transportation and accommodation expenses.

#### **Long-term Fundraising and Support**

### • Sustained Fundraising Efforts:

- Through alumni networks and corporate partnerships, NCUT has raised significant funds to support economically disadvantaged students.
- In 2022, NT\$3,946,000 was raised and earmarked as bursaries for the 2023 academic year.

# Tracking and Analysis:

- The Office of Institutional Research conducts regular analyses to track the effectiveness of financial aid programs.
- Results indicate substantial improvements in academic performance and reduced financial stress for recipients.

#### **Continuous Improvement**

NCUT remains committed to supporting disadvantaged students by continuously refining and expanding its assistance programs. By integrating resources and collaborating with the Ministry of





Education, NCUT ensures that every student has the opportunity to succeed, regardless of their financial background. The implementation of these comprehensive measures not only supports students financially but also promotes a more inclusive and equitable educational environment.

# **Guidelines for Emergency relief grants at NCUT**

- 1. In order to strengthen the care of students and carry out the spirit of running schools for students, the School has set up emergency relief grants to help students solve urgent problems.
- 2. Sources of funding for emergency relief grants:
  - 2.1. The grant of the student's school grant is made.
  - 2.2. Donations on and off campus.
- 3. The object of the subsidy is that the students of our school are in urgent need of help because of the urgent situation of themselves or their families.
- 4. Application for relief cases:
  - 4.1. If the application form (e.g., annex) is completed by the parties or agent within three months after the incident and approved by the tutor and the director's tutor visa, the extracurricular activities' section of the student affairs office refer to the allocation of funds after examination and approval by the examining committee member.
  - 4.2. Applications will cease upon the completion of the existing emergency subsidy grant.
- 5. Documents required for application
  - 5.1. Application form.
  - 5.2. The copy of Student ID.
  - 5.3. Household registration transcript.
  - 5.4. The relevant supporting documents for an emergency subsidy shall be accompanied by the following documents:
    - 5.4.1. Unfortunate death: attach a death certificate.
    - 5.4.2. A person who is seriously injured or seriously ill: attach a diagnosis certificate.
    - 5.4.3. Those who meet the criteria for major injuries and illnesses in universal health care: attach a major injury card issued by the Health Insurance Bureau.
    - 5.4.4. The student's family suffered other major changes:
      - 5.4.4.1. The person who damages the house shall attach the supporting documents of the relevant government units.
      - 5.4.4.2. Other people with special difficulties shall, in accordance with the provisions, check the supporting documents of the relevant government units. Those who are unable to obtain relevant government certificates due to special reasons shall state the reasons and attach other supporting information and proof documents from their tutors.
    - 5.4.5. Certificates approved by overseas Chinese students and foreign-based units.





- 6. The relief funds criteria of the subsidy:
  - 6.1. For students who have been involved in an accident or injury, the criteria for giving are as follows:
    - 6.1.1. People who unfortunately dead, NT\$30,000 will be issued.
    - 6.1.2. For those who have been hospitalized for 7 days (including) or more with serious injury or serious illness, NT\$10,000 will be issued.
    - 6.1.3. Those who have been hospitalized for 6 days (including) due to injury or illness will be issued a maximum of NT\$1,000 per day according to the number of days of hospitalization.
    - 6.1.4. Students who meet the criteria for major injuries and illnesses in universal health care are issued NT\$10,000. (When this item competes with items 2 and 3, select the item that is most beneficial to the student.
  - 6.2. If a family has suffered serious damage to property as a result of wind, fire, flood, earthquake and other statutory disasters, the giving criteria are as follows:
    - 6.2.1. Those who have suffered serious damage to their property (holding documents from fire-fighting organs, police or township public institutions) shall be issued with NT\$5,000. (When this item competes with items 2 and 3, select the item that is most beneficial to the student.
    - 6.2.2. Those who have their houses semi-destroyed (down) (holding the supporting documents of fire-fighting organs, police or township public institutions) NT\$10,000 shall be issued.
    - 6.2.3. If the house is completely destroyed (down) (holding the supporting documents of the fire department, the police or the township public office), NT\$10,000 shall be issued.
  - 6.3. In the event of a major change in the student's family, the giving criteria are as follows:
    - 6.3.1. Parents, spouses and children who have been hospitalized for more than 7 days (including) due to injury or illness will be issued NT\$10,000.
    - 6.3.2. Parents, spouses and children who, due to injury or illness should hold certificates that meet the criteria for major injuries and illnesses for universal health care will be issue NT\$10,000 (when this item competes with the first item, choose a certificate).
    - 6.3.3. If one of the parents dies, the spouse or the child dies, the NT\$10,000 will be issued.
    - 6.3.4. Those who die on both sides of the parents will be issued NT\$10,000.
    - 6.3.5. Other people with special difficulties and confirmed shall be issued in accordance with the quota prescribed by the Government. Those who do not have a prescribed quota shall, at their discretion, grant subsidy grants, depending on the circumstances, not exceeding NT\$10,000.
- 7. The same incident is based on family and the application is limited to one time.
- 8. The outstanding matters of this point shall be handled in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Ministry of Education and the school.
- 9. After this point has been adopted by the "Student Grant Management Committee" and also President Chen has approved it and implemented it, as has the amendment.