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Shandong Provincial Government Scholarship for Foreign Students from International Sister Cities

I. About the Scholarship

Shandong Provincial Government Scholarship for Foreign Students from International Sister Cities is provided by Shandong Provincial People's Government to further boost exchanges and cooperation between the province and its sister cities, cities with friendly cooperative relations and friendship organizations abroad.

Application for the Scholarship is organized by the Foreign Affairs Office of Shandong Provincial People's Government (SDFAO) and Shandong People's Association for Friendship with Foreign Countries (SDPAFFC).

II. Eligibility

1. Application is open to foreign nationals aged between 18 and 45 (aged under 30 for applicants for undergraduate programs) in good health without any criminal records.
2. Applicants shall be self-disciplined learners who qualify for the admission of the universities they apply for.
3. Applicants shall be those who have been friendly to China for a long time with certain understanding of the country, who are

deeply interested in studying in China, and in promoting exchanges and cooperation between Shandong province and the localities they come from.

4. Applicants shall not be recipients of other scholarships for international students provided by Shandong Provincial People's Government, municipal governments or Chinese universities, Chinese Government Scholarship (CGS), Confucius Institute Scholarship (CIS), or other full-ride scholarships.

5. Applicants must abide by the laws and regulations of China and the rules of the universities they apply for.

III. Scholarship Amount

The Scholarship provides RMB30,000 yuan to host universities for each student annually for such fees as registration, tuition, on-campus accommodation and medical insurance. After deducting relevant expenses, each host university will decide, based on its policies and the specific circumstances, whether to allocate the remaining funds to individuals as living expenses.

IV. Application Procedures

1. Applicants shall choose 3 universities from the *List of Host Universities for Shandong Provincial Government Scholarship for Foreign Students* as attached after learning detailed information about the universities, including their enrollment plans, admission conditions and majors.

2. Applicants need to fill in and submit the *Application Form* for the Scholarship to their local authorities for international exchanges and cooperation or the friendship organizations. The Application Form approved together with a letter of recommendation given by the local authorities shall be submitted to SDFAO and SDPAFFC for review and approval.

3. Once verified and approved, the required documents will be submitted by SDPAFFC to the Education Department.

4. The Education Department will forward the application to relevant departments at the designated university for evaluation. The university will make the final admission decision and formally inform the applicant of the outcome..

5. The applicants accepted by the Scholarship shall provide their host universities with required information and qualifications for admission, confirm the Offer details, complete the procedures of studying in China, and register with their host universities as per the regulations.

V. Request for Extension

The Scholarship will last for 6 months minimum and should be applied on a yearly basis. Scholarship recipients who have been studying for one year and need to extend their scholarships must re-apply for the next year's scholarship within the current academic year according to the application procedures and time limits, and the

Scholarship could only be extended once. Scholarship recipients with less than one year of schooling cannot apply for extension.

VI. Management

Scholarship recipients shall register with their host universities with the Offer in due time for admission procedures.

They shall strictly observe the rules of Shandong educational authorities and their host universities.

They are encouraged to contribute their part to the friendly exchanges between Shandong province and the localities they come from.

They shall submit an essay on their learning experience in Shandong to the Foreign Affairs Office of Shandong Provincial People's Government within two months after they finish their studies in the province.