**Kaohsiung Medical University Directives Governing the Implementation of the Study Aid Program for Living Grants for Disadvantaged Students**

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Article 1 Kaohsiung Medical University (KMU or the “University”) formulates the KMU Directives Governing the Implementation of the Study Aid Program for Living Grants for Disadvantaged Students in accordance with the Study Aid Program for Disadvantaged Students in Universities and Colleges promulgated by the Ministry of Education (MOE) to cultivate the spirit of independence and self-reliance in disadvantaged students and establish their employability after graduation.

Article 2 Funding source: The funds are allocated in accordance with MOE subsidies and the MOE’s Regulations for the Collection of Tuitions and Miscellaneous Fees for Junior Colleges and Above.

Article 3 The grants are NT$6,000 per month, provided during the periods from March to May and October to December.

Article 4 Application qualification:

1. Students who have enrolled in the University and meet the following conditions may apply:

1. Master’s or doctoral students with an annual household income of NT$700,000 or below, or bachelor’s students with an annual household income of NT$900,000 or below.
2. The combined annual interest income from savings of household members that shall be included in the calculation is NT$ 20,000 or below.
3. The combined real estate value of household members that shall be included in the calculation is NT$ 6.5 million or below.
4. The average academic grade in the previous semester is 60 or above.

2. Students who meet the conditions in the preceding paragraph but are in one of the following

 situations shall not apply:

1. Students without Republic of China nationality.
2. Students who have enrolled in on-the-job programs or credit programs of the University, or students who only attend classes in the evening or during holidays.
3. Students who have already received living grants for low-income families (living subsidies for studies), living subsidies provided by government agencies such as grants for indigenous students in universities and colleges provided by the Council of Indigenous Peoples, or allowances from off-campus internships.

3. The calculation of the annual household income, interest income, and real estate value of household

 members stipulated in Paragraph 1 is as follows:

1. Minors: The combination of the incomes and values of the students and their parents or legal guardians.
2. Adults: The combination of the incomes and values of the students and their parents or legal guardians when they were minors.
3. Students who are married: The combination of the incomes and values of the students and their spouses.
4. Students who are divorced or widowed: The total incomes and values of the students themselves.
5. If the practice of combining the incomes of applicants and their parents or legal representatives appears unfair due to the fact that their parents are divorced, have abandoned them, or have other special conditions, applicants shall specify their reasons and submit relevant documents. After review and verification by the Office of Student Affairs, the incomes of the applicants’ parents or legal representatives may be excluded from the calculation.

Article 5 Documents to be submitted:

1. An application form.
2. An original copy of the household registration transcript including all members to be included in the calculation, issued within the last 3 months.
3. Transcripts of individual income tax with data on various incomes (salaries and interests) and lists of property ownership details from the past year of the students and household members to be included in the calculation.
4. An original copy of the academic transcript from the previous semester (except for freshman and transfer students). Students who are currently in the thesis writing stage and do not have academic records from the previous semester due to not taking any courses may submit their academic transcripts from the most recent semester.

Article 6 Grant quota: The quota for each semester is determined by the Student Scholarships and Financial Aid Review Committee based on the budgets from the University and the MOE.

Article 7 Grant priority:

1. If the number of applicants exceeds the quota of the grants, priority will be given to applicants with lower annual household incomes.
2. For applicants with the same level of annual household income, priority will be given to those whose families are currently in a more difficult situation.

Article 8 Students who are on leave of absence or withdraw from school during their studies will have their qualification for living grants canceled and will have to return any overpaid living grants.

Article 9 The Directives shall be passed by the Student Affairs Meeting and then implemented on the date of promulgation and shall apply to subsequent amendments.