

2024 THE KOREAN HONOR SCHOLARSHIP(KHS) Contest Guidelines

THE EMBASSY OF THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA

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THE KOREAN HONOR SCHOLARSHIP(KHS)

The Korean Honor Scholarship (KHS) Committee extends an invitation to Korean and Korean-American undergraduate and graduate students to compete for the 2024 Korean Honor Scholarship.

This Scholarship was first established in 1981 with a gift of US \$1 million dollars donated by the government of the Republic of Korea to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the opening of diplomatic relations between Korea and the United States. Over the next several years, an additional US\$1.90 million was added to the fund by the Korean Government and now the fund totals \$2.90 million. This scholarship is awarded to outstanding students of Korean heritage to encourage high achievement of academic performance and the development of leadership qualities for their future professional careers.

The Korean Honor Scholarship Committee has awarded 3,388 scholarships to outstanding Korean and Korean-American students over the past 42 years. To be eligible for consideration, applicants must be **attending** college or university in the United States and **must have an overall grade point average of 3.0 or higher**. In addition to academic achievement, the Scholarship Committee also considers an essay, a letter of recommendation, awards, honors, performances and extracurricular activities when making selections.

1. The Korean Honor Scholarship Committee and Selection Committees

☐ The Korean Honor Scholarship Committee

- ☐ Chairman Ambassador of the Republic of Korea to the U.S.A.
- ☐ Members Minister, the Embassy of the Republic of Korea.

Regional Consul Generals (in Los Angeles, New York, Chicago, Washington, D.C., San Francisco, Boston, Seattle, Atlanta, Houston, and Honolulu)

☐ Selection Committees

- ☐ Regional Selection Committees: Regional Consular Offices
- ☐ Central Selection Committee: Korean Embassy in Washington D.C.

2. Important Dates for Year 2024 Contest

- Application period: April 22 ~ June 28, 2024
- First round evaluation at regional consular offices: July 1 ~ July 5, 2024
- Final round evaluation by Central Selection Committee: July 23, 2024
- Scholarship Award presentation: after September 30, 2024

3. Amount of Scholarship: Best Honor Scholarship - \$ 5,000 (2 student or so)

Excellent Honor Scholarship - \$3,000 (4 students or so)

Honor Scholarship - \$1,500 (58 students or so)

4. Allocation of Awards

Will be subject to change according to the number of applications in each category and the amount of funds available.

구 분 (Classification)	분 야 별 (Fields)		분류기호 (Applicant's Code)
일반장학생 (Regular) (56 or so)	동 포 학 생 Korean-American	대 학 (Undergraduate)	AC
		대학원 (Graduate)	AG
	한국 유학생 Korean	대 학 (Undergraduate)	KC
		대학원 (Graduate)	KG
예능계 장학생 (Arts) (2 or so)	음 악 (Music)		SM
	미 술 (Art)		SA
입양 및 특수 장학생(Adoptee and Special) (6 or so)	입양 학생(Adoptee) 및 장 애 학 생 (Handicapped) 등		HS

***Best and Excellent Honor Scholarship is included in the total award number**

5. Qualifications

- (1) At the time of application, an applicant must be a full time 4-year college or graduate student who has achieved **a grade point average of 3.0 or higher** at least for the previous one academic year(Fall, 2023 ~ Spring*, 2024). Especially student who gets graduate admission should submit the relating documents.

* If not available, Spring 2023 is also accepted(The reason for not being available should be submitted with the evidence).

※ The GPA should be on a 4.0 basis (Pass or Fail is not acceptable).

- (2) Any students whose parents are Korean (either one or both) or any legally **adopted Korean-American students are welcome to apply.**
- (3) **Scholarship will be awarded once in undergraduate and graduate level respectively.**
(Past beneficiary in graduate level must not apply for this scholarship, Accelerated Bachelor's to Master's program students are awarded once)

6. Required Documents

- (1) Application form: available at http://overseas.mofa.go.kr/us-en/brd/m_4513/list.do

(or search for **“korean honor scholarship”** in any search engines)

- (2) Official school transcript, including the 2023-2024 academic year

※ If the transcript GPA is not on a 4.0 basis or if letter grades are given, the applicant must convert the grades into those of a 4.0 basis. Submit both the converted grades record and the official original school transcript.

- (3) A letter of recommendation from a professor at the applicant's institution(Sealed recommendation letter is preferred)

- (4) An Essay written in English by the applicant: up to **500 words** (point 12, double spaced)

※ Applicants must write under the following title :

“The Significance of Korean Culture and Cultural Heritage in a Transnational Age”

- (5) Résumé (including records of awards, publication, extracurricular and volunteer activities, leadership, etc.). **Related evidence or documents should be submitted**

※ Graduate students(undergraduate students if available) should list research publications and presentations in their résumé.

(6) **Applicants of music or art field only:** either one of the followings

- ※ Art applicants must submit a USB drive that contains 10 still image files (jpeg, each smaller than 1MB) and/or up to 3 video art pieces (for video art or film-making applicants). Submit your best and most current original artwork created within the last 3 years. Document each image with the following set of information and include a print copy in the package: 1) Name of the Applicant, 2) Title of the Artwork, 3) Medium, 4) Dimension or Length of the Video/Film, 5) Year of Creation.
- ※ Music student must submit a USB drive that a 20-minute long his/her own performance is recorded in. (Video or cassette tape will **NOT** be accepted.)
- ※ USB must be submitted by one of the following recording types:
Windows Media Player, QuickTime Player, and GOM Player.

(7) **Adoptee and Handicapped students only:** Documents to prove disability or adopted (such as copy of applicant's driver's license, or birth certificate etc. by related organization, other supporting documents)

(8) Only for Korean-American students who did not graduate middle and/or high school in Korea: every items of the followings (if applicable)

- ※ School transcript for the Korean language course(s) taken at a high school in the U.S.A. and foreign countries except Korea (B+ or higher)
- ※ SAT II Korean test score (700 point or higher)
- ※ "Certificate of Proficiency in Korean (Grade 5 or 6)", available by taking TOPIK (Test of Proficiency in Korean) administered by National Institute for International Education or Korea Institute of Curriculum & Evaluation .(<http://www.topik.go.kr>).
- ※ NEWL/Korean Test Score by American Council for International Education.

7. Selection Criteria and Process

☐ Selection Criteria

- Each Committees will comprehensively consider the submitted documents such as GPA, Recommendation letter, Essay, Resume etc.

☐ **Scholarship for regular students (AC, AG, KC, KG)**

○ Submit applications to the regional consular office near your college or university.

※ Applicants from the Washington D.C. area (DC, MD, VA, WV) MAY submit the application directly to the Office of Education Minister Counselor at the Embassy of Korea, Washington, D.C.

→ First round evaluation at regional consular offices

→ Final evaluation at Central Selection Committee

→ Approval by the Korean Honor Scholarship (KHS) Committee Chairman

→ Finalized

☐ **Scholarships for students in arts and Adoptee and handicapped students (SM, SA, HS)**

○ Submit applications directly to the Office of Education Minister Counselor at the Embassy of the Republic of Korea, Washington, D.C.

→ Evaluation at Central Selection Committee → Approval by the Korean Honor Scholarship Committee Chairman → Finalized

8. Other Information

○ Applications will **NOT** be returned.

○ Unqualified applicants will **NOT** be reviewed and the evaluation process is confidential.

○ Applications must be submitted to **the regional consular office CLOSEST TO YOUR HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTION**

○ For further information or any inquiries, please contact the Office of Education Minister Counselor at the Embassy of the Republic of Korea, Washington, D.C. or the regional Consular Offices closest to your college or university.

April, 2024

Ambassador of the Republic of Korea

(Chairman, Korean Honor Scholarship Committee)

Contact Information

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