



Korean Women's Association Scholarship 2021–2022 Application Overview

The Korean Women's Association (KWA) is pleased to announce the opportunity for Washington students to apply for a scholarship to support the achievement of their post-secondary educational goals.

For nearly 50 years, KWA has been at the forefront of creating opportunities for the most vulnerable and has empowered individuals within their communities. We are motivated by a vision that a strong community makes a better Washington. Our hope is that the scholarship program that has been offered for the past 25 years will open the doors of opportunity by providing resources and the necessary confidence to compete academically. The KWA Scholarship Program includes awards funded by various donors in order to support students needing financial assistance to begin, continue, or complete their post-secondary education.

Who is eligible?

To qualify for a KWA scholarship, you must:

- Be a resident of Washington State as a citizen or a permanent legal resident; Be accepted for college or trade school;
- Meet student status requirements for specific awards:
 - enrolled as a full-time, undergraduate student in a degree-granting or trade school program **OR**
 - expecting to graduate this year from high school and enroll in a full-time undergraduate degree-granting or trade school program **OR**
 - completing a two-year college or trade program. and;
- Demonstrate financial need

How are awardees selected?

- The Scholarship Program Committee evaluates applicant eligibility based on financial need, academic achievement, volunteering, and community involvement.
 - In the case of equivalent academic achievement, students with the greatest financial need are given priority. Financial need is determined by the Student Aid Report (SAR), which is provided 3-6

weeks after filing your Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and includes the Expected Family Contribution (EFC) calculation and/or the most recent tax return.

- Awardees are chosen once a year and scholarships are nonrenewable.

What is the application process?

To be considered for a KWA scholarship, you must provide the following items:

- Completed scholarship application
- One photograph of yourself
- Typed essay with an email copy in a Word document
- Official transcript of grades (most recent high school transcript for seniors or college transcript for post-secondary students) **sent directly to KWA by the school:**
 - KWA Scholarship Attn: Ezra Kwon
3625 Perkins Ln SW
Lakewood, WA 98499
- Student Aid Report (SAR) **AND/OR**
- Proof of financial status/income (most recent tax returns or documentation of SSI, public aid or unemployment) (OPTIONAL)
- Proof of current enrollment or acceptance in a college/university

What is the application and selection timeline?

The following are key dates for the KWA Scholarship Program:

Deadlines and Schedule of Scholarship Award	
July 30, 2021	<i>Deadline for Application to be Postmarked</i>
August 6, 2021	<i>Application Review Completed by Scholarship Committee</i>
August 9, 2021	<i>Awards Notifications</i>
To Be Determined	<i>Awards Disbursement and Ceremony</i>

How will I be notified about whether or not I am selected to receive an award? All applicants will be notified about KWA's decision regarding a scholarship award decision in an email or phone call no later than August 9, 2021.

If you have any questions, please contact Ezra Kwon at:

ekwon@kwacares.org | 253-535-4202

**Korean Women's Association
Scholarship 2021-2022 Application**

Please Print or Type:

I. APPLICANT INFORMATION

Last Name:	First Name:	Middle Int.:
Permanent Home Address:		
City:	State:	Zip:
Home Telephone:		Cellular Telephone:
E-mail Address:		
Gender:		Date of Birth:
U.S. Citizen or Permanent Resident: Yes No		Last 4 of SSN:
Racial/Ethnic Background (for reporting purposes only):		

II. YOUR EDUCATION

High School:		
Address:		
City:	State:	Zip:
High School graduation date: Month/Year:		
Do you hold a GED certificate? Yes (Month/Year)		No
Name the college/university you attend or plan to attend:		
Address: (City/State)		
Course of Study (Major):		
Are you currently enrolled as a full-time college/university student?		Yes No
Current Grade Level:	What is your expected date/year of graduation?	
Estimated cost of post-secondary education per year:		
Have you decided about your future career interest or occupation?		Yes No
If yes, please specify:		

III. YOUR SCHOOL COURSES, ACTIVITIES, AND EXPERIENCES

List Advanced Placement (AP), honors courses and internships that are related to your academic or career interest.

Course or Program	Dates Attended	Grade Earned

List school and community activities in which you have participated, such as varsity and club sports, scouting, church groups and student government. Include memberships in Honor Society, Beta Club and volunteer activities.

Activity	Offices Held	Dates of Participation

List jobs you have held in the past three years.

Job or Kind of Work	Employer	Year of School	Date(s) of Employment	Hours Per Week

List any honors, awards and/or special recognition you have received over the last year.

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IV. YOUR FAMILY

Enter complete information about your family. If you do not live with both parents, enter

the name of the parent or guardian with whom you live.

	Father/Male Guardian	Mother/Female Guardian
Name		
Occupation/Title		
Employer		

Number of Siblings:

Age(s):

Are there aspects of your family life or personal circumstances you would like to share with the Selection Committee?

v. ESSAY QUESTIONS (Please type using 8.5x11 paper)

- 1) How has your family or personal background affected you and your future plans?
- 2) Who in your life has been your biggest influence, how, and why?
- 3) What role has community service played in your life?
- 4) How do you define success?
- 5) If you had the authority to change your school or community in a positive way, what specific changes would you make?

vi. FINANCIAL DOCUMENTS (Optional)

Student Aid Report (SAR) OR Proof of financial status/income (most recent tax returns of the parents and the student or documentation of SSI, public aid or unemployment) must be attached to your application.

APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE

Please review your responses and you sign your name below. Your signature will confirm that the information provided is accurate and true and that you authorize your school to release the information requested on the separate Certification by School Official form. If any information you have provided is false, Korean Women's Association reserves the right to disqualify your application.

Signature

Date

Please send this completed application form, essay question response and recommendations to the address below. **All application materials must be postmarked by July 29, 2021.**

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For additional information contact Ezra Kwon at the
Korean Women's Association:
EKwon@kwacares.org | 253-535-4202

2021-2022 Korean Women's Association Scholarship

CERTIFICATION BY SCHOOL OFFICIAL

STUDENT INFORMATION:

Name:		
Permanent Home Address:		
City:	State:	Zip:
Permanent Telephone Number:		
E-mail Address:		
Name of School or College:		

CERTIFICATION BY SCHOOL OFFICIAL (Complete and send directly to Korean Women's Association in a sealed envelope.)

Please provide the data requested below, and attach an **official transcript of grades** to this questionnaire.

High School Students Only:

SAT Test Date	SAT Scores: Verbal Math	
ACT Test Date	Composite Score	
Is the student a high school senior?	Yes	No
Anticipated Graduation Date (Month/Year)		
Rank in Class	Class Size	Grade Point Average

College Students Only:

Enrollment Date (Month/Year):	Major:
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I certify that the information above is accurate and that an official transcript for the student is attached.

Name of School Official:

Title:

Signature:

Date:



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