



## AWCA Kihwa Scholarship 2021 Application Form

### About the Scholarship

The Kihwa Scholarship was established to support the dreams of dedicated college and graduate school students who are in difficult circumstances. The scholarship was named after its founder, Ms. Kihwa Kwak, and this year marks its 18th year of service to the community.

The Kihwa Scholarship awards a total of \$6,000 each year to 2 recipients (\$3,000 per student) for the following academic year.

### Eligibility & Requirements

**Eligible Applicants:** Current college or graduate school students

**Required Documents:**

- Complete application form
- Resume/Curriculum Vitae
- Two (2) letters of recommendation
- Most current official transcript
- Personal statement

**Application Deadline:** Friday, July 23, 2021 by 5:00 pm

**Award Ceremony:** Tuesday, August 10, 2021, at 10:00 am

**Award Ceremony Location:** AWCA, 9 Genesee Ave., Teaneck, NJ 07666

### Policies

All scholarship awards are subject to the following conditions. Your acceptance of a scholarship indicates that you have read and understand the following:

1. The AWCA reserves the right to review or cancel awards due to changes in academic or program status. All scholarship students must continue to meet eligibility requirements.
2. Eligibility is based on Korean descendency and study of interest, which must provide evidence to a commitment to improving the Korean-American community. Students must also submit proof of a minimum of 100 volunteer hours accrued within the past four (4) years, present a minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.0, and complete the application process.
3. The application process requires two (2) recommendations from persons in a professional capacity (current or previous employers or instructors), a completed application, current resume, a personal statement, and most current school transcript.
4. Full-time enrollment (minimum of 12 hours per semester, recommended 15 hours) in a regular degree program is required, with completion of at least 24-credit hours by the end of the spring semester of each year.
5. Scholarship recipients must maintain the required 3.0 cumulative grade point average. Grades are subject to review on a term-by-term basis. Any scholarship recipient who earns a semester grade point average of less than a 3.0 will automatically forfeit the scholarship. Appeal of scholarship termination requires submission of a Scholarship Appeal Form. All appeals are reviewed by the Scholarship Appeals Committee coordinated by the AWCA.
6. Students receiving scholarship awards who withdraw from their education programs must notify the AWCA. Withdrawals will result in the cancellation of the award.
7. If the scholarship is renewable, renewal will be automatic and contingent upon all conditions of the award being met. A student may receive a scholarship for up to three years (six semesters in total). Awards are only available for students who have completed their first year at a 4-year college institution or university.
8. Scholarship awards are disbursed in one-half amounts before each term (fall and spring; awards are not available for summer semesters). Award amounts will be made available to the students via a direct check disbursement from the AWCA.
9. All awards are subject to the provisions of the Kihwa Scholarship Policy, which mandates that students may receive only one academic scholarship each year.

*\* The federal tax reform act of 1986 significantly changed the tax of scholarships, fellowships, and grants you receive from the university. Prior to the act, these were generally not subject to income tax. Since then, scholarship, fellowship, and grant amounts exceeding tuition, fees, and course-related books, supplies, and equipment have become taxable.*



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### Applicant Information

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
English Korean

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street City State Zip

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Home Cell

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

### Academic Information

Current School: \_\_\_\_\_

Major(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Minor(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Current GPA: \_\_\_\_\_ Expected Graduation Year: \_\_\_\_\_

Expected Profession: \_\_\_\_\_

### Parent/Guardian Information

Parent/Guardian Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

### Personal Statement Instructions

A personal statement is required for your application packet to be complete. The personal statement must be 2-3 pages long (typed, 12-point Times New Roman, double-spaced, 1" margins). Please write your personal statement on the following topic:

- Describe your experience(s) in volunteering and your plans for community development, outreach, enrichment, and/or involvement with your prospective degree (B.A. or M.A.).

### Application Packet Checklist

- Complete application form (above)
- Personal statement
- Two (2) letters of recommendation from a professional source (current or former employers and/or instructors only; letters from family, relatives, or personal acquaintances will not be accepted)
- Current resume/curriculum vitae
- Current school transcript(s)

Please submit all required documents by no later than **Friday, July 23, at 5:00pm** by mail or email:

**Email:** [info@awcanj.org](mailto:info@awcanj.org)