

# 2024 Recruitment Announcement for Participants in the 7th and 8th Next-Generation Overseas Koreans Invitation Program (2024 OKFriends Homecoming Teens & Youth Camp)

We would like to invite overseas Korean youth and college (graduate) students to our proud homeland, Korea. Please participate in the 2024 invitation training for the next generation to enhance their pride as Koreans through traditional Korean culture and history experiences.

## 1. Overview

### a. Purpose of the Program

- To provide next-generation overseas Koreans with opportunities to experience Korea's historical and cultural excellence, fostering a stronger sense of identity and pride as Koreans.
- To support their growth into global leaders who contribute to the realization of Korea's vision as a pivotal global nation and the common prosperity of humanity.
- To promote bonds and unity by building networks and fostering exchanges among next-generation overseas Koreans.

### b. Application Requirements

- 7th Program (Youth): Overseas Korean youth aged 15-18 (as of January 13, 2025)
- 8th Program (University Students): Overseas Korean university (graduate) students aged 18-25 (as of January 14, 2025)

### c. Program Duration and Number of Recruitments

※ 7th: Youth, 8th: University Students

Category		Program Duration	Participants Number	
			Overseas Korean	Domestic Youth
7th	Youth	2025. 1. 13.(Mon)~ 1. 19.(Sun), <6 nights and 7 days>	250명	100명
8th	University student	2025. 1. 14.(Tue)~ 1. 20.(Mon), <6 nights and 7 days>	200명	50명

※ Domestic participants will be selected separately

#### d. Venue

- Seoul metropolitan area and other regions

#### e. Main programs

- opening/closing ceremony, korean traditional culture/ historical experience(K-culture), overseas korean identity development program (lecture, experience, performance), team building and recreation programs, etc. ※Refer to main program (draft)

## 2. Application

### A. Application period

- announcement date ~ Mon, Nov. 11, 2024  
application deadline: 11:59 PM, Nov. 11 (KST)

### B. Eligibility & Preferred applicants

- Eligibility
  - 7th camp (teens) overseas korean teens aged 15 to 18 (as of Jan. 13, 2025)
  - 8th camp (college students) overseas korean college or graduate students aged 18 to 25 (as of Jan. 14, 2025)
  - overseas korean who have legally resided abroad for five years or more
    - overseas korean residents, overseas koreans with permanent residency, korean nationals, adoptees, children of adoptees, and children from multicultural families
  - students must be in good physical and mental health and able to participate fully in the program

- Preferred applicants

- Those who wrote self-introductory letters and reasons for application with enthusiasm
- Descendants of persons of distinguished services to independence or the state
- Those who have completed a significant amount of service in the overseas korean society or their community

### C. Application method & required documents

- Application method: applicants should visit [www.korean.net](http://www.korean.net), create an account and submit an application

#### Required documents

- fill out the required fields in the online application form (korean or english)
  - ① Application form, personal data provision and use content form
  - ② Self-introductory letter (korean or english)

#### Optional documents (upload via the website)

- ① Recommendation letter (principal, korean school principal or counselor)
- ② Proof of Descendancy from Independence Patriots or Other Relevant Documentation

### Submission Guidelines

- All documents must be uploaded via [www.korean.net](http://www.korean.net).
- It is imperative to accurately provide email addresses, phone numbers, emergency contact information, and contact details within Korea.
- As program notifications will be communicated via email,

please ensure to provide an email address that is frequently used.

### 3. Selection Process and Criteria

#### a. Selection Process

Center for Overseas Koreans Cooperation	Prospective Participants	Relevant Diplomatic Mission
Recruitment Notice and Application Submission	Application Form Submission	Participant Recommendation
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Korean.net website</li> <li>● Overseas Koreans Agency website</li> <li>● Center for Overseas Koreans Cooperation website</li> <li>● All overseas diplomatic missions</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Access <a href="http://www.korean.net">www.korean.net</a></li> <li>● Register as a member (ID/Password)</li> <li>● Select the program and apply</li> <li>● Upload the application form and required documents</li> <li>● Designate the relevant diplomatic mission</li> <li>● After completing the application, verify the application number</li> <li>● Check the application result via email</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Collect application results</li> <li>● Review the application forms and required documents</li> <li>● Finalize the recommended candidates</li> <li>● Indicate priority ranking and send the recommendation results via official correspondence</li> </ul>
Center for Overseas Koreans Cooperation	Prospective Participants	Training Program Partner Organizations
Participant Selection and Notification	Confirmation of Selection Status	Details of the Training Program
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Final selection of participants</li> <li>● Notification of selection results <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Korean.net website</li> <li>• Overseas diplomatic missions</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Access <a href="http://www.korean.net">www.korean.net</a></li> <li>● Register as a member (ID/Password)</li> <li>● Enter the application number</li> <li>● Check the results</li> <li>● Results can also be confirmed through the relevant diplomatic mission</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Separate notice regarding entry/departure and participation in events</li> </ul>

#### b. Selection Criteria

- Among applicants who have submitted all required documents:
- Compatibility of the purpose of training with the self-introduction (background, migration history, motivation for application, etc.)
- Volunteer service records in the overseas Korean community or the local community (for reference)

- Recommendations and ranking from the relevant diplomatic mission (for reference)

## Exclusion Criteria

- Individuals with a weak nervous system who are receiving treatment and are at a high risk of incidents such as shock, seizures, onset of illness, or abnormal behavior during the training schedule.
- Individuals requiring special attention due to severe allergies, seizures, or shock related to specific foods, posing a high risk of incidents during the program duration.
- Cases deemed inappropriate for the purpose of the training during the selection process.

## 4. Benefits for Participants

Flat-rate Round-trip airfare subsidy(economy class), Accommodation during the training period, Program participation fee (including fare), and Individual travel insurance subscription support

### ○ Airfare subsidy standard

- Flat-rate Round-trip airfare subsidy(economy class) by region for the purpose of participating in this training

- \* Airfare subsidies will be provided on the basis of the participant's area of residence, regardless of the amount of airfare purchased
- \* Airfare subsidies by region: about 50% of the round-trip airfare of each region for the training period (based on economy class)

Region	Airfare subsidies	Region	Airfare subsidies
Asia	area A : 250,000 won	Africa	1,000,000 won
	area B : 350,000 won	Middle East	600,000 won
	area C : 600,000 won		
Russia/CIS	500,000 won	North America	1,000,000 won
Oceania	800,000 won	Central/ South America	1,200,000 won
Europe	800,000 won		

- \* Asia area A : Northeast Asia China, Japan)

Asia area B : Southeast Asia (Malaysia, Vietnam, Singapore, Indonesia, Thailand, Philippines, etc)

Asia area C : South-West Asia (India, Pakistan, etc.)

- The airfare support will be provided via bank transfer,  
scheduled after the 7th and 8th training sessions.  
(February 2025).

- All training-related costs (accommodation, meals, activity experience fees, transportation, and insurance during the training period) will be fully supported.

\* There are no additional costs for participants except personal expense.

## 5. Confirmation of Selection Results and Inquiries

- Confirmation of selection results.

\* Detailed information about training will be provided to the final selected candidates.

- Individual confirmation can be checked through [www.korean.net](http://www.korean.net)  
after November 22, 2024 (Friday).

- Contact Information (Overseas Koreans Cooperation Center)
  - 2024 7th Next Generation Overseas Koreans Invitation Program  
(Youth)

Email	Contact
teenscamp@okocc.or.kr	+82-2-3415-0183
	+82-2-3415-0186
	+82-2-3415-0185

- 2024 8th Next Generation Overseas Koreans Homeland  
Invitation Program (University Students)

Email	Contact
youthcamp@okocc.or.kr	+82-2-3415-0187
	+82-2-3415-0188

- Koreannet Application System

\* About Application System, Related to creating account in Koreannet and etc.

Email	Contact
youngmin@okocc.or.kr	02-3415-0144

Attachment 1. 2024 7th and 8th Next Generation Overseas Koreans  
Homeland Invitation Program (Draft)

End.

## □ 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> OKFriends Homecoming Teens & Youth Camp Program(Sample)

- 7 days (Seoul and Capital Area: 3 or 4 days, Provincial area: 2 or 3 days)

Section	Main Details
① Official Event Program	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Welcoming and Closing Ceremony, Welcome and Farewell Performance/Ceremony</li> </ul>
② Basic Education Program	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Orientation and Safety Education Program               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Content: (Orientation) Introduction to the purpose, intent, and schedule of the Homecoming Camp</li> <li>(Safety Education) Safety and living education, gender-related education, emergency response training, etc., for all participants</li> <li>※ Supervised by youth instructors and safety managers</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
③ Tour Program	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Seoul and Regional Tour Program               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Content: Experience programs aimed at fostering Korean identity and enhancing national pride (industry and historical cultural exploration program)</li> <li>- Industry: Visits to globally renowned Korean industries or related institutions, such as Samsung Innovation Museum, COEX, and Korea Tourism Organization's HiKR GROUND(K-POP)</li> <li>- Historical Culture: (Seoul): Gwanghwamun, Gyeongbokgung Palace, National Museum of History, etc. (Provincial Area): Specific location to be determined, including visits to outstanding historical sites and related facilities in Korea. Additional city-themed programs to experience the unique characteristics of each region</li> <li>※ Cooperation with local governments and related institutions, as well as the use of operating companies</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
④ Lecture and Experience/ Performance Programs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Lecture and Experience/Performance Programs               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Content: ① Lectures: Developing the identity of overseas Koreans, promoting accurate knowledge of Korea, government unification policies, and ways to contribute to the realization of a global pivotal state and etc                   <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Overseas Koreans Agency, National Institute for Unification Education, The Academy of Korean Studies, National Museum of Korean Contemporary History, Independence Hall of Korea and etc</li> </ul> </li> <li>② Experience: Activities related to Korean K-pop and traditional culture</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
⑤ Cultural Exchange Activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Team Building and Recreation Programs               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Content: A networking program for participants to strengthen Korean identity and ties to their home country, as well as to cultivate global leadership</li> <li>① Recreation activities to strengthen teamwork</li> <li>② Assigning pre-missions to teams through the programs                   <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Establishing an action plan and carrying out missions to enhance understanding of Korean language, history, and culture, promote friendship between the home country and the current country of residence, and improve mutual understanding within the community</li> <li>Discussion and presentation (for youth), video contest (for university students), Hanbok Festival, etc</li> </ul> </li> <li>※ Development and operation of detailed programs by the management organization</li> </ul> </li> </ul>