

## 'Cultivating global talents to contribute to development of motherland'

Overseas Koreans Cooperation Center recruiting overseas Koreans for invitational student scholarship

The Overseas Koreans Cooperation Center (OKOCC, Director Kim Young-geun), an affiliate of the Overseas Koreans Agency, announced March 10 that it is recruiting for the 2025 Overseas Koreans Invitational Student Scholarship to foster global talents who will contribute to the development of the overseas Koreans community and the Republic of Korea. The target group is the next generation of overseas Korean university and grad school students who want to study abroad in Korea, and the number of students to be selected is 80.

Overseas Koreans with foreign nationality or permanent residency in their countries of residence, adopted Koreans and Korean nationals who have completed or are scheduled to complete all elementary/middle/high school courses abroad and are scheduled to enter university in the September semester of this year or the March semester of next year are eligible. Applicants for a master's



The scholarship certificate award ceremony takes place for scholarship recipients who were selected last year.

program must have a bachelor's degree, and applicants for a doctoral program must have a master's degree.

For just this year, the OKOCC has made it possible for students entering in the March semester of next year to apply. Scholars will receive an annual living allowance of 13.2 million won, which is a 16 percent increase from last year, as well as roundtrip airfare, thesis printing costs,

insurance premiums, etc., and students who lack Korean language skills will also be provided with support for a Korean language training course before entering the university. They will also have the opportunity to interact with previous scholarship recipients and opportunities for experiencing Korean history and culture.

Applicants must apply on Korean.net ([www.korean.net](http://www.korean.net)) by April 7 and submit the relevant documents to the overseas diplomatic mission where they reside. The final selection will be announced through the overseas missions and Korean.net in June.

## San Francisco & Bay Area Korea Center to screen Independence Movement films through August

The San Francisco & Bay Area Korea Center (President Kim Han-il) announced March 13 that it will screen Korean films about the Korean independence movement consecutively from March 22 to August to commemorate the 80th anniversary of liberation.

"We will screen six films, one per month, containing the stories of independence activists, national heroes and ancestors who devoted themselves to the country," a Korean Association official said. "Through films, we will create an opportunity to instill a sense of identity and a sense of homogeneity in the Korean people from future generations."

The film to be screened at the San Francisco & Bay Area Korea Center this month is "1947 Boston." It tells the story of Suh Yun-bok, the first Korean person to participate in the 1947 Boston Marathon after liberation, and his coach and legendary marathoner



A poster for the film screenings of the Korean Independence Movement

Sohn Kee-chung. Films that include "Malmoi," "Resistance: The Story of Yu Gwan-sun," "Assassination," "The Battle of Bongodong" and "Dongju" will be screened until August.

Ahead of the film screening on March 22, the Korean Association held a ceremony at the community center to commemorate the 117th anniversary of the righteous deeds of Jang In-hwan and Jeon Myeong-un. The two doctors assassinated pro-Japanese diplomat Durham White Stevens, who was a diplomatic adviser to the Korean Empire, in front of the San Francisco

Ferry Building in 1908.

"We hold an event every year to commemorate the righteous deeds of the two activists," President Kim said. "I hope that all Koreans will have time to reflect on their patriotism while commemorating the righteous deeds of the two martyrs who took action to save the country."