

EMBASSY TRACK

2027 GKS-U Application Guide



Step-by-Step
Instructions based on
Official NIIED Guidelines!



Before You Start!



Please read

the Application Guidelines and
University Information carefully
before starting your application.

Documents to prepare in advance:

- Passport or official ID
- Photo file
- High school graduation (expected) certificate & transcript
- Associate degree docs (if applicable)
- Scanned Recommendation Letter
- TOPIK / English score report
- Optional supporting docs (awards/activities:
up to 5, since high school)





I. GKS Applicant Agreement

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II. GKS Application Information	As an applicant for Global Korea Scholarship program, I agree to abide by the following;
III. Academic & Study Information	1. I confirm that all information provided in this application form is true and accurate, and that all documents I have submitted to the National Institute for International Education (hereinafter referred to as "NIIED") are genuine. ☒ Agree ☐ Disagree
IV. Personal Statement & Study Plan	2. I understand that all the documents submitted to NIIED for the GKS program will not be returned regardless of the outcome of the selection process. ☒ Agree ☐ Disagree
V. Personal Medical Assessment	3. I will comply with all laws and regulations of the Republic of Korea. ☒ Agree ☐ Disagree
VI. Supporting documents	4. I will respect and uphold the values of Korean culture and society. ☒ Agree ☐ Disagree
VII. Final Confirmation	5. I will fulfill my responsibilities as a GKS scholar to the best of my ability. ☒ Agree ☐ Disagree
VIII. Print	6. I will not participate in any form of political activities (such as organizing or joining a political party, attending political meetings, publishing political articles or declarations, or participating in political demonstrations). ☒ Agree ☐ Disagree
	7. I will maintain financial integrity in my personal affairs. ☒ Agree ☐ Disagree

Korea Standard Time(KST,
Asia/Seoul)
2026-09-15 13h 54m 28s

As an applicant for the Global Korea Scholarship program, please read the terms carefully and select "Agree" for the GKS Applicant Agreement and the Consent to Collect and Use Personal Information.

II. GKS Application Information

1. Application Track

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1. Application Track (*) Required Field

* Application Track

Embassy Track

* Recommended Embassy

Embassy of the Republic of Korea to the Kingdom of Thailand

* Application Program

General

* Degree Program

Bachelor's Degree

* Desired Field(s) of Study (Division)

☒ Humanities 인문 ☒ Social Sciences 사회 ☐ Natural Sciences 자연과학

☐ Education 교육 ☐ Medicine 의학 ☐ Engineering 공학 ☐ Artificial Intelligence 인공지능

* You can select multiple fields

* Please refer to the "University Information" file

- **Application Track:** The online application is for the Embassy Track ONLY.
- **Recommended Embassy:** Select based on the application guidelines' country quota, NOT your current residence! (Check the guidelines page to see if your country is eligible).
- **Application Program:** Select accurately.

II. GKS Application Information



2. Information of the Applicant

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* Full Name	
HONG GIL-DONG	
* Please enter your full name exactly as indicated on your passport or other official documents.	
* Gender	
☒ Male ☐ Female	
* Date of Birth	
05/20/2005	
* Please enter your date of birth exactly as indicated on your passport or other official documents.	
* Country of Citizenship	
Thailand	
If you wish to change your nationality or date of birth, you can do so in My Page on Study in Korea.	
* Current Address	
12345 ABC Road, ABC District	
* Phone Number	
1-234-5678	
* Please include the country code	

- **Full Name:** Enter your full name exactly as shown on your passport or other official documents.
- **Date of Birth / Citizenship:** Must match official documents.
- **Phone Number:** Please include the country code.

II. GKS Application Information



2. Information of the Applicant

*** Email Address**

@

* Please provide an accurate and active personal email address that you currently use. (avoid using school email)
This email address will be used to send invitation letters and important notices regarding the application.

*** Korean Citizenship Status**

• Applicant ☐ Yes ☒ No

• Applicant's Parent(s) ☐ Yes ☒ No
If either of your parents holds Korean Citizenship

*** Photo**



- * Only JPG, JPEG, TIF, and PNG files may be uploaded
- * Recent, identifiable photo

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CRITICAL:

Email Address: Please use your own active personal email address. (Avoid using school emails. Selection results and important notices will be sent here!)

• **Photo:** Upload a recent, clearly identifiable photo.

II. GKS Application Information

3. Choice of University and Department (Major)

✓ Please refer to "University Information" file posted with the application guidelines.

▪ Embassy Track

- General / Overseas Korean & Adoptee : Type A and Type B universities / Up to THREE (3) universities
* At least one Type B university must be included.
- R-GKS: Type B universities only / Up to TWO (2) universities.

✓ Please choose your university and major carefully, as the university cannot be changed after acceptance, and changes of major are permitted only within the same field of study.

* **Choice 1 (The first choice must be from a Type B university.)**

PUSAN NATIONAL UNIVERSITY

Department of Korean Language and Literature

Field of Study	Medium of Instruction	Required TOPIK for Admission after Language Program	Program starts
Liberal Arts	Korean 100%	Level 4	March or September
Remarks			

Hi! I'm Kori



Choice 2

Deselect

Select

Select



3. Choice of University

- Your Field of Study and Department MUST match the "University Information" file exactly!
- General / Overseas Koreans Track: Up to 3 universities (Must include at least ONE Type B university).
- R-GKS Track: Up to 2 universities (Type B universities ONLY).



CRITICAL: Your 'Choice 1' MUST be a Type B university!

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Select



3. Choice of University



Choose your university and department carefully.



Check the Fields of Study, language of instruction, admission requirements, program start date, and remarks before selecting your university.

(Tip: Don't forget to save your progress temporarily on each page!)

III. Academic & Study Information



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1. Bachelor's degree Status (Required for all applicants)

* Have you ever obtained a bachelor's degree in the past?

☐ Yes ☒ No

* Applicants who have previously obtained a bachelor's degree are not eligible to apply

2. High School Program (Required for all applicants)

* High School Name

ABC High School

* Location (Country/Region)

Thailand

* Period of Attendance Start (year-month)

June 2023

* Period of Attendance End (year-month)

March 2026

1. Bachelor's degree Status
2. High School Program
3. Associate Degree

- **Bachelor's Degree Status:** Applicants who already hold a bachelor's degree are NOT eligible.
- **High School Graduation Date:** Do not enter an estimated date if you have already graduated. Enter the date shown on your graduation certificate.
- **Associate Degree:** Only fill this out if you hold one. You must submit BOTH the certificate and transcript.

III. Academic & Study Information



4. Information on Academic Transcript / Grades

- All applicants must submit their high school graduation certificate and academic transcript.
- If you choose to be evaluated based on your associate degree academic record, you must submit your associate degree graduation certificate and academic transcript enter your associate degree grade.

* **CGPA indicated on your original transcript**

4.00 / 4.50

- If your original CGPA is based on one of the accepted GPA scales (4.0, 4.3, 4.5, 5.0, or 100), no conversion is needed.

Do you need to convert your CGPA? ☐ Yes ☒ No

* **Percentage Score**

85

* If your transcript does not indicate a percentage score, refer to [Appendix A. GPA Conversion Table](#) to convert your score into a 100-point scale.

* **GPA by Semester / Academic Year as Indicated on Your Original Academic Transcript**

* If the transcript does not provide GPA or percentage scores information by semester or academic year, you must provide your cumulative GPA (CGPA) and its maximum score in the first semester field of the 1st year section, as indicated on your transcript. The CGPA section above must also be completed.

4. Information on Academic Transcript / Grades

Enter your CGPA and maximum score **EXACTLY** as indicated on your original transcript.



CRITICAL RULES:

- If your original CGPA is on a 4.0 / 4.3 / 4.5 / 5.0 / 100 scale, NO conversion is needed!
- Do not convert your GPA by yourself unless the 2027 GKS-U Application Guidelines allow the method you are using.
- A converted GPA must be supported by an official document issued or confirmed by your school or institution. **(Official seal required)**

III. Academic & Study Information

GPA by Semester / Academic Year as Indicated on Your Original Academic Transcript

1st year

• 1 Semester/Term	4.0	/	4.5
• 2 Semester/Term		/	
• 3 Semester/Term		/	

2nd year

• 1 Semester/Term		/	
• 2 Semester/Term		/	
• 3 Semester/Term		/	

3rd year

• 1 Semester/Term		/	
• 2 Semester/Term		/	
• 3 Semester/Term		/	

Semester / Yearly Grades

Enter your grades by semester or year. ALWAYS enter the score and the maximum score as a pair.



If your transcript only shows CGPA:

Enter your CGPA and the maximum score in the "1st Year, 1st Semester" field. (At least one complete grade row is mandatory!)

III. Academic & Study Information

5. Language Proficiency (if any)

Official language proficiency test scores are not required for all GKS applicants.

However, valid TOPIK scores or officially recognized English proficiency test scores will be evaluated if submitted as supporting documents.

TOPIK and official English proficiency test scores must be valid as of the GKS application date.

<Korean Language Proficiency Test Score>

TOPIK Level

Consent to Use TOPIK Test Information

If you consent to the verification of your TOPIK test results, your TOPIK level and score will be automatically reflected in your application.

Regardless of whether you provide consent, you must upload a copy of your TOPIK supporting document.

TOPIK Test Type

☒ TOPIK PBT ☐ TOPIK IBT ☐ No TOPIK Score

Do you consent to the verification of your TOPIK score?

☐ Yes ☐ No

Test session (Test held number)

<English Proficiency Test Scores>

TOEFL Score

TOEFL Test Date

mm/dd/yyyy

TOEFL Valid Until

mm/dd/yyyy

IELTS Score

IELTS Test Date

mm/dd/yyyy

IELTS Valid Until

mm/dd/yyyy

5. Language Proficiency

Official language test scores are not mandatory, but will be evaluated if submitted.



TOPIK: Even if your TOPIK score is automatically retrieved, you must still upload your TOPIK score report.

• **TOEFL / IELTS:** Enter accurately. Only valid scores are accepted.

III. Academic & Study Information

6. Previous or Current Study in Korea (if any)

* Do you have any previous or current study in Korea?

☒ Yes ☐ No

Information on Study in Korea

Program of Study

Institution attended

Period of Study

Visa Type

Select

* Please put your visa type especially if you are currently residing in Korea.

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6-1. Previously Scholarship from Korean Government or Institutions (if any)

* Have you previously received a scholarship from the Korean government?

☒ Yes ☐ No

Sponsor

Name of the Scholarship

Period

6. Previous or Current Study in Korea

- **Previous Study in Korea:** If you have past or current study experience in Korea, select YES and fill in the details.
- **Previous Scholarships:** Answer truthfully if you have previously received scholarships from the Korean government or institutions.



III. Academic & Study Information

7. Recommender's Information

- Please provide accurate information about your recommender, as it may be used for verification.
- Please download the recommendation letter form below, ask your recommender to complete it, and upload the scanned PDF separately in the Supporting Documents section.

MS Word
GKS-U_LetterOfRecommendation(Form).docx

* Recommender's Name
HONG GIL-DONG

* Position / Title
Room Teacher

* Institution / University
ABC High School

* Institution / University Postal code
12345

* Institution / University Address

7. Recommender's Information



IMPORTANT:

- The recommendation letter must be completed by your recommender.
- Entering your recommender's information does not complete the recommendation letter requirement.
- You must download the form, ask your recommender to complete it, and upload the scanned PDF separately in the Supporting Documents section.

IV. Personal Statement & Study Plan

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1. PERSONAL STATEMENT

Instructions: Please type your personal statement in English or Korean.
The personal statement must not exceed 6,000 characters in Korean or 17,000 characters in English.
Your personal statement may include, but is not limited to, the following:

- Motivation for applying for the GKS Program
- Educational background
- Significant experiences and achievements
- People or events that have had a significant influence on you
- Awards received, publications, or skills acquired (if applicable)
- Other relevant activities (e.g., extracurricular activities, community service, work experience)

※ Supporting Documents (Optional)

- Supporting documents should relate to activities or achievements from high school onward.
- You may submit up to FIVE (5) supporting documents.
- Please number each document.
- Upload them under "Other Documents."
- Simple photocopies are acceptable; consular authentication or Apostille is not required.

* Personal Statement

Personal Statement

2. STUDY PLAN

Instructions: Please type your study plan in English or Korean.
The study plan must not exceed 6,000 characters in Korean or 17,000 characters in English.
Your Study Plan may include, but is not limited to, the following:

- Language Study Plan
(Plans to improve your Korean and/or English language proficiency, as required for pre-departure and after arrival in Korea)
- Study Goals and Detailed Study Plan (Your academic goals and specific study plans during your study in Korea)
- Future Plan after Completion of the GKS Program (Your future plans in Korea or abroad)

※ Supporting Documents (Optional)

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* Study Plan

Study Plan

• **Language:** Write in English OR Korean. (Do not mix!)

• **Word Limit:** Korean: Max 6,000 characters / English: Max 17,000 characters.

💡 **TIP:** Draft your essay in a separate document first, then copy and paste it into the application form.

• **Supporting Docs:** Max 5 documents in total (Upload them in "Other Documents").

V. Personal Medical Assessment

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Instructions This form is just a personal medical assessment and applicants do not need to obtain a medical certificate at this stage.			
Question	Yes	No	If Yes, Please Explain
* Have you ever had an infectious disease that posed a risk to public health? (e.g. tuberculosis)	☐	☐	
* Do you have allergies?	☐	☐	
* Do you have hyper tension?	☐	☐	
* Do you have diabetes?	☐	☐	
* Do you have any type of Hepatitis?	☐	☐	



- Please answer all health-related questions truthfully based on your current condition.
- If you answer "Yes" to any question, you MUST provide a brief explanation.

💡 Important Note: You DO NOT need to visit a hospital or submit an official medical certificate at this application stage! (This is just a self-assessment).

VI. Supporting Documents



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Only ONE(1) file may be attached for each item. If you have multiple documents, please combine them into a single file before uploading.

- Applicants must upload all required application documents and supporting documents according to the guidelines.
- Only ONE(1) file may be uploaded for each item. If you have multiple documents for each item, please combine them into a single file before uploading.
- Applicants may be excluded from the evaluation if any required documents are missing or not submitted.
- First-round successful applicants must submit the original documents by the deadline at the designated institution. Failure to submit the required original documents by the deadline may result in disqualification.
- All uploaded documents must be clear and legible. Applicants may be required to submit original documents for verification.
- The recommendation letter must be uploaded as a scanned PDF file at the application.
- Please download the designated recommendation letter form and ask your recommender to fill it out.
- ※ Only first-round successful applicants are required to submit the original recommendation letter.
- ※ Supported file formats: jpg, jpeg, tif, png, pdf, doc, and docx.

* ONE (1) Letter of Recommendation

No file selected

Please download and fill out the form below and attach it.

MS Word

GKS-U_LetterOfRecommendation(Form).docx [↓](#)

* Documents Proving the Applicant's and Parent(s)' Citizenship and Family

No file selected

* High School Graduation Certificate (or certificate of Expected Graduation)

No file selected

* Academic Transcript of High school Curriculum

No file selected

Graduation Certificate (or Certificate of Expected Graduation) of Associate Degree Program

No file selected

Academic Transcript of Associate Degree Program

No file selected

Documents Proving Overseas Korean Status / Korean Adoptee Status



EXTREMELY IMPORTANT:

- **"Only one file may be attached for each item."**
- **"If you have multiple documents, please combine them into a single file before uploading."**
(Example: Applicant citizenship + Father's citizenship + Mother's citizenship + Family relationship certificate → Merge into 1 PDF!)
- All uploaded files must be clear and legible.

Pre-Submission Checklist



Check these 10 points before clicking "Submit":

1. Are the application track, program, and embassy correct?
2. Do your name, DOB, and citizenship match official documents?
3. Is your Choice 1 a Type B university?
4. Does the major match the "University Information" file?
5. Did you check the medium of instruction, admission requirements, TOPIK requirements, program start date, and remarks?
6. If your original GPA is not on an NIIED-accepted scale, did you provide an officially converted GPA confirmed by your school or institution?
7. Did you enter at least one semester grade accurately?
8. If you entered a language test score, did you upload the corresponding score report?
9. Are multiple documents for one item merged into a SINGLE file?
10. Are all required documents uploaded clearly?

 **Before clicking "Submit," review your entire application carefully. Once submitted, your application cannot be edited. After submission, follow the instructions provided by the Korean Embassy.**

