

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1. **What does Korean ancestry mean?**

You must have at least one grandparent who is Korean.

2. **Do you have to be a US citizen to receive this scholarship?**

No. You only need to be a resident of New York State or be attending a college or university in the San Francisco Bay Area in the fall of 2022.

3. **What exactly does 400% of the federal poverty level mean?**

The federal poverty level (FPL) is a measure of income issued every year by the Department of Health and Human Services that is used to determine your eligibility for certain programs. The poverty level is based on household income and household size. If your family makes between 100% - 400% of the FPL per year, you are eligible to apply for this scholarship program. For more information, please see the eligibility requirements.

4. **What do you mean by the San Francisco Bay Area? Are Oakland and Palo Alto part of this area?**

The San Francisco Bay Area includes the following nine counties: Alameda, Contra Costa, Marin, Napa, San Francisco, San Mateo, Santa Clara, Solano, and Sonoma. Oakland and Palo Alto are considered a part of this area.

5. **What matters the most in how you select the scholarship recipient - the GPA, essay, or resume?**

We will take all of the criteria into consideration during our selection process.

6. **What do you mean by demonstrated leadership? Does it have to be leadership among Koreans?**

No, your leadership experience does not need to be specifically in the Korean community. However, we encourage applicants with leadership experience in the Korean community to apply.

7. **What can this scholarship money be used for? Can I use it to buy books, computers and other school supplies?**

The scholarship can only go towards tuition payments as well as other school expenses. It will be sent directly to the college or university you will be attending.

8. **When will I find out if I've won a scholarship?**

We will announce scholarship awards by June.

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9. Who can qualify for this scholarship? Do I need to be starting my first year of college/university?

Yes, you need to be starting your first year of college or university this fall (2022). Please see other eligibility requirements on the website.

10. How many scholarships will be awarded? How much will be given?

This year, four scholarships will be awarded for \$3,000 each.

11. How and when will I receive the money?

KCS will pay the school directly in July-August 2022.