

# 2026 Overseas Korean Youth Employment Support Program

## Recruitment Notice for Participants

The Overseas Koreans Cooperation Center plans to implement the “Overseas Korean Youth Employment Support Program” to select talented overseas Korean youth and provide support linking vocational training with settlement assistance in Korea.

We look forward to the interest and participation of overseas Korean youth who wish to seek employment and settle in Korea.

### 1. Program Overview

#### A. Purpose

- To contribute to securing future national growth drivers by providing vocational training and settlement support for talented overseas Korean youth.

#### B. Eligibility

- Overseas Korean youth aged 19 to 39 (as of August 24, 2026, the program start date) who wish to seek employment and settle in Korea.

#### C. Program Period and Capacity

- Program Period(Tentative): August 24, 2026 – June 18, 2027  
(approximately 10 months)

- Program Capacity(Tentative): 50 participants

※ The program period and number of participants may change depending on operational circumstances and training fields.

#### D. Training Fields

- Applicants may choose one of the following fields:
  - Korean Cuisine
  - Baking & Pastry

※ Applicants may select: 1st preference (required) / 2nd preference (optional)

※ Participants will be assigned to their first preference whenever possible.

※ Some fields may be canceled if there are insufficient applicants.

※ Training fields cannot be changed after the orientation ceremony.

- Common Curriculum
  - Korean language classes by proficiency level
  - Employment preparation training (resume writing, etc.)

## E. Training Venue

- Korea Hotel & Tourism Occupation Training College(located in Ansan, Gyeonggi-do)

## 2. Application Information

### A. Application Period

- Online Application: June 8, 2026 (Mon) – July 3, 2026 (Fri), 18:00  
(Korea Standard Time, KST)

### B. Eligibility Requirements and Preferences

#### ○ Eligibility Requirements

- Age: Overseas Korean youth aged 19 to 39 (as of August 24, 2026, the program commencement date)
- Overseas Koreans who will be eligible for employment in Korea upon completion of the vocational training program
  - ※ Applicants are not eligible to apply if military service obligations in the Republic of Korea or their country of residence impose legal restrictions on their entry into Korea, stay in Korea, visa issuance, or employment activities.
- Applicants must be in good physical and mental health and capable of participating in the program and residing in Korea for an extended period (a minimum of two years, including the training period) without difficulty.
- Applicants who are eligible to obtain a visa that permits participation in vocational training, job seeking, and employment activities in Korea (e.g., F-4, D-2, D-4 visas)

#### ○ Application Categories

- Overseas Residents Track
  - Overseas Koreans holding foreign nationality who have graduated from high school (or an equivalent level of

education) or are expected to graduate from high school.

- Individuals who hold Korean nationality or permanent residency in their country of residence and have completed, or are expected to complete, the entire elementary, middle, and high school curriculum (or an equivalent level of education) in their country of residence.

- Domestic Residents Track

- Overseas Koreans holding foreign nationality and currently residing in the Republic of Korea who have graduated from high school (or an equivalent level of education) or are expected to graduate from high school.

o Preference may be given to applicants who:

- Are descendants of independence patriots or national merit recipients
- Possess relevant work experience or qualifications related to the selected training field
- Demonstrate strong Korean language proficiency
- Face financial hardship or other socio-economic disadvantages

### C. Application Method and Required Documents

o Application Method

- [www.korean.net](http://www.korean.net)

- Applicants must register as members before submitting the application form.

※ The application form must be completed in Korean or English. The self-introduction essay (motivation for applying, relevant experience and strengths, and plans after completion of the training program) may be written in another language; however, a Korean translation produced using any translation program must be submitted together with the original text.

o Required Documents

Common Documents	Consent Form for Collection and Use of Personal Information (Attachment 1) Application Form & Self-Introduction Essay (Attachment 2)
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		Recommendation letter(sealed, written in Korean or English)
Additional Documents (Depending on Status)	Korean Nationals or Permanent Residents	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Original and translated copies of elementary, middle, high school, and final academic graduation certificates</li> <li>- Proof of overseas residency registration</li> <li>※ All documents issued overseas must be submitted with <u>a notarized translation and an Apostille certification</u>. Where submission of the original document is not possible, <u>a notarized true-copy certification of the original document</u> must be provided.</li> </ul>
	Overseas Korean with Foreign Nationality - Overseas Residents - Domestic Residents	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Original and translated copies of final academic graduation certificates</li> <li>- Proof of Korean heritage(Birth certificate, Family relation certificate, Copy of Domestic Residence Report Certificate, etc.)</li> <li>※ All documents issued overseas must be submitted with <u>a notarized translation and an Apostille certification</u>. Where submission of the original document is not possible, <u>a notarized true-copy certification of the original document</u> must be provided.</li> </ul>

○ Optional Supporting Documents

- Documents proving descendant status of independence patriots or national merit recipients
- Financial hardship documentation
- TOPIK score report
- Copy of a certificate of work experience or qualification related to the applied training field

**D. Submission of Documents**

- Overseas Applicants: Submit documents to the Korean diplomatic mission in your region (Embassy or Consulate General).
- Applicants Residing in Korea: Submit documents by mail or in person to:

<Overseas Koreans Cooperation Center>  
Education & Support Department  
2558 Nambusunhwan-ro, Diplomatic Town Room 405  
Seocho-gu, Seoul 06750, Korea

- Submission Deadline: Same as the online application deadline  
(Until July 3, 2026 (Fri))
- ※ As submission deadlines may vary depending on the circumstances of each overseas Korean mission, applicants are advised to check the deadline set by their respective mission.

### **3. Support Provided and Important Notes**

#### **A. Support Provided**

- Transportation Support
  - Overseas applicants: One-way airfare to Korea  
(Economy class flight tickets will be purchased collectively by the training institution)
  - Applicants residing in Korea: One-way reimbursement for KTX standard class or express bus fare
- Korean language education by proficiency level
- Vocational training (with interpretation support)
- Certification acquisition support
- Accommodation (dormitory housing) and meals during training
- Monthly living allowance: KRW 300,000
- Traveler's insurance
- Korean history and culture education, Industrial field trips etc.
- Settlement and employment support activities(mentoring, workplace culture education, local community understanding, etc.)

#### **B. Important Notes**

- Participant Obligations
  - Participants must remain in Korea for at least two years, including the training period, for job-seeking and employment

activities.

- Participants must cooperate with post-program surveys regarding their residence status in Korea.
- Withdrawal from the program and temporary departure from Korea during the training period are not permitted in principle.
- Family members other than the participant are not permitted to reside together during the training period (including sharing dormitory accommodations).

○ Disqualification

- Participants may lose eligibility if:
  - They repeatedly violate institutional rules
  - They are sentenced to criminal punishment under Korean law
  - They engage in political activities or seriously damage Korea's reputation or national interests
  - False information or forged documents are discovered
  - They violate obligations stipulated in the submitted pledge and related documents (selected participants will be required to complete and submit the official pledge form at a later stage)
  - Other serious reasons arise making continued participation inappropriate

※ In cases of disqualification or violation of obligations, participants may be required to reimburse transportation expenses and support costs.

#### **4. Announcement of Results**

- Applicants may individually check results through [www.korean.net](http://www.korean.net)
- Results will be announced after July 24, 2026 (Fri.)
- ※ Final selected participants will receive detailed information regarding entry into Korea and training schedules via email.

## 5. Contact Information

- Overseas Koreans Cooperation Center
  - Program Inquiry:
    - kcareer@okocc.or.kr
    - +82-2-3415-0164
  - Korean.net Application System Inquiry:
    - pms01@okocc.or.kr

<Attachment 1. Consent Form for Collection and Use of Personal Information>

### 1. Consent to Collection and Use of Personal Information

I hereby consent to the provision and use of my personal information pursuant to Articles 15-22 of the Personal Information Protection Act for the smooth operation of the “Overseas Korean Youth Employment Support Program” organized by the Overseas Koreans Cooperation Center and the Overseas Koreans Agency.

Information to be Collected	Purpose of Collection and Use		Retention Period
	Overseas Korean Youth Employment Support Program	Use of Outstanding Overseas Korean Talent Database	
Photo, name, date of birth, gender, nationality, country of residence	Identity verification	- Advisory activities for major national policies - Basic data for overseas Korean policy establishment	Permanent
Contact information (mobile number, email, etc.)	Provision of notices and information		
Year of overseas migration, current status, educational background, career history, family information, domestic/overseas residence and stay records, language proficiency, certifications, emergency contact information, etc.	Qualification verification and talent database management		
<input type="checkbox"/> Agree <input type="checkbox"/> Disagree			

Applicants for the “Overseas Korean Youth Employment Support Program” have the right to refuse consent to the collection and use of personal information. However, refusal to provide consent may result in exclusion from the selection process.

### 2. Consent to Collection of Sensitive Information

I hereby consent to the provision and use of my sensitive personal information pursuant to Articles 15-22 of the Personal Information Protection Act for the smooth operation of the “Overseas Korean Youth Employment Support Program.”

Information to be Collected	Purpose of Collection and Use	Retention Period
Health condition	Reference for participant screening	Permanent
<input type="checkbox"/> Agree <input type="checkbox"/> Disagree		

Applicants for the “Overseas Korean Youth Employment Support Program” have the right to refuse consent to the collection and use of personal information. However, refusal to provide consent may result in exclusion from the selection process.

<Attachment 2. Application Form (Reference Only)>

※ Online submission is mandatory. This form is for reference only and may not be submitted directly.

# Application Form

(06750) 4<sup>th</sup> Fl., 2558, Nambusunhwan-ro, Seocho-gu, Seoul,  
 Republic of Korea  
 TEL : +82-2-3415-0164 / FAX : 82-2-3415-0118  
 e-mail : kcareer@okocc.or.kr  
 homepage : <http://www.korean.net>

Color Photo  
 3.5 × 4.5 cm  
 Upper body,  
 front-facing, with  
 forehead fully visible  
 (no hat/head  
 covering)

## 1. Personal Information

Name	Korean surname		Korean given name	
	English surname		English given name	
Date of Birth	YYYY-MM-DD		Gender	<input type="checkbox"/> male <input type="checkbox"/> female
Nationality			Place of Birth	
Aditonal Nationality (if applicable)			Country of Residence	
Overseas Mission for Application				
Year of Immigration			Health Condition	
Preferred Training Fiel	1 <sup>st</sup> Choice		2 <sup>nd</sup> Choice	
Contact Inforamtion			P h o n e Number	
E-mail				
Current Status				
Financial Hardhip	Yes / No		Descendant of Independence Patriot or National Merit Recipient	Yes / No

## 2. Language Capability

Native Language	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Poor
Korean	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Poor
English	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Poor

※ TOPIK Information: Level /Valid Until: \_\_\_\_ . \_\_\_\_ . \_\_\_\_ (Test Session Number: )

## 3. Education

Level	Period	School Name	Location	Years Attended	Degree	Major
Elementary School	~					
Middle School	~					
High School						
University	~					

## 4. Work Experience

Period	Location	Company Name	Position	Responsibilities

## 5. Family member information: Based on June 2026

Relationship	Name	Country of Residence	Nationality	Government Official / Overseas Correspondent / Corporate Expatriate		
				O	X	
				Occupation /Position	Company	-
Relationship	Name	Country of Residence	Nationality	Government Official / Overseas Correspondent / Corporate Expatriate		
				O	X	
				Occupation /Position	Company	-

※ Applicants may be excluded if their parents are:

- Korean government officials
- employees of overseas diplomatic missions
- temporary overseas residents such as foreign correspondents or employees stationed abroad by large corporations.

## 6. Details of Residence: Domestic and Foreign countries

Period	Country	Purpose	Accompanied by Parents (Y/N)	Related Organization
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※ Please list all periods of residence or stay (3 months or longer), including Korea, from birth to present.

## 7. Self-introduction Essay

※ If written in a language other than Korean or English, applicants must attach a Korean translation generated using translation tools (e.g., OpenAI).

1. Please describe your motivation for applying to the Overseas Korean Youth Employment Support Program.
2. Please describe your experience or strengths related to your chosen training field.
3. Please describe your future plans after completing the training program.

## 8. Job-related certifications

Certification Name / Level	Date Issued	Issuing Organization

## 9. Emergency Contact

Name		Relationship	
Address			
Phone Number			

Date : 2026. . . .

Name : \_\_\_\_\_

Signature : \_\_\_\_\_

<Attachment 3. Pledge>

## Pledge

If selected as a participant in the Overseas Korean Youth Employment Support Program, I hereby pledge to comply with the following:

1. I will faithfully participate in all educational activities in accordance with the rules and regulations of the organizing and training institutions.
2. Temporary departure from Korea is not permitted in principle. Exceptions may only be granted with prior approval from the Overseas Koreans Cooperation Center (Overseas Koreans Agency) in unavoidable circumstances such as the death of an immediate family member.
3. During the mandatory stay period after completion of training, I will notify the relevant office of the Overseas Koreans Cooperation Center within seven (7) days of any changes in personal information, including address changes in Korea.
4. I understand that if I discontinue or withdraw from the program, all support may immediately cease, and previously provided support expenses may be reclaimed.
5. I understand that all support is provided on the condition that I remain in Korea for at least two years, including the training period, for employment-seeking and work activities. Failure to fulfill this obligation may result in repayment of the support amount plus applicable interest.
6. I agree to actively cooperate with follow-up surveys and post-program management conducted by the Overseas Koreans Agency and the Overseas Koreans Cooperation Center.

I hereby confirm that:

- I am physically and mentally capable of participating in vocational education and employment activities in Korea.
- All information provided in my application is true and accurate.

If I engage in unauthorized absence, repeatedly violate institutional regulations, or if false information is discovered in my application documents, I agree to cancellation of my selection and immediate repayment of all support funds.

Date : 2026. . . . . .

Name : \_\_\_\_\_

Signature : \_\_\_\_\_

To: Director of the Overseas Koreans Cooperation Center