CNU 2025 Global Korea Scholarship Application Guidelines for Undergraduate Degrees

1. PROGRAMS

Category	Bachelor's Degree(R-GKS)
Period	1 year of Korean language program + 4~6 years of degree program

2. ELIGIBILITY

○ **Nationality**

– All applicants must hold citizenship of NIIED-designated countries that are invited to take part in the GKS program

– NIIED-designated countries can be found in the NIIED's guidelines:
https://www.studyinkorea.go.kr/ko/scholarship/Gks1NoticeDetail.do?nttId=4233

- **Applicants' parents (or legal guardians) must hold citizenship from another country other than Korea.** If applicants or their parents hold dual citizenship (one who has both Korean citizenship and citizenship of another country), such applicant is NOT eligible to apply

- Applicants and their parents who had previously held Korean citizenship must submit documentation issued by the Korean government that proves their renunciation of Korean citizenship

- If an applicant's citizenship is changed during the selection process, he or she will be excluded from the evaluation.

○ **Level of Education**

– Bachelor's degree program is for applicants who graduated (or are expected to graduate) from a high school or from an associate degree program

- Applicants who have a bachelor's degree cannot apply. Applicants who have associate degree can only apply to a bachelor's program

- Applicants who are expected to graduate (as of December 31, 2024) must first submit a certificate of expected graduation at the time of application. If such applicants pass the first round of selection, they must submit a graduation certificate (or a degree certificate) by December 31, 2024. Failure to do so will result in the cancellation of your acceptance.

- **Applicants who submit their provisional graduation certificate will be considered as applicants who are expected to graduate**

○ **Grades**

- **C**umulative **G**rade **P**oint **A**verage (CGPA) of the entire curriculum from the <u>previous (degree) program</u> must meet one of the two conditions below;

  ① Score percentile should be 80% or above on a 100-point scale or be ranked within the top 20% within one's class

  ② CGPA must be equal to or above 2.64/4.0, 2.80/4.3, 2.91/4.5 or 3.23/5.0

  ※ Previous degree program: high school program or associate degree program

  - If an applicant holds a transcript that does not provide CGPA information or is unable to convert his or her grades into any one of the accepted GPA scales (4.0, 4.3, 4.5, 5.0, or 100 point scale), then the applicant **must submit additional documents** issued by their respective school/university. Please refer to "Document Submission Requirements" below

  - If the applicant's CGPA is lower than the required eligibility criteria, submit an official letter issued by the applicant's school certifying that the applicant is within the top 20% of their class, along with the transcript documents (in an original document with school's authentication/seal)

  - Applicants who are expected to graduate should calculate the most recent CGPA at the time of application

○ **Age**

- Must be under 25 years of age (born after March 1, 2000)

○ **All applicants must have no grounds for disqualification (e.g., criminal history) for overseas travel**

○ **Health**

- All applicants must be in good health, both mentally and physically, to study in Korea for the full duration of the program

◈ **Restriction**

○ A person who has graduated (or is expected to graduate) from a Korean high school (including international schools) or who has graduated (or is expected to graduate) from a Korean associate degree program is NOT eligible to apply

  - A person who graduated from an online curriculum arranged by a Korean school/university cannot apply

  - A person who is currently in their final year at a Korean high school or Korean university cannot apply

○ A person who had previously received a scholarship for a degree program from the Korean government is NOT eligible to apply (Including previous GKS scholar)

− A previous GKS scholar whose scholarship was canceled after their enrollment

 − A person who had previously received a scholarship for their degree program from another Korean government agency other than NIIED

  • A previous GKS scholar who has received scholarships from the GKS Non-degree program for exchange students CAN apply

  • 'Cancellation of scholarship' means a GKS scholar either withdraws from the program or his/her scholarship was forfeited during their scholarship period

 ○ Former GKS degree program applicants who have withdrawn from the program or were disqualified from the scholarship after being selected as GKS scholars in recent three years cannot apply

3. APPLICATION AND SELECTION

◈ Selection Procedure

○ Selection Schedule (CNU University Track)

October 11, 18:00(KST)	Application Deadline for the Document Screening
Mid-October	Interview * Applicants who do not pass the document screening will not proceed to the Interview stage.
November 15	1st Round Result Announcement
January 3, 2025	Final Announcement

○ Application Procedure

 • **Before Applying:** Thoroughly read the Guide (NIIED/CNU) and the "Things to Check Before Applying". The applicant is responsible for any issues arising from not reading the guide before applying.

 • **Complete Online Application:** Complete the application online (Google Form)

 • **Download and Fill Out the Application Form:** Download the Application Form, type it on your computer, and print it out.

 • **Organize Your Application Form:** Gather the completed Application Form with other required documents (which should be submitted with apostille/consular confirmation) and arrange them according to the checklist order on the first page of the Application Form.

  1) Label the Documents: Write the checklist number and name of the document on the top right corner of each document.

  2) Make Copies: Copy all the prepared documents.

  3) Submit Documents: Submit one(1) set of the original documents and another one(1) set of photocopy to Chonnam National University.

  *Avoid using staplers and paper clips when submitting documents.

◆ Documents to Submit

○ List of documents to submit

Type	No.	Application Documents	Note
Documents to complete	1	(Form 1) Application Form	Required
	2	(Form 2) Personal Statement	
	3	(Form 3) Study Plan	
	4	(Form 4) ONE letter of Recommendation	
	5	(Form 5) GKS Applicant Agreement	
	6	(Form 6) Personal Medical Assessment	
Required certificates * Submit with apostille/ consular confirmation	7	Proof of citizenship (applicant and parents) and proof of family relationship	Required
	8	High School Graduation Certificate (or certificate of expected graduation)	
	9	Academic transcript of high school curriculum	
	10	Graduation certificate (or certificate of expected graduation) of associate degree program	Required for relevant applicants
	11	Academic transcript of associate degree	
	12	Proof of Overseas Korean Document	
	13	Proof of Korean Citizenship Renunciation Document	
	14	Proof of Korean War Veteran's Descendant	
Other documents	15	Score report of valid TOPIK (original) or English Proficiency Test (copy)	Optional
	16	Copy of awards and other certificates, etc. (copy)	Optional
	17	Applicant's Passport (copy)	Required

○ Document preparation for application

[Documents to complete: Document No. 1~6]

− **Submission requirements:** All forms must be filled in English or Korean with applicant's original handwritten signature

[Required certificates: Document No. 7~14]

− **Submission requirements**

• Documents written in English or Korean: must be apostilled or consular confirmed

• Documents written in other languages: documents written in a language other than English must include original document (in other language) + translation + Apostille/consular certification

※ If your country belongs to one of the member countries for the Apostille Convention, submit your '**required certificates**' with apostille. However, high school graduation certificate and academic transcript can be submitted with consular confirmation

○ Number of documents to submit

− ONE(1) set of the original + ONE(1) set of additional simple photocopy

○ **Things to note when preparing application documents**

- All documents must be submitted in English or Korean.

- If any of the required documents are not submitted or if any of the application forms are submitted without the applicant's signature, his or her application documents may be excluded from the evaluation.

- Errors or discrepancies in the information provided on the submitted documents, as well as translation errors, will not be accepted. All personal information of the applicant and their parents must match exactly with their passport (or ID card), and the English name must follow the exact spelling as shown on the passport. (If no passport is available, the name on all submitted documents must match without any spelling differences.) Name errors such as incorrect spelling, inconsistencies, omissions, or abbreviations will not be accepted.

  ※ **Examples of unacceptable cases :**

  1) Name omissions/abbreviations (e.g., HONG Gil Dong → Hong G. Dong (middle name abbreviated), HONG Gil Dong → Gil Dong (family name omitted), HONG Gil Dong → Mr. Hong (first name omitted), etc.)

  2) Name spelling errors/inconsistencies (e.g., HONG Gil Dong → HONG Geel Dong)

  3) Using the Korean name in the translation (e.g., HONG Gil Dong → 홍길동)

- If there are discrepancies between submitted documents, you must submit an official certificate issued by a recognized institution to prove the accuracy. If the names of the applicant and their parents are inconsistent, an additional government-issued certificate proving they are the same person must be submitted.

- If your document is unable to be re-issued, please keep the original and obtain an apostille (or consular confirmation) on a notarized copy. Since all applications submitted to CNU will not be returned in any case.

- Simple photocopies or notarized copies of the apostilled (or consular confirmed) documents are NOT accepted. However, a certified true copy (등본 인증) issued by a Korean embassy or a certified true copy issued by a government agency that issued the original apostille document will be accepted.

- If there is an expiration date on an apostilled or consular confirmed document, the validity of the document will be judged based on the date indicated on the authentication. If there is no specific date indicated, the document will be accepted if it was submitted within 2 years from the date of authentication.

- If an applicant graduates from a third country, he or she can submit a graduation certificate and academic transcript with consular confirmation issued by an embassy of the relevant country.

- There may be additional required documents for each department, so please make sure to check the "CNU-Available Departments" for qualifications before applying.

- If a university requires additional documents (e.g., portfolio), applicants must submit those materials directly to the university.

- Check your mailbox frequently to avoid missing any relevant announcements.

- CNU does not disclose the result of evaluation scores under any circumstances.

<Document submission requirements>

Documents to submit	Submission Requirement

Proof of Citizenship and Family relationship	Official certificates such as birth certificate or family register issued by a government that proves ① **family relationship** between an applicant and his/her parents and ② their **citizenship**
	
	- If applicants cannot submit necessary documents due to the absence of their parent(s), - e.g. divorced or deceased - please provide additional documents (e.g. divorce certificate or death certificate). This should be submitted with apostille/consular confirmation
	
	- If applicants' or their parents' citizenship information is not indicated in the above documents, then submit valid passport copies <u>as supplementary documents</u>
	
	   • Ethnic group, birthplace, or current residency in the submitted documents will not be accepted as citizenship information. Please submit valid passport copies as supplementary documents
	
	   • If passport copies are not available, please submit other government-issued documents or a copy of ID card that indicates citizenship information as supplementary documents
	
	- If supplementary documents submitted in addition to a birth certificate or a family register do not provide the required information, your application may be put at a disadvantage

Certificate of Graduation	**Official graduation certificate, degree certificate, or diploma that indicates graduation year and month** - Submit a certificate officially issued by the institution of the previous degree program* * If the applicant who has an associate degree applies for a bachelor's degree program, the previous degree program of such applicant is an associate degree program - Certificate of expected graduation will be accepted only if the document indicates the expected graduation date (year/month required) - If a certificate of expected graduation cannot be apostilled or consular confirmed due to government policy, submit an apostilled or consular confirmed certificate of enrollment and a notarized certificate of expected graduation (mentioning the expected graduation year/month) instead • A simple certificate of enrollment without an expected graduation certificate (mentioning the expected graduation year/month) is NOT accepted - Provisional graduation (degree) certificate that does not indicate a <u>graduation date(month/year)</u> will be considered as a certificate of expected graduation - Applicants who are expected to graduate must first submit a certificate of expected graduation at the time of application. If such applicants pass the first round of selection, they must submit a graduation certificate (or a degree certificate) by December 31, 2024.

Academic Transcript	**Official academic transcript officially issued by the school of previous degree program**
	
	- If a CGPA is not indicated in one of the acknowledged GPA scales (4.0, 4.3, 4.5, 5.0 or 100 point scale), submit a transcript converted into one of the above GPA scales as a supplementary document
	
	   • **A converted transcript is only valid when the relevant high school/ university officially confirms (authenticates) the document** (This document does not need to be apostilled or consular confirmed, but should be submitted in an original document with the school's authentication/seal)
	
	   • A converted transcript printed out from a website such as scholaro.com or wes.org is only valid when the relevant high school/ university officially confirms (authenticates) the document (This document does not need to be apostilled or

	consular confirmed, but should be submitted in an original document with school's authentication/seal)
	• Without a converted transcript, applicants' eligibility and academic ability cannot be evaluated
	- If a transcript indicates CGPA for the entire academic duration, it will be accepted even if it does not indicate GPA per semester/ year
	• In such case, please provide your CGPA only in your application
	- If a transcript of a transferred student does not include the pre-transfer grades, submit an academic record of the previous school as a supplementary document
	- In case of a country where the graduation examination report is considered as an official academic record of a high school graduate, applicants' grade eligibility may be evaluated by such graduation exam report
	• In such case, it is recommended to provide additional academic record of the entire curriculum as a supplementary document
	- If the applicant's CGPA is lower than the required eligibility criteria, submit an official letter issued by the applicant's school certifying that the applicant is within the top 20% of their class, along with the transcript documents (This document does not need to be apostilled or consular confirmed, but should be submitted in an original document with school's authentication/seal)
Proof of Overseas Korean or Adoptee	- Required for relevant applicants - Submit supporting documents such as family register or birth certificate that proves family relationship between an applicant and his/her lineal ascendant
Proof of Korean Citizenship Renunciation	- Required for relevant applicants - Submit supporting documents issued by the Korea government that indicates details on the definite loss of Korean citizenship and its date. An application or a receipt for renunciation of Korean citizenship is not accepted
Proof of Korean War Veteran's Descendant	- Required for relevant applicants - Certificate that are officially issued by the government that certifies the lineal ascendant of an applicant was a veteran who participated in the Korean War as a foreign military - Submit supporting documents such as family register of birth certificate that proves family relationship between an applicant and his/ her lineal ascendant
Score Report of Korean or English Proficiency Test	- Submit if necessary (Optional) - Korean: TOPIK/ English: TOEFL, IELTS • TOPIK certificates from the 84th to the 97th exam will be recognized as valid certificates • Submit a printed copy of one's TOPIK score report from www.topik.go.kr • Submit a printed copy of one's English proficiency test score report from the respective website or a photocopy of original certificate
Copy of awards and other certificates	- Submit if necessary (Optional) - Submit materials such as an award that can prove the applicant's activities described in the "Personal statement" and "Study plan". These documents do not need to be apostilled or consular-confirmed
Passport Copy	- Strongly recommended to submit - Submit a passport copy as a supplementary document if the proof of citizenship (family register, birth certificate, etc.) does not clearly indicate citizenship information

Appendix A. GPA Conversion Table

4.0 Scale	4.3 Scale	4.5 Scale	5.0 Scale	100 Points Scale
3.97 ~ 4.0	4.26 ~ 4.3	4.46 ~ 4.5	4.95 ~ 5.00	100
3.92 ~ 3.96	4.22 ~ 4.25	4.41 ~ 4.45	4.90 ~ 4.94	99
3.88 ~ 3.91	4.17 ~ 4.21	4.36 ~ 4.40	4.84 ~ 4.89	98
3.84 ~ 3.87	4.12 ~ 4.16	4.31 ~ 4.35	4.79 ~ 4.83	97
3.80 ~ 3.83	4.08 ~ 4.11	4.26 ~ 4.30	4.73 ~ 4.78	96
3.75 ~ 3.79	4.03 ~ 4.07	4.21 ~ 4.25	4.68 ~ 4.72	95
3.71 ~ 3.74	3.98 ~ 4.02	4.16 ~ 4.20	4.62 ~ 4.67	94
3.67 ~ 3.70	3.93 ~ 3.97	4.11 ~ 4.15	4.57 ~ 4.61	93
3.62 ~ 3.66	3.89 ~ 3.92	4.06 ~ 4.10	4.51 ~ 4.56	92
3.58 ~ 3.61	3.84 ~ 3.88	4.01 ~ 4.05	4.45 ~ 4.50	91
3.49 ~ 3.57	3.75 ~ 3.83	3.91 ~ 4.00	4.34 ~ 4.44	90
3.41 ~ 3.48	3.65 ~ 3.74	3.81 ~ 3.90	4.23 ~ 4.33	89
3.32 ~ 3.40	3.56 ~ 3.64	3.71 ~ 3.80	4.12 ~ 4.22	88
3.24 ~ 3.31	3.46 ~ 3.55	3.61 ~ 3.70	4.01 ~ 4.11	87
3.15 ~ 3.23	3.37 ~ 3.45	3.51 ~ 3.60	3.90 ~ 4.00	86
3.07 ~ 3.14	3.27 ~ 3.36	3.41 ~ 3.50	3.79 ~ 3.89	85
2.98 ~ 3.06	3.18 ~ 3.26	3.31 ~ 3.40	3.68 ~ 3.78	84
2.90 ~ 2.97	3.09 ~ 3.17	3.21 ~ 3.30	3.57 ~ 3.67	83
2.81 ~ 2.89	2.99 ~ 3.08	3.11 ~ 3.20	3.45 ~ 3.56	82
2.72 ~ 2.80	2.90 ~ 2.98	3.01 ~ 3.10	3.34 ~ 3.44	81
2.64 ~ 2.71	2.80 ~ 2.89	2.91 ~ 3.00	3.23 ~ 3.33	80