

## 2026 OKFriends Homecoming Teens & Youth Camp

We invite overseas Korean teens and young adults to visit their proud homeland, Korea. The 2026 OKFriends Homecoming Teens & Youth Camp offers the chance to experience Korea's history, culture, society, and economy. We encourage many to take part in this program, where participants can strengthen their Korean identity and pride.

### 1. Overview

#### A. Purpose

- To invite next-generation overseas Koreans to Korea and provide opportunities to experience Korean history, culture, society, and economy, thereby fostering their Korean identity and pride
- To promote mutual exchange among next-generation overseas Koreans and their peers in Korea, by strengthening bonds and opening opportunities for future-oriented mutual development
- To help participants grow into global leaders with international competencies grounded in their Korean identity

#### B. Period and Number of Participants

- Teens Camp (1st – 6th Sessions)

Category		Period	Participant Quota	
			Overseas Koreans	Domestic
Teens (Ages 15–18)	1st	Jun. 22–28, 2026 (Mon–Sun, 7 days)	280	95
	2nd	Jun. 29–Jul. 5, 2026 (Mon–Sun, 7 days)	280	95
	3rd	Jul. 13–19, 2026 (Mon–Sun, 7 days)	280	95
	4th	Jul. 20–26, 2026 (Mon–Sun, 7 days)	280	95
	5th	Aug. 3–9, 2026 (Mon–Sun, 7 days)	280	95
	6th	Aug. 10–16, 2026 (Mon–Sun, 7 days)	280	95

- Youth Camp (1st – 3rd Sessions)

Category		Period	Participant Quota	
			Overseas Koreans	Domestic
Youth (Ages 18–25)	1st	Jul. 14–20, 2026 (Tue–Mon, 7 days)	280	95
	2nd	Jul. 28–Aug. 3, 2026 (Tue–Mon, 7 days)	280	95
	3rd	Aug. 11–17, 2026 (Tue–Mon, 7 days)	280	95

- \* Each person can participate in one session only.
- \* Participants are required to provide their preferred session (1st and 2nd choice). Note that you may be assigned to a nonpreferred session depending on the circumstances.
- \* Domestic participants will be selected separately.
- \* In addition to the programs running from June to August 2026, smaller-scale programs for overseas Korean youth are planned from September to December 2026. Details will be announced between May and June 2026.

### C. Qualification

- **Teens Camp:** Overseas Korean teenagers aged 15 to 18 (as of Jun. 22, 2026)
- **Youth Camp:** Overseas Korean young adults aged 18 to 25 (as of Jul. 14, 2026)

### D. Location

- Seoul metropolitan area (3 nights) and other regions (3 nights)

### E. Main Programs

- Opening and closing ceremonies, hands-on experiences in Korean history, culture, society, and economy, programs to strengthen overseas Koreans' identity (lectures, activities, performances), team-building and recreation programs, etc. (\* Refer to main program (draft) for details.)

## 2. Application

### A. Application Period

- **From the date of announcement until Apr. 20, 2026 (Mon)**  
 \* Application deadline: 11:59 PM, Mon, Apr. 20, 2026(KST)

### B. Eligibility & Preferred Applicants

- **Qualifications**
  - **Age Requirements**
    - Teens Camp (1st to 6th Session):  
Overseas Korean teenagers aged 15 to 18 (as of Jun. 22, 2026)
    - Youth Camp (1st to 3rd Session):  
Overseas Korean young adults aged 18 to 25 (as of Jul. 14, 2026)
    - \* Those aged 18 may apply for either the Teens Camp or Youth Camp (but not both).
  - **Residency Requirement: Overseas Korean who have legally resided abroad for five years or more**
    - Overseas Koreans with foreign nationality, permanent residency, Korean nationals, adoptees, children of adoptees, and children from multicultural families
    - Must be in good physical and mental health, and able to fully participate in the program
- **Preferred Applicants**
  - Applicants with outstanding personal statements (background, migration history, motivation, etc.)

- Descendants of persons of distinguished services to independence or the State
- Overseas adoptees and children of adoptees

### C. Application Method & Required Documents

- Application Method: Applicants should visit [www.korean.net](http://www.korean.net), create an account, and submit an application.
  - \* Applications must submit using their own account (Using parent's or guardian's account is not allowed).
- **Required Documents**
  - (Fill out the online application form in Korean or English)
    - ① (Required) Application form and Personal data provision and use consent form
    - ② (Required) Self-introductory letter (Korean or English)
    - ③ Copies of documents that prove status as an overseas Korean national or an overseas Korean of foreign nationality
      - Korean nationals: copy of the Overseas Korean Registration Certificate
      - Overseas Koreans with foreign nationality: Certified Copy of Archived Family Registry, Basic Certificate, Certificate of Family Relations, or other documents that can prove Korean ancestry or overseas Korean status.
  - \* Where possible, please submit relevant documents. The information will be used as reference data to understand the current status of overseas Koreans and to develop related policies.

#### **<Important> Information of Registration as an Overseas Korean**

- The Korean government strongly encourages overseas Koreans to register in order to protect the safety and rights of Korean nationals residing abroad in a systematic manner. Through this registration, authorities can accurately identify local residence status, provide various administrative and consular services, and deliver timely, effective support in emergency situations such as disasters or conflicts.
- Official government online service for registration, reports, and certificate issuance by overseas Korean nationals**
- [www.g4k.go.kr](http://www.g4k.go.kr): 365 Civil Service Portal for Overseas Koreans (online application for registration as overseas Korean national, reports of changes or relocation, and related services)
- Offline application**
- You can also apply for overseas Korean registration in person at a local Korean embassy or consulate general.
- Inquiries: 365 Civil Service Call Center for Overseas Koreans**
- ☎+82-2-6747-0404(available 24 hours)

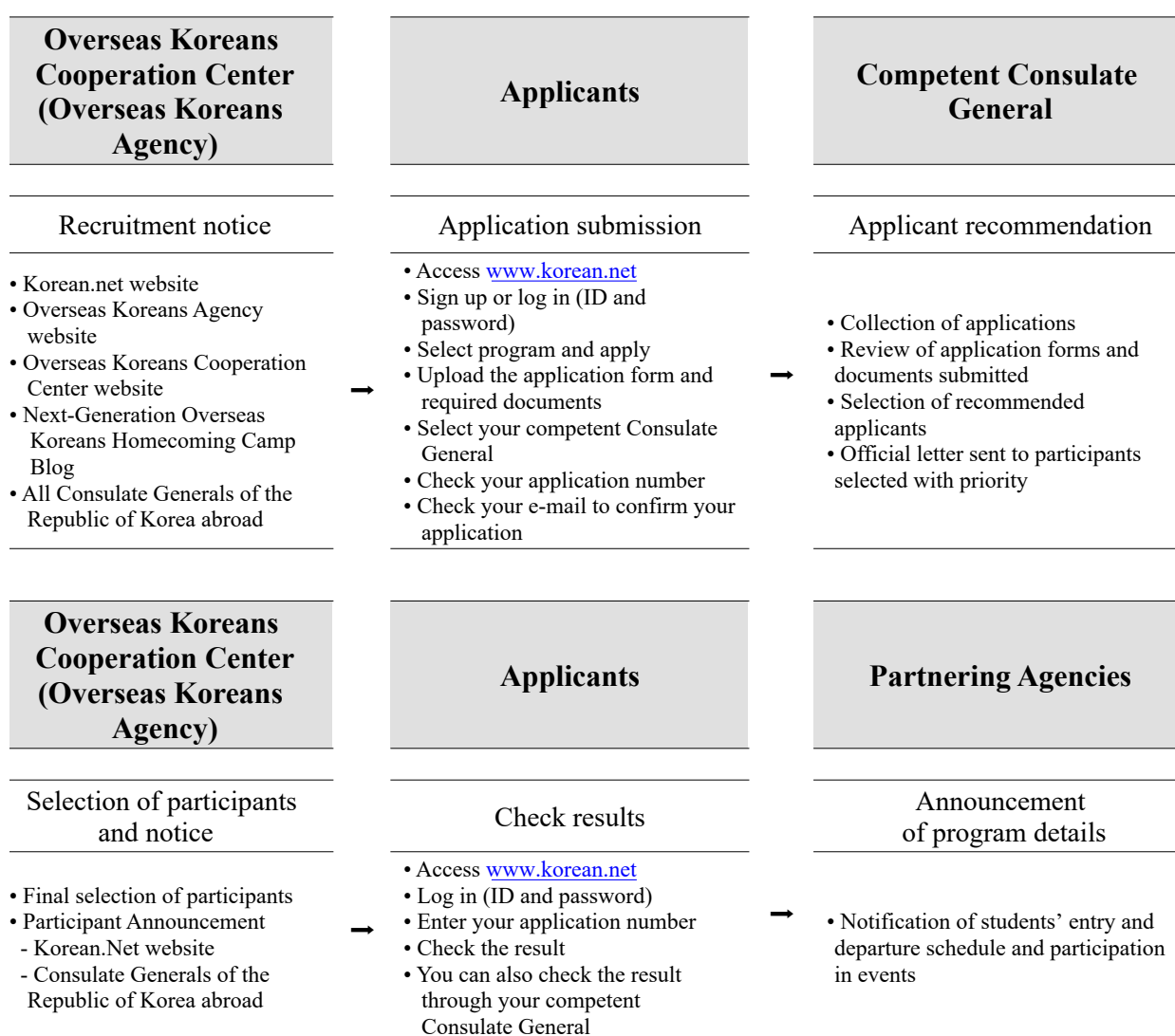
- **Optional Fields** (if applicable)
  - Supporting documents for descendants of independence activists or national patriots
- **Notes**
  - The application must be submitted online via [www.korean.net](http://www.korean.net) **using the applicant's own account.** (Other submission methods will not be accepted. Parents, teachers, or others cannot apply on behalf of the

participant.)

- All documents should be uploaded and **completed** via [www.korean.net](http://www.korean.net) within the deadline.
- E-mail address, phone number, social media ID, emergency contact, and contact in Korea must be accurately submitted.  
\* Enter a frequently used e-mail address, as announcements will be sent by e-mail.
- Any disadvantages due to missing documents or incorrect information are the applicant's responsibility. **Application may be canceled if any false information is discovered in the submitted documents.**

### 3. Selection Procedure & Criteria

#### A. Selection Procedure



#### B. Selection Criteria

##### ○ General Principle

- Applicants who submit all required documents will be reviewed and selected through a screening process.

- Main Criteria
  - Whether the self-introduction is substantial and aligns with the purpose of the program
    - \* Growth background, immigration background, motivation for applying, etc.
  - Recommendation from the Korean Consulate General in the residing country (reference)
- Disqualifying Criteria
  - Those receiving treatment for medical conditions with neuropsychiatric symptoms and who could experience shock, seizure, or display of abnormal behavior during the program
  - Those with severe allergies or reactions to specific foods that would require special attention during the program or raise concerns about safety
  - Those who are deemed unable to participate in the program for other physical or mental health reasons
  - Those whose applications contain false information or whose submitted documents are found to be inconsistent with facts
  - Those who are deemed incompatible with the objectives of the program

#### 4. Benefits for Participants

Participants will receive benefits for airfare based on a fixed amount per region, accommodation and meals during the program, program participation fees (including transportation costs), and individual travel insurance

##### ○ Airfare Subsidy by Region

(Unit: KRW)

Region	Airfare Benefit	Region	Airfare Benefit
Asia	Region A: 250,000	Africa	1,000,000
	Region B: 300,000		
	Region C: 500,000	Middle East	1,000,000
Russia	600,000	North America	1,300,000
CIS	500,000		
Oceania	700,000	Latin America	1,500,000
Europe	900,000		

\* Asia Region A: East Asia (China, Japan)

○ Airfare Payment Method

- **In principle, airfare subsidies will be remitted in KRW to a bank account in Korea under the participant's name after all camp sessions have ended (6 teen & 3 youth camp sessions), with payments made sequentially by the end of September 2026.**
- **A fixed airfare subsidy by region is provided for round-trip tickets purchased for participation in the program.**
  - \* Fixed amount provided per region (based on place of residence), regardless of ticket price
  - \* Round-trip ticket from country of residence must be submitted for program participation (no restrictions on stay duration in Korea)
  - \* **Fixed airfare support per region**

○ Covered Expenses

- Full coverage of accommodation, meals, activities, local transportation, and insurance premiums during the program period
- \* **Participants will not be responsible for any additional costs except for personal expenses**

## 5. Selection Results & Inquiries

- Selection results available:
  - \* Final participants will receive detailed guidance regarding program participation
- **After May 1, 2026 (Fri) at [www.korean.net](http://www.korean.net)**
- Inquiries (Overseas Koreans Cooperation Center)
  - 2026 OKFriends Homecoming Teens & Youth Camp  
**(Teens Camp 1st–6th Sessions)**

Teens Camp Inquiries
<a href="mailto:teenscamp@okocc.or.kr">teenscamp@okocc.or.kr</a> teenscamp2@okocc.or.kr

- 2026 OKFriends Homecoming Teens & Youth Camp  
**(Youth Camp 1st–3rd Sessions)**

Youth Camp Inquiries
<a href="mailto:youthcamp@okocc.or.kr">youthcamp@okocc.or.kr</a>

- Korean.net application system
  - \* For inquiries regarding the application system or Korean.net membership registration

System Inquiries
<a href="mailto:youngmin@okocc.or.kr">youngmin@okocc.or.kr</a>

Attachment.

2026 OKFriends Homecoming Teens & Youth Camp Program (Draft).

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## □ OKFriends Homecoming Teens & Youth Camp Program (Draft)

※ Detailed schedules and programs for each session to be finalized later

### - (Program Concept)

- Through visits to divided areas such as the DMZ and participation in unification-related programs, teens and youths deepen their understanding of the history of the Korean Peninsula and the value of peace while also gaining a clearer sense of the role of overseas Koreans as “civilian diplomats”
- K-Culture experiences and visits to leading companies and other industrial sites to help teens and youths realize Korea’s cultural and industrial competencies
- (Method) Division into three medium-sized teams
  - Standard team: 2, Advanced team: 1
  - \* Arrangements may change depending on the number of participants.
  - Region-specific programs run in three areas with a 3-night, 4-day regional field component
- Expansion of hands-on, theme-based programs with active involvement
  - Visits to divided areas for unification programs, K-Culture venues, and leading industrial sites
  - Activities that explore the background and meaning of overseas Korean migration while deepening understanding of Korean culture through various hands-on programs
  - Field programs that highlight local history, culture, and society, deepening understanding of community diversity
  - Opportunities for networking among next-generation overseas Koreans
  - Programs that strengthen bonds among participants



## Basic Educational Programs

Category	Details
Official Event	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Opening and closing ceremonies, welcome and farewell banquets</li> </ul>
Basic Education	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Orientation: separate orientations for overseas Korean nationals and overseas Koreans with foreign nationality, an introduction to the program's purpose and objectives, a full schedule overview, and training on participant conduct and rules</li> <li>○ Safety Training: safety training for daily life during the program and emergency response procedures</li> <li>○ Gender Awareness Training: identifying gender biases in daily interactions, understanding and respecting diversity</li> </ul>
Other	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Ice-breaking: professional MC-led activities to foster bonding and teamwork</li> <li>○ Pre- and post-program surveys for participants</li> </ul>

## Main Activities (Examples)

Theme	Concept	Participatory	Exploratory
Understanding Korean Migration	Understanding of important historical facts and broader context of migration through experiential activities	Small-group migration simulation games to guide teens and youths through decisions on migration background, national policy, identity, livelihood, and education in each period (team migration journey map drawing, three-minute storytelling presentations, etc.)	National Museum of Korea, the National Memorial of the Korean Provisional Government, and the overseas independence activist course at the Independence Hall of Korea
Understanding Overseas Koreans	Encouraging teens and youths to see overseas Koreans as connections to their current lives rather than an outside group	Group activities to use a world map and take each country of residence as a starting point to explore the history, current situation, and roles of overseas Koreans (roles of overseas Koreans by country of residence, "Overseas Koreans in the Country I Live")	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Visits to Korean global companies that value expertise over nationality: Samsung, Hyundai, SK, etc.</li> <li>"I Am a Cultural Diplomat" program: Sangam DMC, Korea Creative Content Agency Multi Content Testbed, HYBE Insight Studios, CJ ENM Studio Center, Pangyo Techno Valley, Busan Museum of Movies, National Gugak Center</li> </ul>
Contributions to Korea & the Country of Residence	Exploring practical, actionable roles rather than staying at the level of abstract discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Discussions on serving as cultural bridges who ease misunderstandings and stereotypes between the country of residence and Korea (Identify one common misunderstanding about Korea in the country of residence &amp; propose an idea to correct that perception)</li> <li>- Discussions on contribution examples that tap into language networks (My 1% Contribution Project, practical ideas)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Korean Cultural Center, Seoul Global Center, Itaewon, multicultural streets in Hannam-dong, Insadong</li> <li>- Visits to Korean global companies and startups</li> </ul>
Understanding Korean Culture	Helping teens and youths internalize culture through active participation rather than passive viewing	Programs for teens and youths to join in traditional culture and K-content culture (hanbok parades, seonbi culture experience, traditional musical instrument, etc.)	Dosanseowon Confucian Academy, Korea Seonbi Culture Training Institute, Gyeongbokgung Palace, Changdeokgung Palace, Bukchon Hanok Experience Center, National Gugak Center, Namwon National Folk Gugak Center, Korean Food Promotion Institute, etc.

Unification of the Korean Peninsula & Roles of Future Generations	Encouraging participants to view unification not as a distant future event but as a present mindset	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- An immersive play that helps teens and youths feel the reality of division (segregated spaces, restrictions on movement, conversation, and information sharing, etc.)</li> <li>- Role-play activities using post-unification change cards to explore opportunities and roles in language, economy, mobility, and culture from an overseas Korean perspective</li> </ul>	DMZ, Camp Greaves in Paju, Unification Observatory, The 2nd Tunnel, Hantangang River Geopark Trail, Dutayeon Valley, Ministry of Unification Public Relations Center, Unification Exhibition Hall, etc.
Motivation for Learning Korean	Designed to help participants feel the need for Korean studies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Real-life missions using the Korean language (asking about prices, menu recommendations, or directions)</li> <li>- Exchange with Korean teens during a 3 night, 4 day regional program, with introductions and activities that highlight shared interests</li> </ul>	City hiking, National Hangeul Museum, traditional markets, cafes, public transport missions, one-day student experience at Korean middle and high schools
Sustained Connection with Homeland	Encourages mid-to long-term relationships that continue beyond a short visit	Sharing real cases of studying, employment, and settlement in Korea, connecting teens and youths with mentors in relevant fields	Visits to startups and social companies
Understanding Korea's Advanced Industries	Visits to advanced industrial fields (AI, biotechnology, semiconductors, shipbuilding, automobiles, etc.)	Visits to leading Korean companies and industrial sites help teens and youths understand Korea's current economic position	Seoul Robotics & AI Museum, POSCO, HL Klemove's Testing & Evaluation Center (autonomous driving technology), etc.

\* The above programs are examples, reflecting past programs and preference of international participants. Due to the short program duration, only selected activities will be conducted.