

Call for Applications: KACF Artist Scholarship

The **KACF Artist Scholarship** program is designed to discover and support talented high school students dedicated to pursuing a future in the visual arts.

Selected students receive financial assistance over a period of two to three years, helping cover essential expenses for applying to and enrolling in University art programs. The program aims to provide practical support, allowing students to focus fully on their creative development and academic goals.

KACF is committed to supporting the next generation of Korean artists by helping young talents pursue their goals and build a strong foundation for their future in the arts.

Program Overview

Eligibility & Number of Recipients: 1 student currently enrolled in the 1st or 2nd year of a Korean high school

Support Period: 2 to 3 years (up to college entry)

Total Grant Amount: KRW 14–21 million (Covers tuition, materials, and production expenses)

Eligibility Criteria

Nationality: Must hold a South Korean citizenship

Education: Currently enrolled in the 1st or 2nd year at a domestic high school (including general high schools, alternative schools, and accredited lifelong learning institutions under Korean education laws)

Field of Study: Fine arts (visual arts), including painting, sculpture, installation, video, and related disciplines

Additional requirements: Must be planning to pursue a college-level degree in the arts

Selection Process

Application period: July 14 (Mon) – September 14 (Sun), 2025

First Round: Review of eligibility, submitted documents and portfolio

→ **Announcement of First Round Results:** Mid-October 2025 (tentative)

Second Round: Final selection based on in-depth interviews, letters of recommendation, and comparative portfolio review

→ **Final Announcement:** Mid-to-late November 2025 (tentative)

**Final results will be announced on the KACF website and will be individually emailed to applicants*

Required Documents

**All documents must clearly indicate the date of issue or creation to be considered valid.*

Required:

1. KACF Artist Scholarship/Grant Application Form (KACF provided format)
2. Personal Statement (free format)
Introduce yourself, your creative work, and your future goals. Feel free to use a format that best reflects your personality—written essays, videos, or other media are welcome.
3. Portfolio (free format)
Submit 5 recent artworks completed within the past year. Image or video documentation are both accepted.
4. Two Letters of Recommendation (KACF provided format)
 - One from an art teacher
 - One from a third-party adult familiar with your artistic activities (e.g. instructor, curator, cultural organisation staff, etc.)
5. Consent Form for Collection and Use of Personal Information (KACF provided format)
6. Scholarship Application Agreement Form (KACF provided format)
7. Certificate of Enrollment (original copy)
8. School Life Record (school-issued format)
9. Resident Registration Certificate (original copy, issued within the last 3 months)

Optional:

10. Academic Transcript or Mock Exam Scores (school-issued format)
From the past two semesters of your current grade level
11. Proof of Other Scholarship Awards (original copy)
Only required for applicants currently receiving other forms of scholarship support

How to Apply

Application period: July 14 (Mon) – September 14 (Sun), 2025

Submission Methods:

Online via the KACF website (www.kukjeacf.com) or by email to info@kukjeacf.com

Inquiries: Please submit all questions by email to info@kukjeacf.com

Important Notes for Applicants

- Applications are solely responsible for any disadvantages resulting from inaccurate information or incorrectly submitted documents, including but not limited to the name of school, date of birth, contact details. Please ensure you read all guidelines carefully before completing your application.
- Submitted documents will not be returned
- Please ensure all required documents are submitted. Applications missing any required materials may be deemed incomplete.
- Please note that program details and schedules may change depending on circumstances.

Important Notes and Responsibilities for Recipients

- Selected recipients are required to respond promptly to all communications from KACF to ensure smooth administration of the scholarship.
- Recipients must remain enrolled in a qualified school and continue their studies throughout the grant period.
- Participation in all scholarship program activities is mandatory. If unavoidable circumstances arise, recipients must consult with KACF in advance.
- Recipients must submit an annual activity report and a detailed breakdown of how the grant funds were used. Use of funds for purposes unrelated to artistic activities will not be recognised and may impact future eligibility.
- Recipients are expected to uphold social norms and maintain the integrity and purpose of the scholarship.
- Recipients are fully responsible for any consequences resulting from loss of contact with KACF during the grant period.
- If any false or misleading information is found in the application or submitted documents, the scholarship may be revoked.

Disbursement

- **Payment Schedule:** The full scholarship grant will be disbursed once annually, in accordance with the recipient's academic year.
**Please note that funds cannot be paid in advance.*
 - If selected as a 1st-year High school student: KRW 7 million /year for 3 years (total of KRW 21 million)
 - If selected as a 2nd-year High school student: KRW 7 million /year for 2 years (total of KRW 14 million)
- **Payment Method:** Scholarship funds will be transferred directly to the recipient bank account.
**If the recipient does not have a bank account, the funds may be transferred to the legal guardian's account following verification of family relationship.*

Grounds for Termination

The scholarship may be terminated if any of the following conditions occur:

- (A) Discontinuation of academic studies during the grant period (e.g. leave of absence, withdrawal, or expulsion)

- (B) Failure to fulfill scholarship responsibilities without prior notice or approval
- (C) Failure to submit required reports, including the annual activity plan, or suspected misuse of grant funds
- (D) Any behaviour that significantly undermines the objectives of the scholarship or the responsibilities of the recipient
- (E) Discovery of false information in the application or unethical behaviour related to the scholarship or use of funds.

Repayment of Funds

- (A) If any grounds for disqualification arise, the recipient must notify KACF immediately.
- (B) If the recipient fails to report such grounds and continues to receive scholarship funds, they may be required to return the full or partial amount received.
- (C) If grounds for disqualification occur, scholarship funds disbursed during the affected period must be returned. However, in cases involving false information or fraudulent selection, the recipient will be required to return the full amount of scholarship funds received after selection.

Scholarship Repayment Procedure

- **Repayment Notice → Scholarship Repayment → Failure to Repay by Deadline**
- 1. **Repayment Notice:** Recipients required to return scholarship funds will be notified via text message and email.
 - Key details include the reason for repayment, the amount due, the repayment deadline, bank account details, and a repayment agreement form
- 2. **Repayment Process**
 - The signed repayment agreement must be submitted within 7 days of receiving the notification
 - The repayment amount must be transferred to the designated account within 30 days of the notification date
- 3. **Failure to Repay by Deadline**
 - Additional charges such as interest and penalty fees may apply
 - If repayment is not made after the final notice, legal collection procedures may be initiated
 - Scholarship payments from the KACF will be suspended during the repayment delinquency period, and eligibility for future scholarship may be restricted
- If KACF determines that a lump-sum repayment would be difficult for the recipient, repayment in installments may be allowed
- Repayment may also be deferred in cases of natural disaster, war serious accidents, or if the recipient is unable to repay due to injury or illness

Scholarship Repayment Exemption Criteria

KACF may waive repayment if the recipient meets any of the following conditions:

1. The recipient is deceased or officially declared missing
2. The recipient has been declared bankrupt
3. The recipient has become severely disabled
4. The recipient has discontinued their studies due to physical or mental health issues
5. Other cases in which KACF Board determines that repayment is unreasonable or not feasible