



THE KAREN HA SCHOLARSHIP

KACF-SF is committed to improving the quality of life in the Bay Area's Korean American community and empowering the next generation of Korean American leaders. Our Karen Ha Scholarship program provides talented but under-resourced students the chance to become college graduates and contributors to their community and family.

The Karen Ha Scholarship was established by the family of Karen Ha to honor her legacy as a Founding Member and inaugural Board Co-Chair of KACF-SF.

KACF-SF awards two new \$2,500 scholarships annually. The award is renewable up to three additional years (with renewal application and continued good academic standing).

2021 DATES & DEADLINES

Application Due Date: March 24, 2021 (Wednesday)

Finalist Interviews: Mid-April 2021 (via Zoom)

Award Notification: April 30, 2021 (Friday)

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- Grade level: Incoming freshman planning to enroll full-time at an accredited four-year public college or university in California in 2021-2022
- OR: Transfer student from a Bay Area community college planning to enroll full-time at an accredited four-year public college or university in California in 2021-2022
- Minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0
- Korean ethnicity (at least 50%)
- Documented financial need
- Residency: Incoming freshmen must reside in one of the five Bay Area counties: Alameda, Contra Costa, San Francisco, San Mateo, and Santa Clara. Transfer student applicants must currently be attending a community college in one of these five counties.
- Undocumented students with DACA status are eligible to apply; International students are not eligible to apply.

APPLICATION CHECKLIST

Please send your completed application and all items below to scholarship@kacfsf.org in a single email with the subject line: Karen Ha Scholarship, [YOUR NAME].

- Completed application
- Essay #1 (400-600 words): Tell us about yourself, including your academic and career goals and hopes and dreams for the future. How will the Karen Ha Scholarship help you make progress towards your goals?
- Essay #2 (400-600 words): Choose ONE for the following:
 - Tell us something that is meaningful to you and how this helps to define who you are.
 - What has been the greatest challenge you have faced, either personally or academically? How did you approach it? What did you learn?
 - Describe a memorable experience that inspired you in some way related to your academic or career goals. What impact did it have on you?
- Most recent transcript(s) of grades (including grading scale); unofficial transcripts are accepted
- Copy of SAT or ACT scores (optional)
- Resume
- Copy of your and/or your parents'/parent's most recent Federal Income Tax statement (short form)
- Copy of your Student Aid Report (SAR). To obtain SAR, visit: <https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/fafsa>.
- Supplementary financial statement form completed by your parent(s)/guardian(s)

The following should be sent directly from one teacher and one adult on letterhead in PDF format to scholarship@kacfsf.org with subject: Karen Ha Scholarship, [YOUR NAME].

- One (1) letter of recommendation emailed directly from a teacher
- One (1) letter of recommendation emailed directly from an adult who knows you well (i.e. coach, employer, pastor, etc.)

THE KAREN HA SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

I am applying as:

- An Incoming Freshmen planning to enroll full-time at an accredited four-year public college or university in California
- A Community College Transfer Student

Name of Community College: _____ # Years Attended: _____

APPLICANT INFORMATION

First Name *Middle* *Last*

Email *Mobile* *Home Phone*

Permanent Address (street, city, state, zip)

Mailing Address (if different from above)

ELIGIBILITY QUESTIONS

- Are you a US Citizen or Permanent Resident? YES NO

If you checked "No" for residency, please verify your eligibility before continuing.

- Are you a DACA Recipient or Dream Act eligible? YES NO

- Is your mother more than 50% Korean? YES NO

- Is your father more than 50% Korean? YES NO

If you checked "No" for either your mother or father, please verify your eligibility before continuing.

PARENT/GUARDIAN INFORMATION

#1 _____
First Name *Middle* *Last*

Relation to Applicant *Mobile* *Email*

#2 _____
First Name *Middle* *Last*

Relation to Applicant *Mobile* *Email*

HIGH SCHOOL INFORMATION *(to be completed by all applicants)*

Name of High School _____ *City*

Weighted GPA _____ *Unweighted GPA (4.0 scale)* _____ *Graduation (month/year)*

TRANSFER APPLICANTS

Name of Community College _____ *City*

GPA _____ *Graduation (month/year)*

TECHNICAL SCHOOL *(List any other high school or technical schools attended in the past four years)*

Name of Institution _____ *City* _____ *Dates of attendance*

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ADMISSION TEST RESULTS *(Please provide your highest score in the fields below)*

SAT

Math _____ *Reading & Writing* _____ *Date*

ACT

Composite Score _____ *Date*

Provide your highest score from ACT subjects. Scores may be from different test dates.

English _____ *Math* _____ *Reading* _____ *Science*

**SAT
Subject**

Subject _____ *Score* _____ *Date*

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ACTIVITIES *(Please list any meaningful activities, community service, jobs, or sports)*

Activity/Organization	Title/Position (if applicable)	Dates (mm/yy – mm/yy)
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AWARDS & HONORS (Please list any awards and recognition you have received.)

Award/Achievement or Recognition	Date (month/year)
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FINANCIAL INFORMATION

- What is your combined total household income?
 - Less than \$50,000 \$50,000-\$74,999 \$75,000-\$99,999 \$100,000+
 (Please remember to include the required financial documents from the application checklist.)
- Number of people supported by reported income: _____
- Number of household members attending college in 2021-2022, including yourself: ____
- Housing plans for 2021-2022:
 - Commute from home On-campus housing Off-campus housing

FINANCIAL AWARDS (List the name and amount of all grants and scholarships you have been awarded or to which you have applied.)

Name/Type of Support	Amount	Status
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COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY INFORMATION (List your top three choices.)

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- What is your intended major? _____
- What is your anticipated graduation date? _____
- What career would you like to pursue after graduation? _____
- Will you be the first in your immediate family to attend college? YES NO
- How did you hear about the Karen Ha Scholarship? _____

By signing below, I affirm that all of the information provided in this application is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge and that this application, including the essays, is my own work. I have read and understood the conditions of the Karen Ha Scholarship as explained. I give permission to officials of my institution to release transcripts of my academic record and other information requested for consideration for the Karen Ha Scholarship program. If selected as a recipient of the Karen Ha Scholarship, I agree to provide additional documentation that is required.

Your Name Date

If you are under 18 years of age, a Parent/Guardian must sign below:

Parent/Guardian Date