

# Prior Notice for the 2022 Global Korea Scholarship Application Graduate Degree Program

Dear Prospective Applicants of the 2022 GKS Graduate Program,

NIIED would like to make a prior notice that starting from 2022 GKS-G program, we will only accept **apostilled or consular confirmed documents** for the following:

**- Proof of citizenship (for both applicant's and their parents')**

: official certificate issued by the government such as birth certificate and/or family register

**- Certificate of graduation (Bachelor, Master, Doctoral degree)**

: official graduation certificate (or diploma) issued by a university or a government

: official certificate of expected graduation (\*for applicants who are expected to graduate)

**- Academic transcript (Bachelor, Master, Doctoral degree)**

: official transcript issued by university

**- Proof of Age**

: additional document issued by a government if none of the submitted documents indicate the applicant's date of birth

**- Proof of Overseas Korean, proof of Korean citizenship renunciation document, proof of Korean War veteran's descendant, *proof of Korean adoptee document***

: only applicable for relevant applicants

**- certificate of employment**

: only applicable for Korean language teaching professionals

**All certificates listed above must be **authenticated by a Korean Consulate** or **apostilled** before submission. Certificates with simple notarization will NOT be accepted.**

(Confirmation from a Foreign Ministry or a Ministry of Justice ONLY will not be accepted.)

Certificates that are written either in Korean or English

→ Submit with an authentication by a Korean Consulate or with an apostille.

Certificates that are written in languages other than Korean or English

→ A certified translation must be accompanied with an original document. An original (or a certified true copy of the original) document must be authenticated by a Korean Consulate or be apostilled.

- Embassy track applicants should submit ONE consular-authenticated (or apostilled) document and THREE photocopies of the consular-authenticated (or apostilled) document.
- Other optional documents such as certificate of Korean (TOPIK) or English proficiency test, copy of awards, etc. do not need to be authenticated, unless the document is written in a language other than Korean or English. All application documents that are written in languages other than Korean or English must be accompanied with a certified translation.
- Previous or current GKS Scholars who are applying for a higher degree program should submit original graduation certificate and academic transcript issue by their Korean universities without additional authentication.

This notice is to provide prospective applicants with appropriate time to prepare the required documents since we are aware that certain documents require lead time to be authenticated in some countries.

The full set of application guidelines for 2022 GKS Graduate degree program will be released in February 2022. For now, please refer to 2021 application details for the time being.

[2021 Application Guidelines of Global Korea Scholarship for Graduate Degrees](#)

The application procedures are similar every year, but there may be slight changes in the country quota, application forms, eligibility, etc., so please read the updated 2022 application guidelines very thoroughly before you apply for the program.

Best regards,  
GKS Center, NIIED

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