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Eligibility



- A.** Applicants with foreign citizenship
- B.** Applicants who hold Korean Citizenship (dual citizenship) are not eligible to apply as foreign students
- C.** International applicants **MUST ADDITIONALLY** satisfy one of the following two requirements:
 - a) Neither of the applicant's parents is a Korean citizen, or
 - b) For applicants of Korean Origin, he/she must have received his/her entire elementary and junior high (or middle) education outside of Korea at a comparable and equivalent level of that provided in Korea.

Note

Applicant of Korean origin who completed their entire education (elementary and junior high) outside of Korea should submit the Certificate of the Facts Concerning the Entry & Exit issued by the Korean Immigration Office. The certificate should have recently been issued.

- D.** Note that international schools located in Korea are **NOT** acknowledged as foreign schools.
- E.** Applicants who completed or will have completed middle schools in Korea are also welcomed to apply to KSA Undergraduate program.

Number of Students to be Selected

Approximately fifteen



Application Timeline



Content	Schedule (GMT +0900)
• Application Window Opens	JAN 2. 2026
• Application Deadline	FEB 2. 2026 (17:00 KST) (Application Fee: KRW 45,000 (approximately USD 30))
• 1 st Stage: Written Test (Mathematics)	FEB 24. - MAR 3. 2026
• Announcement of 1 st Stage Result	MAR 19. 2026
• Online Submission of Documents	MAR 23. - APR 3. 2026 (17:00 KST)
• 2 nd Stage: Interview	APR 6. - APR 24. 2026
• Announcement of Final Candidates	MAY 21. 2026

Notes

1) Please note that the schedule is subject to change.

2) Submit your completed application and documents by the application deadline at 17:00 (KST: Korean Standard Time).

3) Due to the time-consuming nature of the application process, we strongly advise completing your online application at least one week prior to the application deadline.

Requirements



A. List of Required Documents

Item	Documents	Applicable	Remarks
Submit Online	① Application Form (Application Fee: KRW 45,000 (approximately USD 30))	ALL	Mandatory
	② Passport or National ID Copy (Applicant & Parents)		
	③ Certificate of Facts Concerning Entry & Exit issued by the Korean Immigration Office	Korean Origins Only	Mandatory
	④ Personal Statement	Successful Applicants of 1 st Stage	Mandatory
	⑤ One Recommendation Letter		
	⑥ Official Academic Records Notarized in English (Over the recent three years)		
	⑦ Honors and Awards		Optional
Submit Airmail	⑧ (Original Documents) Middle School Enrollment Certificate or Middle School Graduation Certificate	Successful Applicants of Final Stage	Mandatory
	⑨ (Original Documents) Official Academic Records Notarized in English (Over the recent three years)		

Notes

1) Applicants must pay the application fee within the application period for their submission to be considered complete.

2) Payment method: Credit card payment through the application portal.

3) The application fee is non-refundable.

B. Application Documents in Details

01	Application Form	• Complete application online (https://admission.ksa.hs.kr/english)
02	Passport or National ID Copy (Applicant & Parents)	• Submit a copy of your international passport, national ID card or an official document that indicates your nationality. • Make sure to include a copy of the page that shows your passport number, date of issue and expiration, photo and name. (Valid until at least August 31, 2027)
03	Certificate of Facts Concerning Entry & Exit (Korean origins only)	• A certificate issued by the Korean Immigration Office within two months of the application deadline is required. This certificate must show all entry and exit records from the applicant's date of birth up to the date of submission. • Please be aware that admission may be negatively affected or rescinded if false information is found in the submitted materials, or if entry/exit records cannot be verified due to the use of dual passports. • If obtaining the Certificate of Entry and Exit Records directly proves difficult, applicants may request a third party residing in Korea to obtain the certificate on their behalf. To do so, they will need to provide a copy of their passport, a power of attorney, and an application form. The Korea Immigration Service can be reached at +82-1345.
04	Personal Statement	• Complete application online (https://admission.ksa.hs.kr/english)
05	One Recommendation Letter	• Only ONE recommendation letter from a teacher will be taken into consideration. • The recommendation letter is highly encouraged to be written by an academic advisor, homeroom teacher, or a math/science teacher. • The letter must be written in English.
06	Official Academic Records Notarized in English (Over the recent three years)	• Submission of official transcripts from all junior high attended is mandatory. • Transcripts must include year-by-year records of all coursework including any coursework currently in progress. • If available, the transcripts may also include a statement of personal rank in class/grade.
07	Honors and Awards (Over the recent three years)	• Applicants may submit up to three honors or awards (preferably in math or science) obtained during their junior high school years. • The list of honor and awards will only be considered valid if testimonials or evidence are submitted along with it.

Selection Process



KSA takes into consideration a number of factors when determining admission, including the applicants' academic achievements (especially in math and science), potential, interpersonal skills, personal accomplishments, integrity, and leadership.

1st Stage



Written Test
(Mathematics)

- The 1st Stage of the written test will be conducted online, and the manual of online test system will be uploaded on the notice board at KSA admission website (<https://admission.ksa.hs.kr/english>) as soon as the application is closed.
- It is strongly advised to read the manual thoroughly and familiarize yourself with the online test system.
- All applicants are requested to ensure that they have the necessary setup for online testing, which is an stable network environment with a secure access to a computer, a monitor and a mobile phone.
- KSA assumes no responsibility for any issues arising from the unavailability of requisite for online testing.

2nd Stage



Interviews
(Mathematics & English)

- The 2nd Stage applications are open exclusively to candidates who successfully passed the 1st Stage.
- Assessment of Students Records.
- Further details regarding the 2nd Stage will be communicated to eligible candidates in due course.

Pre-enrollment Education for Admittee



- A. Online Education for Admittee includes Mathematics, Science, English & Korean.
- B. All admittee **MUST** participate in pre-enrollment education.

Financial Aid



KSA will provide the following expenses free of charge.

Educational Expenses	Other Expenses
- A Tuition Fees - B Overseas Training Programs - C Creative Research Activity Programs including R&E - D Leadership Activity Programs - E High-school Research Programs at KAIST - F International Academic Exchange Programs - G International Science Fair Participation Fee * F, G will be provided for selected students according to school policy.	- A Room and Board - B Exeat Programs (e.g. Korean Culture Experiences, Once a Month) - C Special Holiday Programs (Twice a year) - D Pre-enrollment Programs - E National Health Insurance of Korea etc.

Notes

- 1) Students who show outstanding academic performance will receive extra privileges according to school regulations.
- 2) The provisions above may be changed according to school policy.

Personal Expenses



Flights, School Uniforms, Textbooks, Residence Card, Medical Check, Vaccination etc.

Important Notes



Note 1

Korea Science Academy of KAIST is designated for providing specialized education in mathematics and science, funded by the national government. Prospective students interested in fields such as medicine, pharmacy, or related disciplines are advised not to apply.

Note 2

KSA has a zero-tolerance policy for falsified or counterfeit documents. Thus, we reserve the right to revoke an offer of admission, even after an applicant has been admitted or graduated, if any of the materials submitted are found to be false or counterfeit.

Note 3

We strongly advise applicants to double-check their contact information for correctness before submitting the application. KSA is not responsible for any missed communication with the applicant or consequences resulting from incorrect contact information provided by the applicant.

Note 4

KSA does not discriminate based on gender, nationality, religion, race, or any other factors provided in the applicant's submitted documents.

Note 5

Details of the evaluation process and scores shall not be disclosed.

Note 6

Applicants with incomplete or improper application forms and supporting documents will be disqualified from the admissions process.

Note 7

All documents must be uploaded in PDF format, A4-sized, and clear and legible.

Note 8

All documents created in languages other than English must be translated and included along with the original copies. The translated copy should bear a seal from a recognized translation institution or notary office.

Note 9

Please remember to keep your application number for further procedures, such as checking the final decision on your application. Your application number is a unique identifier that will help you track the progress of your application and stay informed of any updates.

Note 10

We strongly advise applicants to regularly check the Admissions Office website to confirm the status of their application submission.

Note 11

Admission approval may be revoked if an applicant fails to participate in the pre-education, orientation, and admission ceremony.



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