

# KASF Scholarship Committee Report – 1Q 2017

The 2017 KASF scholarship year officially kicked off with the successful launch of the online application on April 1. With its release, all regions started accepting online applications. While most of infrastructure needed to support the scholarship committee's activities has been in place since the previous year, the scholarship committee members are now hard at work providing on-going support for interested students and parents. The purpose of this report is to give you a quick overview of the changes we made to improve and support regional activities in the 2017 KASF scholarship year. Here are the key updates:

## 1. 2017 Scholarship Calendar

April 1, 2017 – Start accepting online application for all regions

June 30, 2017 – Application and recommendation deadline for all regions

## 2. Realignment of Ohio and Indiana

KASF National Board agreed to transfer Ohio from NERC to MWRC, and Indiana from ERC to MWRC beginning the 2017 scholarship year.

## 3. Handling of Undocumented Applicants

KASF National Board agreed to accept undocumented student applications and award scholarships to them if they were selected by regional scholarship committees. Undocumented scholarship winners must submit necessary IRS documents (W-9 form) to KASF in order to receive the scholarship.

## 4. Online Application Changes

The following changes are made to the online application this year:

- A question regarding Korean heritage has been added.
- New essay questions will replace previous year's essay questions for college, high school and Korean War Veteran Descendant applications.
- A question to capture "Alternative email address" has been added.

## 5. Official Transcript Handling Change

Unlike last year, during which applicants from all regions sent their official transcripts to the KASF National Board, the regional scholarship committee will receive its respective applicants' transcripts starting 2017. The KASF website has been updated with regional office addresses so that students can mail their official transcripts to the regional office. Each regional scholarship committee chair is responsible for scanning and emailing them to Michelle Cho, the KASF Executive Director, who then will upload them to students' online applications.

Finally, I would like to thank Gideon Cho, our fearless IT committee chair, for keeping up with these changes and regional scholarship committee members for making sure that these changes are implemented correctly and on time. I am looking forward to another successful scholarship year.

Warmest regards,

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