

2020 KCSFE Online Information Session on Scholarship Application

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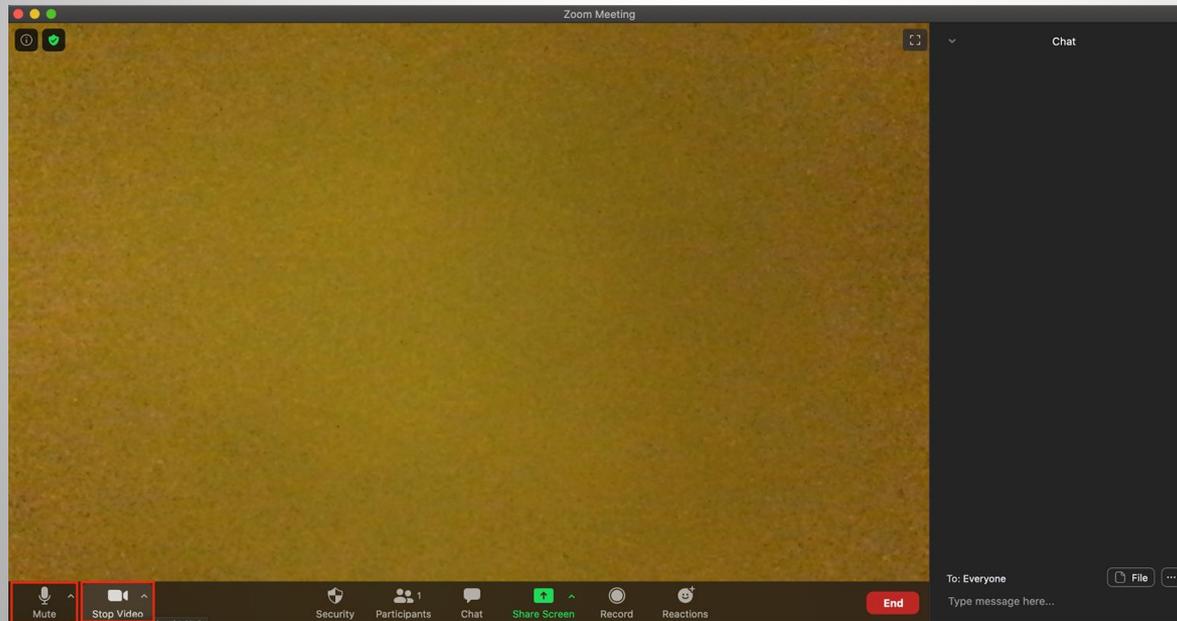
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Meeting Etiquettes & Reminders

- All questions will be asked during Q&A.
- Recording may be uploaded on website.
- Turn off your camera and microphone.



Preview

- Greetings & Introduction of KCSFE
By Tae Chul Moon, KCSFE Chair of the Board
- Evaluation Process and Application Guideline
By Soon Won Moon, KCSFE Director
- Q&A Session
By 2020 KCSFE Scholarship Evaluation Committee

Greetings & Introduction of KCSFE

Tae Chul Moon
KCSFE Chair of the Board

**Best of luck with your
2020 KCSFE scholarship
application!**

Evaluation Process and Application Guidelines

Soon Won Moon
KCSFE Director

First Step: Check Your Eligibility!

Applicants must:

- Be a Canadian citizen, a permanent resident, or an international student;
- Be enrolled as a full-time student at a senior high school (grades 10-12), university / college (undergraduate) or graduate school (master's or doctoral degree program);
- Reside (or have parents who reside) in Edmonton or the surrounding area (Red Deer and above area of Alberta);
- Meet the minimum GPA requirement (for Academic Excellence Category Application only); AND
- Have fewer than two scholarships awarded during high school (as a high school student) or during university/college (as a university / college student), or no previous scholarship award during graduate school (as a graduate student).

Evaluation Process: By Whom and How?

Scholarship Evaluation Committee

- Composed of 5 - 10 reviewers.
- Update application form & guidelines.
- Review scholarship applications.
- Evaluation results are cross-checked and ranked.

How to Ensure Fair Evaluation?

- Non-KCSFE members are included in the evaluation committee.
- Blind test



Three Levels in Scholarship

High School Students: \$750

- Academic Excellence
- Volunteerism / Community Leadership
- Arts & Sports
- Bursary

University / College Students: \$1,500

- Academic Excellence
- Volunteerism / Community Leadership
- Arts & Sports
- Bursary

Graduate Students: \$2,000

- Academic Excellence

Evaluation Guidelines

Academic Excellence

- Academic performance (80%)
- Volunteerism / Community leadership (20%)

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Arts & Sports

- Academic performance (20%)
- Artistic or sport performance / potential (80%)

Bursary

- Applicant's financial needs (100%)

Graduate Students

- Academic performance (50%)
- Essay (50%)

Key Facts You Should Know!

On-line Application Only

- Use the link at www.ekocas.org

Volunteering / Community Leadership Evaluation

- Volunteering, leadership, and **outstanding** extracurricular activities only.
- Work experience is not considered for evaluation.
- One year period starting from September, 2019.
- All claimed activities should be supported by reference letters. Alternatively, other supporting documents (volunteer certificates, essay) may be submitted for consideration.

Artistic / Athletic Ability

- Portfolio, slides or a short video (at least 10 minutes in length).
- Supporting documents: newspaper or journal articles, copies of records of prizes from local, national, or international competition, etc.

Key Facts You Should Know!

Graduate Students

- You can include publications, presentations, etc. in the resume.
- You can claim financial needs by submitting cover letter, reference letters, NOA.

Transcripts

- High school: order from the Alberta Education Website at the myPass.alberta.ca
- University / Graduates: directly sent from the academic institution (sealed).
- Transcripts submitted after the deadline will not be accepted.

Reference Letters

- KCSFE will directly contact referee(s).
- The referee(s) must complete and submit their reference letter(s) online.
- Reference letter(s) submitted after the deadline will not be accepted.

Application Deadline

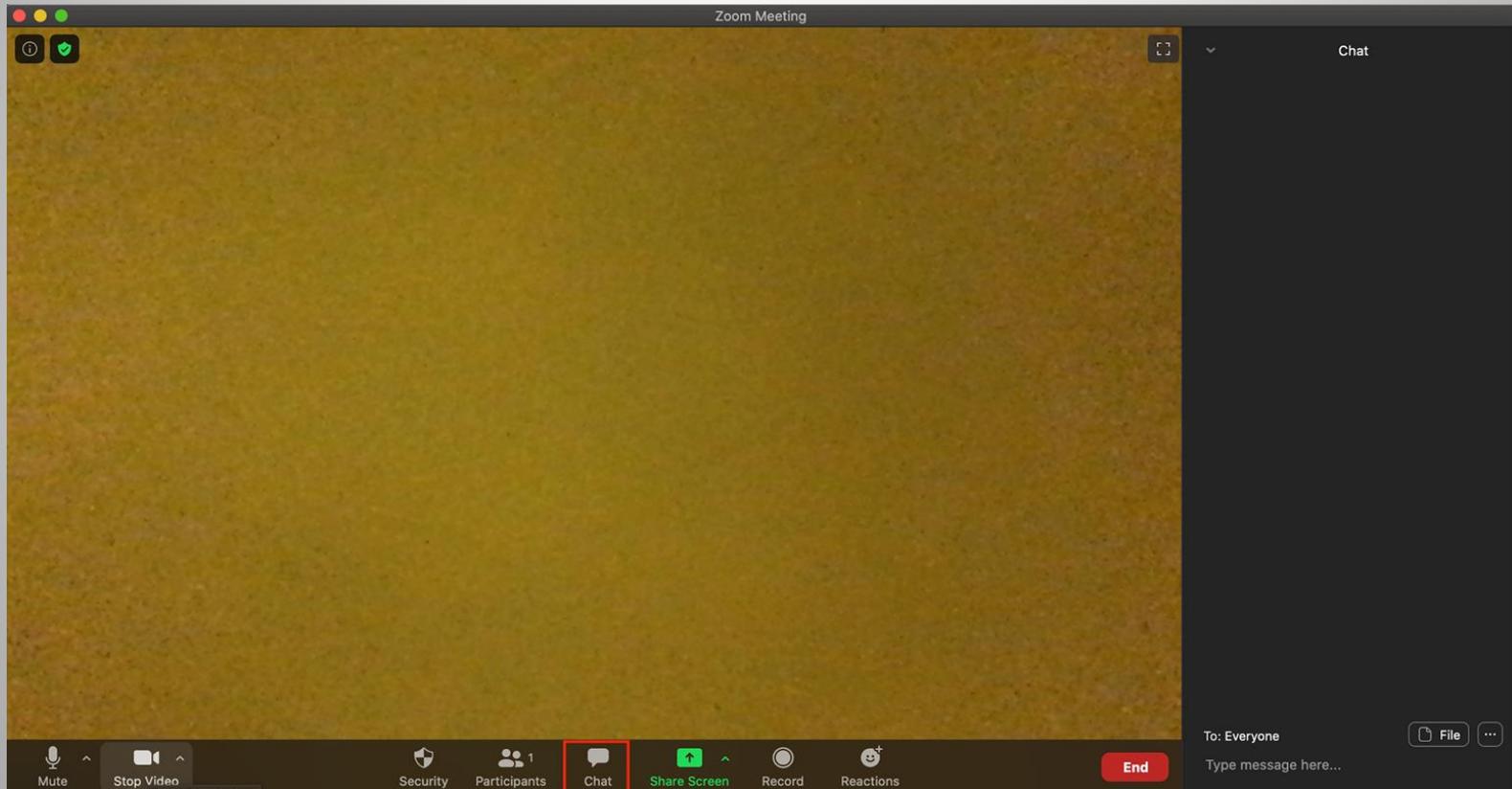
- September 15, 11:59 pm (MT)

Q&A Session

2020 KCSFE Scholarship Evaluation Committee

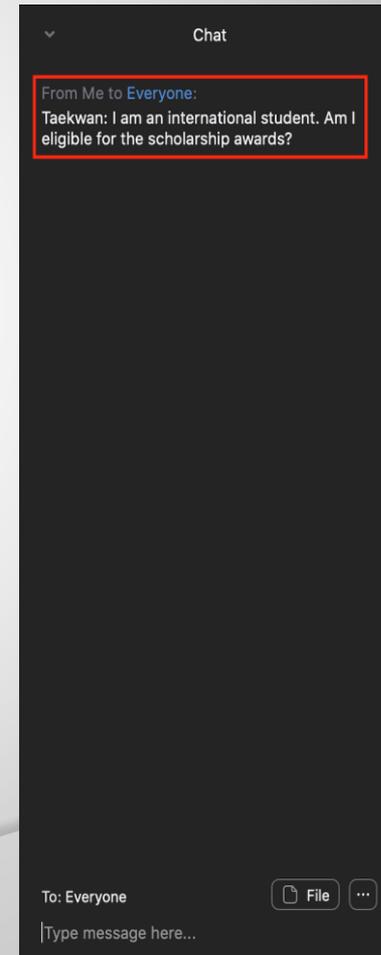
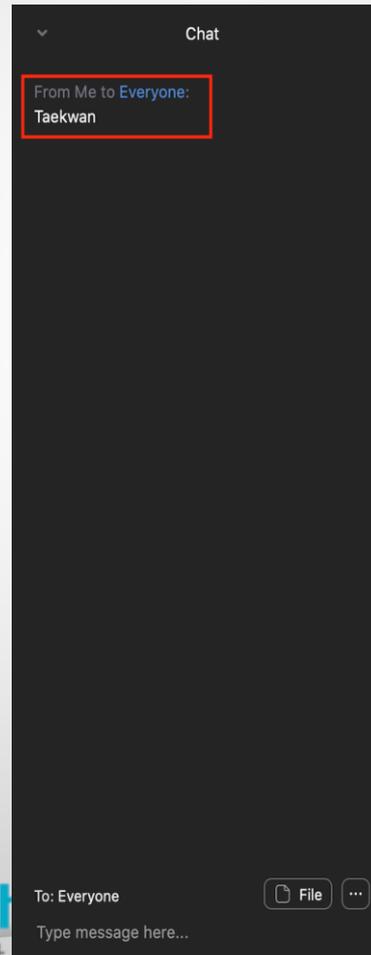
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- Open the chat box (only during the Q&A session).



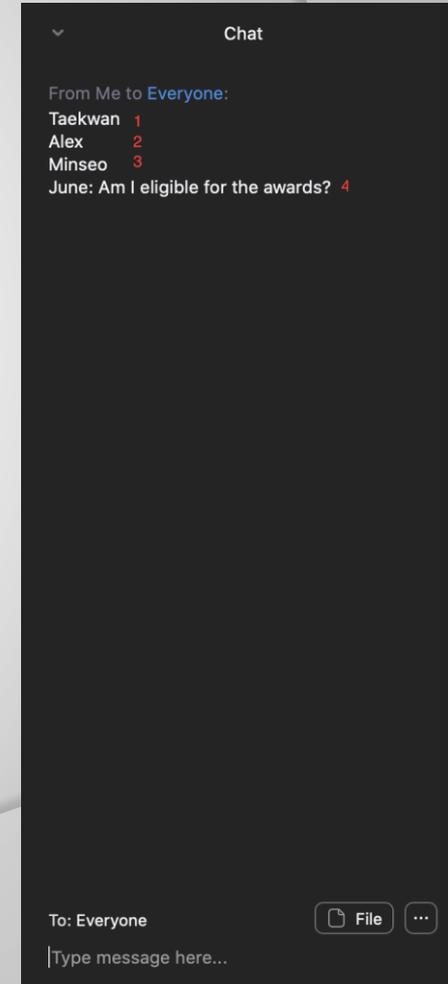
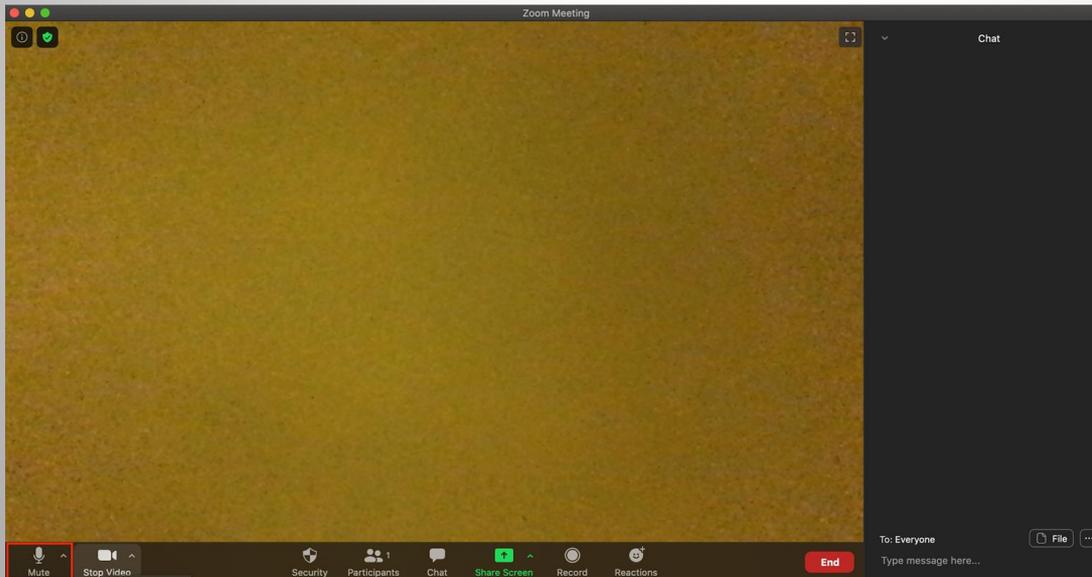
Q&A Procedure

- Type your name only (recommended) or your name with a question.



Q&A Procedure

- When the names are called in order, unmute yourself and ask the question.
- Once the question is answered, please mute yourself.
- Korean responses will be translated into English by MC.



Question 1: Where do I send my transcript that I received from my academic organization? I doubt whether it will be delivered before the deadline.

- Your official transcript must be mailed by your academic organization directly to the KCSFE mailing address.

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- If your transcript is mailed by yourself or is not mailed by the deadline, then it will not be transferred to the evaluation committee and your application will be disqualified.
- Please make arrangements to have it sent as early as possible.

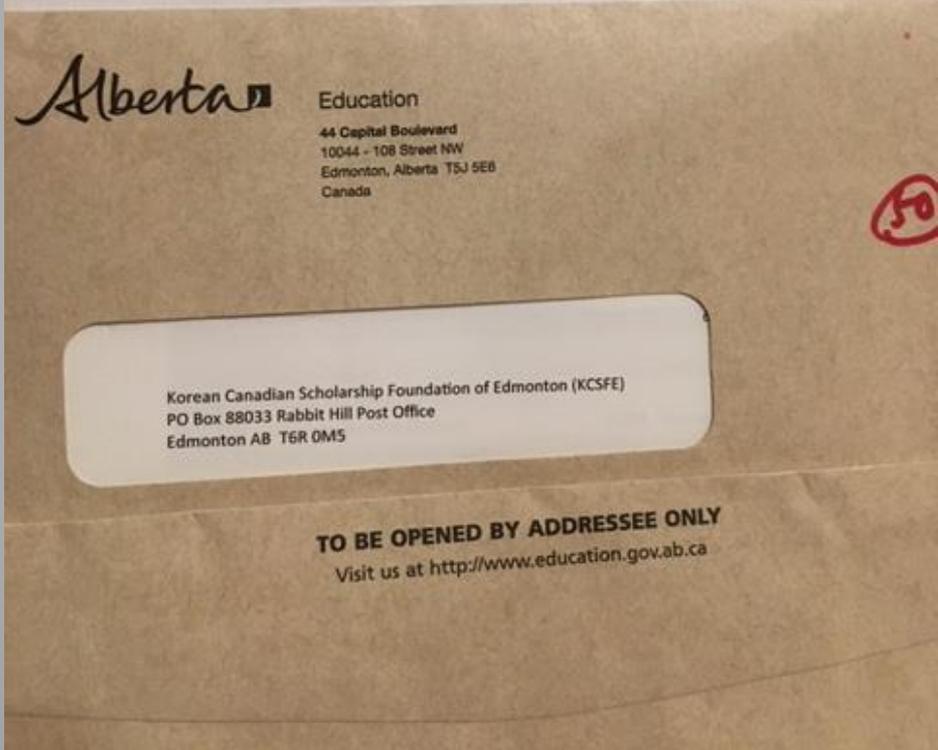


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Question 2: I graduated from a high school in another province. How can I arrange a transcript to be mailed to KCSFE?

- Please make arrangement for your high school transcript to be mailed on your behalf directly to the KCSFE mailing address via your provincial education website.
- For example, if it is British Columbia, then please see the link:
<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/education-training/k-12/support/transcripts-and-certificates>.

Question 3: I have a fair amount of volunteering activities that are not supported by referees unfortunately. Is there any other way to include them in my application?

- When referee(s)' contact information (name, organization email address, phone number) cannot be provided, a self-explanatory volunteer experience essay can be submitted for each activity for consideration.
- Attach volunteer related documents, such as volunteer certificates, if you have them.
- In your essay, please include the information on the organization you volunteered for, and describe your roles and what you accomplished and learned. Also, feel free to include any stories and experiences you want to share.
- However, the KCSFE scholarship committee strongly recommends providing the referee(s)' contact information.

Question 4: Could KCSFE confirm whether or not my academic transcript and reference letters were successfully received?

- Because of a large number of incoming applications, we would not be able to individually confirm a receipt of each document.
- Your referees will receive a confirmation email when a reference letter is submitted.
- Regarding your transcript, it should reach us on time if you arranged it promptly.

Question 5: I submitted my application through Google online form, and I noticed that there was a mistake. How can I change or update my submitted application?

- Unfortunately, changes cannot be made once the application has been submitted. The only way we can help you is by deleting your submitted application so that you can re-submit the updated one.
- Please note that applications with incorrect information or duplication will be disqualified.

Question 6: Can you explain the selection process for scholarship recipients?

- Every year, a scholarship selection committee is organized within KCSFE to review scholarship applications. The committee is normally composed of 5 – 10 volunteering directors from KCSFE and at least one external reviewer. Having an external reviewer(s) in the selection committee ensures that the selection process is fair to all applicants.
- All applications are received by the president, who first deletes all personal identifying information and then passes on the sanitized documents to the selection committee.
- The selection committee members then review the applications based solely on their submitted merits to eliminate any potential bias. This is similar to a blind test which ensures that the review process is fair and equal to all applicants.
- The evaluation results from each reviewer are collected, combined, and then ranked. The selection of the scholarship recipients is made after the final adjustment meeting.

Question 7: Can I claim extracurricular activities for volunteering?

- This year, only volunteering and community leadership activities will be considered for evaluation. That means, extracurricular activities other than those showing outstanding achievement supported by newspaper/journal articles about your extracurricular activities or performance, records of prizes from competitions, etc. will not be considered.
- For example, participation in sports, school band activities, lessons, internships, or work experience will not be evaluated.

Volunteerism

The principle of donating time and energy for the benefit of other people in the community as a social responsibility rather than for any financial reward.

From Collins English Dictionary

Question 8: How can I start volunteering activities?

- Though seemingly daunting, looking for volunteer opportunities is easier than you think.
- A simple internet search would provide a myriad of ways to become involved in volunteer activities in your local community or even for international efforts.
- Places like hospitals and care homes in your community may provide numerous volunteer opportunities. You can also check museums, art galleries, recreation centres, and charity organizations (e.g. Food Banks, Hope Mission, The Mustard Seed, Big Brothers Big Sisters, etc.) for openings depending on where your passion lies.
- Most of such facilities and organizations have volunteer coordinators, who can support and guide your initiatives. We recommend that you start looking for these opportunities, if you have not already done so, for not only the scholarship application but also the promotion of personal growth and community involvement.

Closing Remarks

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KCSFE Director

Further questions: kcsfe.scholarship@gmail.com