

What is the Emerging Leaders Scholarship Program?

CKA believes that more Korean Americans must take on leadership roles in our society and demonstrate the power and potential of our community.

The Emerging Leaders Scholarship Program provides a generous scholarship of **up to \$4,500 per awardee**. In addition to the scholarship, all awardees will be invited to participate in professional development seminars throughout the summer; work with senior Asian American mentors; and engage in opportunities to reflect on their internships with other awardees.

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The internship duration must be at least eight consecutive weeks. Shorter internships may be considered.

The student has demonstrated interest in the history, culture, and people of the Korean American community.

This scholarship is contingent upon awardees securing a summer public service internship in Washington, DC, or New York City. Preference will be given to internships that are fully in-person. Hybrid and remote internships will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis.

The applicants must be at least a rising junior in college (during the summer internship period), a recent graduate, or a graduate student interested in a public-service career that strengthens their local, national, or global communities.

The applicant's internship must be full-time and public service-oriented. We define a public service internship as a student working at a not-for-profit (e.g., 501c3 orgs), community service organization, government (federal, state, or local) office, or research think tank.

Please note: Internships with political campaigns, corporate offices or any private sector internships are not eligible for this scholarship program.

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS



Full-Time Internship

Awardees are to secure a full-time public service summer internship in Washington D.C. or New York City.



Professional Development

Scholarship recipients are to participate in virtual & in-person events.



Verifications & Progress Forms

Scholarship recipients and internship supervisors complete forms to ensure requirements are met.



Reports & Reflection

Scholarship recipients complete an interim report and a final reflection essay on their experience.

HOW TO APPLY

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ONLINE APPLICATION

Applications missing any of the following items will NOT be considered

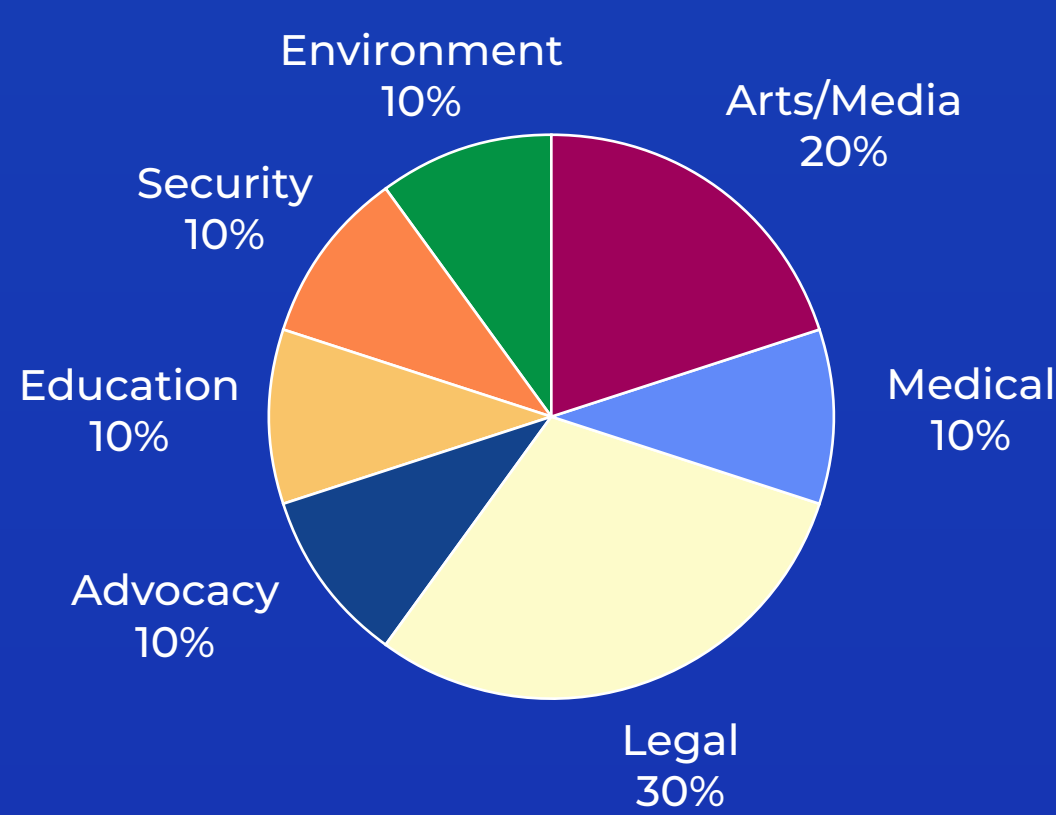
- A completed and signed application
- One-page resume
- Most recent transcript (official or unofficial is acceptable)
- One letter of recommendation (academic or professional)
- A personal statement response

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INTERVIEWS

Finalists will be contacted for interviews

2023 INTERNSHIP SECTORS



PREVIOUS FELLOWS' INTERNSHIP SITES

- Department of Justice
- U.S. Attorney's Office for the District of Columbia
- National Music Publishers' Association
- Little Lights Urban Ministries - Washington, D.C.
- Department of Justice, Environment and Natural Resources Division
- American Museum of Natural History
- Department of Transportation
- BBC
- National Network for Youth
- World Neurology Foundation
- NASA Goddard Space Flight Center
- U.S. Department of State, Bureau of International Security and Nonproliferation
- Asian American Federation
- Charter Cities Institute

2023 FELLOWS' MAJORS



Sociology



Political Science



Public Policy



Museum Anthropology



International Affairs



Law - Human Rights



Chemistry



Journalism and Mass Communications



Chemical Engineering



Urban Studies

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