

# Kyung-Uhn Scholarship Speech Contest of Greater NY

## On Korean History, Culture and People



**Date & Time:** April 27, 2024, Saturday, at 1 PM EST

**Format:** Hybrid (Virtual & In-Person)

**Location:** The Korea Society, 350 Madison Ave., 24th Fl., NY, NY 10017

2024 Speech Contest Theme:

### Korean War

(For more detailed instruction on the theme, refer to the back of this flyer.)

#### Application Deadlines:

- January 15, 2024: *Application to Participate* Submission Deadline
- January 15, 2024: Early Manuscript Submission Deadline
- February 19, 2024: Speech Manuscript Submission Deadline

#### Application Requirements:

- **Eligibility:** Students in grades 9 – 12, residing in the U.S.
- **Language:** English
- **Length of Speech:** 4 - 6 minutes (1,400 words maximum)
- All applicants must submit an ***Application to Participate*** by the stated deadline.
- **Early submission of manuscripts** is encouraged. Applicants who submit a manuscript by January 15, 2024 will be invited to a writing workshop and will have the **opportunity to revise and resubmit** your manuscript by the deadline of February 19, 2024.
- **All manuscripts must be submitted by February 19, 2024**
- For more details, please visit <https://www.kscholarship.org/>

#### Awards & Scholarships:

Grand Award: \$1,500

1st Place: \$1,200

2nd Place (2 persons): \$1,000

3rd Place (3 persons): \$500

Manuscript (2 persons): \$500

Finalists: \$200

#### Inquiries:

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#### Hosts & Sponsoring Organizations

Kyung-Uhn Scholarship Association

Kyunggi Girls' High School Alumnae Association of Greater NY

The Korea Society

#### Supporting Organizations

Korean American Association of Greater New York

Korean American Educators' Association of New Jersey

Korean American Teachers' Association of New York

K-12 Korean Language Teachers Association, USA

## **2024 Speech Contest Theme: The Korean War**

In the early morning of June 25, 1950, the North Korean People's Army invaded South Korea, crossing the 38th parallel, the line dividing North and South Korea since the end of the World War II. President Truman quickly committed the US military to the aid of South Korea and the United Nations joined the effort to defend South Korea against communist North Korea. The war lasted three years and active fighting concluded with an armistice agreement in 1953. The war never officially ended, and the confrontation continues to this day.

During the Korean War, nearly 5 million people died and more than half of these were civilians. Many Korean families were separated, lost, and displaced. Even with efforts to reunite families, many still remain missing and wait to be reunited.

Currently, tension on the Korean peninsula remains high. North Korea has declared itself a nuclear weapon state and aggressive actions and threats by the North have continued since 1953.

Please study Korean War and think about the impact it has had on Korea, the US, and on the world, as well as the impact it has had on ordinary Koreans.

### **Korean War**

1. How and why did the Korean War start?
2. How did the Cold War and other external forces affect the start of the war?
3. Why did American and UN forces intervene? Why did Chinese forces? How did foreign intervention affect the outcome of the war?
4. What have been the long-term impacts of the Korean War on those who were there? How have Korean and UN veterans been affected? How has this affected Korean families? Was your family affected?
5. What have you learned from studying the Korean War? How does it affect you? Does it affect your perspective on current international conflicts?

#5 is required and one or more of the rest of the questions  
should be addressed in your manuscript.