



CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

2024 Seongnam City International 4th Youth Conference Theme: The Digital Transformation Conference

Aurora Sister Cities International invites Aurora metropolitan students aged 14-18 (at the time of the conference) to apply to participate in the “Digital Transformation Conference” in Seongnam City, South Korea. Travel includes a 4 day conference and 2 days of cultural experiences and excursions.

Through its sister city partnership with the city of Seongnam, South Korea, Aurora Sister Cities International has sent youth to the Seongnam City International Youth Conference in the past.

In early August (August 1-9), the city of Seongnam, South Korea, will host students from all over the world, by the Seongnam City Youth Foundation and Seongnam City Government.

The conference in Seongnam City takes place biennially in order to provide a platform for youth from around the world to collaborate with Korean youth to consider and respond to relevant global issues.

This conference offers Aurora metro youth the unique opportunity to hear global perspectives on the challenges and rewards of globalization while also gaining exposure to future career pathways in the globalized marketplace.

All expenses, including travel insurance, are covered for participants while in Korea. Participants will be required to cover airfare, lodging, meals and excursions prior to the conference. Some scholarships for travel are available based on need and merit.

Interested applicants should submit the attached application with typed responses to Jennifer Kim email: mjenniferkim@gmail.com (303-489-4624). Chair of the Korea Committee . Applications are due by (May 10th, close of business day).



APPLICATION

2024 Seongnam City International 4th Youth Conference

Conference Dates

The Digital Transformation conference will take place August 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9 (See draft schedule). The trip is scheduled to begin August 1 and includes travel, and two days of sightseeing and cultural and educational experiences.

Participant Travel Dates

Participants should plan on being available for travel outside of the country between August 1st through August 9th.

Participant Travel Information and Participation Requirements

Participants will travel to Seongnam City with a group of 10 students and 2 chaperones. Participants are required to travel together with the group on the same date and flight. Participants are expected to remain with the group at all times and participate in all scheduled conference activities, including a cultural show.

Participants will be required to join 3 pre-travel orientation sessions to prepare for the trip. The workshops will cover the culture and history of Korea; cross-cultural communication and “culture shock” issues; dress and clothing requirements; and emergency preparedness. During the preparatory sessions, students will also be collaborating to prepare a performance for “culture day.”

Trip Expenses

The Seongnam City Youth Foundation will cover all participant expenses (lodging, transportation, meals) while in Korea during the four-day period. Participants will be required to cover the cost of airfare to Korea, lodging and meals, prior to the conference. Participants shall be prepared to cover the cost of incidentals (passport purchase, airport purchases, souvenirs and other personal shopping, purchase of voltage converters and adaptors, and cell phone services, etc.).

Once candidate selection has been determined and all candidates have been notified, ASCI will need to purchase group airfare and undertake other preparatory activities as soon as possible. As such, **we will need to collect the airfare fee by June 15, 2024, in the amount of \$2,100.00. Releases, a copy of your passport, and any other related legal forms are due no later than June 15, 2024 to Jennifer Kim.**

We understand that the airfare to this conference may be limiting to many students and as such we are offering partial scholarships.

SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

ASCI is pleased to offer scholarships to participant's need and merit.

Criteria for Awarding Scholarships

Students will be awarded scholarships based on a combination of need and merit. Need and merit will be determined based on the essay responses you submit, as well as from review of ONE of the following documents:

- Parent or guardian pay stubs (only one-month needed; pay stubs must be submitted for all parents or guardians who are receiving an income and contributing to household income; could include work, social security or other similar income); OR
- Previous year's income tax return (one-year only); OR
- Written statement by parent or guardian that is signed which states special circumstances that would limit their child's participation absent a scholarship.
- The completion of the Essay Question

To apply for a scholarship, fill out the form and answer the Essay question below:

Essay Question

All essay question responses must be typewritten. Please limit your answer to 150 words. Please describe any barriers or hardships your family has related to paying for airfare to the Seongnam City International Youth Conference.

Application Deadline

This application (personal information, essay questions, copy of passport) must be completed and returned to Aurora Sister Cities International by May 10, 2024 application date.

Scholarship Interviews

Scholarship interviews will be conducted per applicant with a designated interview team. The date and time of the interviews will occur following the May 10th application date.



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APPLICATION PACKET CHECKLIST

2024 Seongnam City International Youth
Conference
Seongnam City, South Korea

APPLICATION AND SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS ARE DUE NO LATER THAN **May 10, 2024!**

Please complete and return the following documents via email or mail to
Jennifer Kim

Email: mjenniferkim@gmail.com

303-489-4624

Aurora Sister Cities International
15151 E. Alameda Pkwy
Aurora, CO 80012

- Completed 2024 Seongnam City International 4th Youth Conference Application & Releases
- If applying for a scholarship, please complete and submit the Scholarship Application Section with ONE of the following supporting documentation:
 - Copy of parent or guardian pay stubs; OR
 - copy of parent or guardian tax returns; OR
 - signed, written statement by parent or guardian.
- Copy of student passport. Copies only- No originals please!

Questions? Contact Jennifer Kim