

Tour Korea! 2016 Matching Scholarship-Tiger Tour

Thanks to a generous donor, this year we are able to offer two \$2500 matching grant scholarships towards participation in the Tour Korea! Tiger Tour from June 29-July 10, 2016. The deadline to apply is February 26, 2016 with decisions communicated March 4, 2016. Selected recipients will be responsible for submitting a \$2500 payment and Tour Registration form to Children's Home by March 7, 2016. With the Matching Scholarship, the balance of the tour fees as well as flight costs from the Minneapolis-St. Paul airport, all post adoption services fees, regular tour inclusions, and one side trip are covered accordingly. The Scholarship recipient will be responsible for all personal expenses while on the tour.

Please review the eligibility guidelines and application steps below to learn more.

Eligibility Guidelines

The following must be true for all eligible applicants.

1. Korean adoptee over the age of 19 at the time of application adopted through any U.S. or Korea-based adoption agency.
2. Able to provide a copy of a most recent tax return and evidence of need per the required essay.
3. Able to travel during the dates of the Tiger Tour June 29-July 10, 2016.
4. In good health to travel internationally.
5. Upon notification of scholarship reward, able to submit one \$2500 payment to Children's Home Society of Minnesota, upon notification of by March 7, 2016 to be matched with an equivalent grant.

Application Deadline

All materials must be received by CHSM Tour Korea! 2016 Program by 5 p.m. CST on Friday, February 26, 2016.

Notification of Decision:

All applicants will be informed of the decision by 5 p.m. CST, Wednesday, March 2, 2016

Application Guidelines

- Incomplete applications will not be considered.
- Any applications received after the deadline will not be considered.
- A complete application will have the following documents:
 1. Tour Korea! 2016 Matching Scholarship Application
 2. *Statement of Motivation*-500 words (max) explaining the following:
 - a. why you are in need of this financial help
 - b. how you will be able to raise/obtain the required minimum fee of \$2500 (fundraising? savings? other?)
 - c. motivation for wanting to travel to Korea on this tour
 3. One letter of recommendation from a non-family member, adult over the age of 19. The recommendation should be no longer than one typed

page and should speak to the applicant's maturity, character, and desire to travel to Korea on this tour. The recommender must include their full name, address, and phone number in the letter. Letters of recommendation can be sent directly from the recommender or via the applicant.

4. Copy of most recent tax return (or explanation for lack of tax return)

How to Apply

Completed applications should be submitted to: Jane Lee via mail (Attn: Jane Lee/Tour Korea! 2016, 1605 Eustis St., St. Paul, MN 55108) or email to jlee@chsfs.org. Applications can also be dropped off in-person at our 1605 Eustis Street, St. Paul location, Attn: Jane Lee.

How the Tour Korea! 2016 Scholarship is awarded

Applicants will be evaluated on their need, application, and Statement of Motivation. Applicants are not evaluated on age, disability, marital status, gender, race, creed, or sexual orientation. Preference will be given to applicants who have never travelled to Korea. Only one recipient per family is allowed.

The Scholarship Match Award must be utilized on the Tour Korea! 2016 Tiger Tour. The matching award covers the Tour + Flight (from the Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport) cost, all regular inclusions on the trip as covered by the Tour + Flight option package, and all requested post adoption services that are requested as part of the trip including one side trip, as applicable. The award does not cover personal expenses, personal purchases, gifts, flight deviations, on-your-own meals, tips, post-adoption services requested after the tour completion, and translation not related to requested post-adoption services.

Recipients will be chosen and then a waiting list of three additional candidates will be created depending on the number of applicants. Scholarship decisions will be announced on March 2, 2016. Recipients will be required to inform Children's Home of their decision to accept or decline the scholarship by March 4, 2016, and submit payment of \$2500 by March 7, 2016.

Cancellation/Return

If a recipient accepts the award and then does not travel on the tour, a refund of the \$2500 original payment **minus** any fees for late cancellation, flight cancellations, requested post-adoption services, etc. will be made available to the recipient. In the case of cancellation by the recipient, the recipient will be responsible for the cost of services already rendered.

Traveling Alone on the Tour

We recommend that the adoptee not travel on this tour alone. Although there are a variety of support resources while on the trip, it is full of emotional and memorable

experiences. It is recommended that if you are chosen as a recipient and travel on the tour, you have a family member or close friend register and travel with you. You will be grateful for the shared experience as you look back on it and think about its impact once you have returned to the United States.

Important Dates to Remember

- **February 26, 2016:** Completed Tour Korea! 2016 Matching Scholarship Application due.
- **March 2, 2016:** Children's Home communicates scholarship decision to all applicants. Children's Home issues all required paperwork to recipient.
- **March 4, 2016:** Applicants inform Children's Home of their decision.
- **March 7, 2016:** \$2500 payment, tour application, and Korea Intermediary Service Request form, Clients Rights & Responsibilities, Scholarship Award Agreement, and Release of Information due to Children's Home Society from the Scholarship recipient.
- **June 29, 2016:** Depart from the U.S.
- **July 10, 2016:** Return from Korea to the United States with the group.

Tour Korea! 2016 Matching Scholarship Application

Full legal name: _____

Home address (street, city, state, zip code): _____

Cell phone: _____ Home phone: _____

Email address: _____

Date of birth: MM/DD/YYYY: _____

Year of adoption (joined your adoptive family): _____

U.S. adoption agency through which you were adopted:

City and state of your U.S. adoption agency:

Korean adoption agency through which you were adopted:

Occupation: _____ ; Job title: _____

Name and address of employer: _____

Annual gross income: _____

Other than yourself, are there others for whom you are financially responsible? If yes, how many others?

Average total of monthly expenses: _____

Marital status: _____ Number of children: _____

Provide your answers to all of the following questions.

1. Are you currently a post-adoption client of Children's Home Society of Minnesota?

If yes, what services have you most recently requested?

If no, have you ever previously requested and received post-adoption services? What was the outcome?

**Are you involved in a birth family search outside of Children's Home Society?
If yes, with whom are you searching?**

- 2. Have you ever travelled to Korea since your adoption?**

If yes, when and in what capacity?

- 3. Have you had contact with your birth family in Korea?**

Are you currently in contact with your birth family?

If yes, how frequently?

- 4. Do you have any needs with which you will require assistance while traveling? If yes, please describe.**

- 5. If chosen as a recipient of this Matching Scholarship, do you plan to travel alone or with other(s). With whom will you travel?**

- 6. For many who travel on this tour, it is not possible, due to Korean adoption file content, placement circumstances, length of time since adoption, etc. to**

make contact with birth family in Korea. Would you still be interested in traveling on this tour if you knew that the trip would not include a birth family meeting?

Please read the following and sign.

My signature below indicates the following.

The above information has been provided by me, _____, and all the information has been provided truthfully to my knowledge. I understand that this is an application for review to determine whether I will be awarded the Tour Korea! 2016 Matching Scholarship-Tiger Tour. If I am selected, I have until March 4, 2016 to make my decision about accepting the award or not. If I accept the Matching Scholarship Award, I understand that I will be required to submit a \$2500 payment and tour registration by March 7, 2016 and that the remaining costs of the Tour + Flight package (from the MPLS-St. Paul International Airport) for the Tiger Tour June 29-July 10, 2016 as well as all post adoption services that I request will be covered by the award. I understand that the award does not cover personal expenses, personal purchases, flight detours, and on-your-own meals. I understand that if I agree to the award, but then decide not to travel on the tour, my \$2500 will be refunded to me minus all cancellation penalties, post-adoption services request fees, and fees for services that have already been rendered.

Signature of applicant

Date: _____

Printed name of applicant