



Dedicated to Serving Multicultural Families and Children in Korea

According to the data and materials released by the Korean government, as of 2021, there are 385,000 multicultural households in Korean society, which account for 1.8% of all households. As the settlement of multicultural families has grown, the number of children from multicultural families aged 7 to 18 is fast growing as well.

Pearl S. Buck Foundation Korea (PSBFK) continues to carry out various support projects such as educational support for multicultural children and adolescents and livelihood support for vulnerable multicultural families (single parent families, families with disabilities, families suffering from disease, etc.). PSBFK also provides multicultural understanding education to help

enhance awareness about the families they serve. PSBFK has implemented several projects to help support the multicultural families of Korea, including a kiosk donation campaign in the Samsung employee dining hall. The funds from this project provide medical support for a multicultural adolescent suffering from a rare and incurable disease as well as livelihood support for his single mother.

PSBFK's most successful project of the past year was "Science Magic," a creative science support project for the education and care of the children of multicultural families. 30 children from underprivileged multicultural



families participated in 'Science Magic,' receiving four types of "science magic" teaching aids. They also participated in six contactless science programs. Consequently, the children were able to spend their leisure time after school engaged in these activities instead of spending that time alone; in particular, they were able to spend their time

usefully instead of sitting on their mobile phones or watching television.

Other projects implemented by Pearl S. Buck Foundation Korea supported the health, educational, livelihood, nutritional, and psycho-social needs of their constituents, including an after-school program for teenagers, creative science support, multicultural festivals, mask donations, meal support for children of multicultural families, a Pearl S. Buck 130th birthday celebration, legal advice for multicultural families, and learning support for multicultural family communication improvement.



Pearl S. Buck House National Historic Landmark to be a Blue Star Museum

Pearl S. Buck International is proud to announce that the Pearl S. Buck House National Historic Landmark museum, the former home of Pulitzer and Nobel Prize-winning author, humanitarian, and social justice activist Pearl S. Buck, will once again be a Blue Star Museum this summer. It will join museums nationwide in the Blue Star Museums initiative, a program that provides free admission to currently serving U.S. military personnel and their families.

The 2024 program will begin on Armed Forces Day, Saturday, May 18, 2024, and end on Labor Day, Monday, September 2, 2024. Blue Star Museums is a partnership between the National Endowment for the Arts and Blue Star Families, in collaboration with the Department of Defense and participating museums across America.

Blue Star Museums include children's museums, art, science, and history museums, zoos, gardens, lighthouses, and more, and hail from all 50 states, as well as the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

The free admission program is available for those currently serving in the United States Military—Air Force, Army, Coast Guard, Marine Corps, Navy, and Space Force, as well as members of the Reserves, National Guard, U.S. Public Health Commissioned Corps, NOAA Commissioned Corps, and up to five family members. Qualified members must show a Geneva Convention common access card (CAC), DD Form 1173 ID



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card (dependent ID), DD Form 1173-1 ID card or the Next Generation Uniformed Services (Real) ID card for entrance into any participating Blue Star Museum.

“We are grateful to Pearl S. Buck International for participating in this summer’s Blue Star Museums program and we hope military families will take this opportunity to create meaningful, lifelong memories,” said Maria Rosario Jackson, PhD, chair of the National Endowment for the Arts. “Whether you are traveling this summer, getting to know a new duty location, or exploring what your community has to offer, Blue Star Museums is a wonderful opportunity to create connection and find inspiration.”

“Military families love Blue Star Museums, and we couldn’t run this program without the National Endowment for the Arts and the museums across the nation who show

they care by participating,” said Blue Star Families CEO Kathy Roth-Douquet. “Access to museums enriches military families, creates wonderful family memories, and helps us feel connected to our communities so that we can thrive and do the hard job we have to do for the country. I am delighted for us to launch the 14th year of this very special program.”

The Pearl S. Buck House is open to the public for tours Tuesday–Sunday—the two tour offerings are the traditional Life & Legacy historic house tour and the interactive and dialogic Taking Action tour about Pearl Buck’s forward-thinking human rights advocacy. At this time, reservations are required. For current tour times, prices, and more information, go to: <https://pearlsbuck.org/visit-the-pearl-s-buck-house/plan-your-visit/> or call 215-249-0100.

Find the list of all participating museums at arts.gov/BlueStarMuseums.