



## **Application Deadline - Jan. 31 - for Couples Participating in the Blessing Ceremony in the USA**

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**Dear Couples and Families,**

With less than 40 days until the [Foundation Day Blessing Ceremony](#), couples are preparing to travel to Korea for the main event or participate in one of the community celebrations taking place across the United States. In preparation for the ceremony, we have some important information and resources we would like to share with you:

### **1. Application Deadline for USA Couples - January 31**

For couples participating in a Foundation Day Blessing Ceremony in the USA, the application deadline is Sunday, January 31. If you have not done so yet, please begin and complete the application as soon as possible. Instructions for what to submit can be found within the application. If you are helping to prepare a married couple to receive the Blessing, please support them in completing their simple application for the Blessing using the link below.

### **2. Blessing Applications are completed online**

- Application for Unificationists - [BFM.familyfed.org/application-center](http://BFM.familyfed.org/application-center)
- Application for Married Couples of Various Faiths - [BlessingAmerica.org](http://BlessingAmerica.org)

### **3. Korea Blessing Experience Opportunity**

[bfm.familyfed.org/foundationday2016](http://bfm.familyfed.org/foundationday2016)

If any couple would like to attend the Foundation Day Blessing Ceremony in Korea, applications are still being accepted on a case-by-case basis until the absolute deadline of January 31. However, the Korea Travel Grant opportunity closed on January 10.

There will also be a unique opportunity for current and next generation leaders ages 20-50 to participate in the [Top Gun Workshop](#) that will take place on February 1-22 in Korea. This Top Gun workshop, initiated by True Mother, is an incredible opportunity to inherit the tradition of True Parents and prepare for a new generation of leadership in our movement. Blessing Ceremony participants will be able to participate in both the Top Gun workshop and the Korea Blessing Experience program.

### **4. Update on Cheon Il Guk Matching Ceremony this year**

There will not be a Cheon Il Guk Matching Ceremony (Matching Ceremony facilitated by True Mother) held this year prior to the Foundation Day Blessing.

### **5. 40 Days of Marriage Blessing Quotes (Jan. 11 - Feb. 20)**

We're less than 40 days until the Foundation Day Blessing Ceremony, so we'll be sending out daily readings from True Parents and various religions from January 11 to February 20. Reading these daily quotes individually or as a couple will be a great preparation for the Foundation Day Blessing Ceremony.

You can sign up for the daily readings to be sent right to your inbox. Subscribe to [40 Days of Marriage Blessing Quotes](#).

We look forward to continuing to support you on your Marriage Blessing journey! For questions, please email BFM Couple Care Coordinator, Jessica Sattinger at [jsattinger@unification.org](mailto:jsattinger@unification.org).

Sincerely,

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