

2026 Busking Competition for Korean and International Youth 「Gimhae IT-Stage」 Participant Recruitment Notice

Gimhae Youth Center Station-G, operated by the Gimhae Biomedical Industry Promotion Agency, is recruiting participants for the 2026 Busking Competition for Korean and International Youth, “Gimhae IT-Stage,” with the aim of promoting cultural exchange between Korean and international youth and providing young local artists with opportunities to perform and showcase their talents.

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President, Gimhae Biomedical Industry Promotion Agency

1 Overview

□ Purpose

- To provide Korean and international youth with opportunities to express their musical talents and individuality, while promoting communication among young people and revitalizing local youth culture through music-based cultural exchange.

□ Event Information

- **Event Title:** Busking Competition for Korean and International Youth 「Gimhae IT-Stage」
- **Hosted/Organized by:** Gimhae Biomedical Industry Promotion Agency, Gimhae Youth Center Station-G
- **Final Competition:** September 19, 2026 (Sat.), 17:00-18:00
- **Venue:** Special Stage at Sureungwon Park
- **Main Program**
 - Recruitment of Korean and international youth busking performers and the first-round online video screening
 - Preliminary round, followed by the final busking competition and awards ceremony in conjunction with the main Youth Week event
- **Eligibility:** Korean and international youth individuals or teams residing in or active within Gimhae City
- **Performance Category:** Popular music performances suitable for busking, including singing and instrumental performances
- **Selection Process**
 - **Online Video Screening:** 8 teams selected
 - **On-site Preliminary Round:** 4 teams selected
 - **Final Round & Awards:** 4 teams advance to the final round

(1 Grand Prize, 1 First Prize, 1 Excellence Award, and 1 Encouragement Award)

※ Applicants may participate regardless of whether they majored in music or have professional performance experience.

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Application Procedure

□ How to Apply

- Application Period: August 19, 2026 (Wed.) – September 2, 2026 (Wed.), 23:59
- Application Method: Submit the Google Form(<https://forms.gle/bVKZxpAYbe3t8LPRA>)
- Required Submissions
 - Basic information about the participant/team and performance
 - Documents proving residence, enrollment, employment, or other activities in Gimhae City
 - Performance video for the first-round online screening
- ※ Proof of residence or activity in Gimhae City must be a document issued within one month from the date of this announcement, such as a resident registration abstract, certificate of enrollment, or certificate of employment, that verifies the applicant's residence or activity in Gimhae City. Please mask the last seven digits of the resident registration number before submission.
- ※ If the performance video cannot be uploaded to the online application form due to file size limitations, applicants must first complete the online application form and may then submit only the performance video separately by email.

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Screening and Selection

□ First Round: Online Video Screening

- Screening Date and Time: September 3, 2026 (Thu.), 10:00–13:00
- Screening Materials: Performance videos of no more than 5 minutes submitted during the application period ※ Approx. 10-second participant/team introduction + performance video
- Video Submission Requirements
 - The submitted video must have been recorded after the date of this recruitment notice and must be no longer than 5 minutes.
 - At the beginning of the video, participants must introduce the participant/team name, song title, and original artist for approximately 10 seconds before beginning the performance.
- Required Introduction Example
 - “Hello, I am/we are [Name/Team Name], participating in the 2026 Gimhae IT-Stage. The song I/we will perform is ‘[Song Title]’ by [Original Artist].”
- Number Selected: Top 8 teams based on total scores will advance to the on-site preliminary round.
- Announcement of Results: September 4, 2026 (Fri.), 18:00 ※ The above schedule is subject to change.
- Evaluation Criteria

Evaluation Category	Detailed Evaluation Criteria	Points
Musicality and Overall Performance Quality	Stability of pitch, rhythm, and vocal/instrumental volume	40점
Interpretation and Creativity	Creativity in musical interpretation and arrangement	40점
Musical Potential	Potential for further development	20점
Total		100점

※ Musicality and Overall Performance Quality → Interpretation and Creativity → Musical Potential

□ Second Round: On-site Preliminary Competition

- **Date and Time:** September 12, 2026 (Sat.), 15:30–17:00 ※ The above schedule is subject to change.
- **Venue:** Stage at a Gimhae Youth Center or another designated performance venue
- **Participants:** 8 teams that pass the first-round online video screening
- **Format:** Each team will perform one popular music song of their choice live on stage within 5 minutes.
- **Number Selected:** The top 4 teams based on total scores will advance to the final competition.

□ Final Competition

- **Date and Time:** September 19, 2026 (Sat.), 17:00–18:00 ※ The above schedule is subject to change.
- **Venue:** Special Stage at Sureungwon Park, Gimhae
- **Participants:** 4 teams that pass the on-site preliminary round
- **Format:** Live performances by the four finalists, followed by final ranking
- **Awards:** A total of 4 teams

Award	Number of Teams	Prize Money
Grand Prize (1st Place)	1 team	KRW 500,000
First Prize, (2nd Place)	1 team	KRW 300,000
Excellence Award (3rd Place)	1 team	KRW 200,000
Encouragement Award	1 team	KRW 100,000

※ Prize money for the busking competition is sponsored by the event management agency.

□ General Guidelines for the On-site Preliminary and Final Competitions

- **Equipment Provided by the Organizer:** Wireless microphones
- **Equipment to Be Prepared by Participants**
 - All musical instruments and other equipment required for individual or team performances
- MR tracks or other audio files required for the performance must be submitted separately by the designated deadline. Detailed submission instructions will be provided individually to selected participants.
- The songs performed during the on-site preliminary competition and the final competition must be different. Participants may not perform the same song in both rounds.
- **Evaluation Criteria**

Evaluation Category	Detailed Evaluation Criteria	Points
Musicality and Overall Performance Quality	Stability of pitch, rhythm, and vocal/instrumental volume	40점
Stage Performance	Stage presence, audience engagement, and overall delivery	40점
Interpretation and Originality	Individuality, popular music sensibility, and styling	20점
Total		100점

※ Musicality and Overall Performance Quality → Stage Performance → Interpretation and Originality

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Important Notes and Contact Information

❑ Important Notes for Participants

- If any information provided in the application or submitted documents is found to be false or inconsistent with the facts, the applicant's selection may be canceled.
- Performance videos must be submitted within the designated period and in accordance with the specified requirements. Videos that do not meet the submission requirements may be excluded from the screening process.
- Participants selected for the on-site preliminary round and final competition must attend on the designated dates.
- If a participant is unable to attend the on-site preliminary round or final competition due to personal circumstances, their participation may be canceled.
- Detailed event schedules, venues, and other information may be subject to change depending on operational circumstances. Any changes will be announced separately.
- Photographs and videos may be taken during the event, and the resulting materials may be used for program documentation and promotional purposes.

❑ Contact Information

- Gimhae Youth Center Station-G Tel. 055-310-9296-7
- Gimhae Youth Center Station-G Email gimhaeyouthcenter@gmail.com
- Inquiries are available during business hours. Please understand that responses may not be available outside of business hours.