



**Finnish Center Association
College/University/Post-High School Institution
Scholarship Application Information**

Introduction

The founders of the Finnish Center Association strongly believed in the value of education for young people, and in supporting young people in their efforts to educate themselves. These beliefs are expressed in the Purpose section of the FCA By-Laws: “To promote the education of youth...” and “To grant scholarships and fellowships to deserving students...”

Requirements for applying for a scholarship:

1. The student, parent, guardian, or grandparent must have been an up-to-date paid member of the FCA since at least March 1, 2010.
2. The applicant must have already earned, or will earn by the end of the 2011-2012 academic year, either a high school diploma or a G.E.D.
3. The applicant must have maintained at least a C average (2.0 GPA).

Criteria for receiving a scholarship:

1. The applicant must have demonstrated a positive work ethic.
2. The applicant must have participated in school and/or community service activities.
3. The applicant must:
 - (a) have had experiences with Finnish language;
 - or (b) have had experiences with Finnish culture;
 - or (c) have done volunteer activities at the Finnish Cultural Center;
 - or (d) plan to use the scholarship to study Finnish language and/or culture, or to study in Finland.

NOTE: The application and all its required documents must be received at the Finnish Center Association office by March 16, 2012.

NOTE: Scholarship money will be deposited directly into the student’s university account.

NOTE: The Scholarship Reception will be held at 2:00 P.M. on Sunday, May 20, at the Finnish Cultural Center.



**FCA SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FORM
DEADLINE FOR RECEIVING APPLICATION AND ALL
REQUIRED LETTERS AND TRANSCRIPTS AT THE FCA
OFFICE: MARCH 16, 2012**

Applicant's Name: _____

Street Address: _____ City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Parent or guardian: _____

Address (if different from above): _____

High school: _____ from _____ to _____

College/University: _____ from _____ to _____

Other post-high school institution: _____ from _____ to _____

You, your parent or guardian, or grandparent, must have been an up-to-date paid member of the Finnish Center Association as of March 1, 2010, in order to be eligible to apply for a scholarship. List member name/s below.

Name

1 Yourself:	_____
2 Parent/Guardian:	_____
3 Grandparent:	_____

List your past and present employers.

1 _____ from _____ to _____

2 _____ from _____ to _____

3 _____ from _____ to _____

List your school and/or community service activities for the past three years.

Write on a separate sheet of paper and attach.

List awards you have received in the past three years. Explain their significance to your educational goals.

Write on a separate sheet of paper and attach.

What school will you be attending, if known? When do you plan to enroll, and what curriculum will you study?
Write on a separate sheet of paper and attach.

Will you use this scholarship to study Finnish language and/or culture, or to study in Finland? YES NO
If YES, what and where do you plan to study? Write on a separate sheet of paper and attach.

Describe your experiences with Finnish language and/or culture, and/or volunteer activities at the FCA.
Write on a separate sheet of paper and attach.

How might this educational experience for which you are requesting a scholarship benefit you and benefit the community?
Write on a separate sheet of paper and attach.

Applicant Signature:

Date:

PROVIDE two (2) non-school-related reference letters written by adults who are not related to you.

PROVIDE two (2) reference letters on school letterhead written by school personnel (teacher, counselor, home school teacher, etc.).

PROVIDE an official copy of your transcript from your current or most recently-attended school.

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To communicate with the Scholarship Committee, you may call the FCA at 248.478.6939, or write to the Committee at the address below.

Mail your application to :

FCA Scholarship Committee
Finnish Cultural Center
35200 W. Eight Mile Road
Farmington Hills, MI 48335