

Finnish Center Association
College/University/Post-High School Institution
Scholarship Application Information
December, 2009

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:

1. The student, parent, guardian, or grandparent must be a paid, up-to-date member of the FCA.
2. The student must have already earned, or will earn by the end of the 2009-2010 academic year, either a high school diploma or a G.E.D.

Criteria for awarding scholarships:

1. The applicant must have participated in school and/or community service activities.
2. The applicant must have maintained at least a C average (2.0 GPA).
3. Applicants who have had experiences with Finnish language and/or culture and/or volunteer activities at the Finnish Cultural Center, or who plan to use the scholarship for Finnish language and/or culture study, are preferred.

NOTE: The application and all its required documents must be received at the Finnish Center Association office by March 31, 2010.

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



FCA SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FORM

**DEADLINE FOR RECEIVING APPLICATION AND ALL
REQUIRED LETTERS AND TRANSCRIPTS AT THE FCA:
MARCH 31, 2010**

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____ E-mail _____

Parent or guardian _____

Address _____

High school _____ from _____ to _____

College/university _____ from _____ to _____

Other post-high school institution _____ from _____ to _____

Are you, your parents or guardian, or grandparents, up-to-date paid members of the Finnish Center Association?
(provide names)

	Name
1 Yourself:	_____
2 Parent/Guardian:	_____
3 Grandparents:	_____

List your past and present employers.

1 _____ from _____ to _____

2 _____ from _____ to _____

3 _____ from _____ to _____

What special talents do you have?
Write on a separate sheet of paper and attach...

List your school and 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...

Where 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 assistance to study Finnish language and/or culture, or to study in Finland?

Have you had any experiences with Finnish language and culture? If so, describe them.

Write on a separate sheet of paper and attach...

How might this educational experience for which you are requesting scholarship assistance benefit you and benefit the community?

Write on a separate sheet of paper and attach...

Applicant signature

Date

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

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

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

NOTE: Use additional paper and attach it to the application.

NOTE: This application and all required letters and transcripts must be received at the Finnish Cultural Center no later than the deadline of March 31, 2010.

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To communicate with the Scholarship Committee, you may e-mail the Committee at:
fca.scholarship@comcast.net or write to the Committee at the address below.

Mail your application to :

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