

Finnish American Heritage Society Scholarship Application Procedure and Form 2023

The Finnish American Heritage Society Scholarship Fund was started in November, 2000. Since then, we have awarded forty scholarships to students who are motivated to support the mission (purpose) of FAHS. The primary purpose of the Scholarship is to perpetuate Finnish-American heritage through support of relevant educational initiatives. These can be related to, but not limited to music, the arts, health, education, the environment, and architecture or engineering.

The Scholarship Committee does not discriminate based on age, gender, ethnicity, nationality, belief, or any other conditions. Scholarships will continue to be awarded annually. We greatly appreciate ongoing donations to this important fund, to ensure it will continue “in perpetuity.” Our current endowment balance is over \$20,000. The committee invites candidates to apply, with the deadline of June 30, 2023. The awards are presented in the fall. Members and their families are eligible.

Anyone who has been awarded a scholarship is asked to wait at least a year before re-applying, to give others a turn. We have three awards: The General Scholarship, the Korsu Athletic Scholarship, and the Karla Tate Creative Scholarship. The procedure for application is on this form.

From the Finnish American Heritage Society By-Laws as found on our website (www.fahs-ct.org)

Article II. Purpose

1. The Finnish American Heritage Society, Inc. is a non-profit, non-partisan heritage organization founded in 1987. The purpose of the Society is to encourage members and others in the community in learning, collecting, preserving, and enjoying the Finnish-American traditions, customs, history, and cultural heritage. The society desires to promote better awareness and appreciation of Finnish contributions to American life, past and present, as well as Finnish contributions to the world.

To Scholarship Applicants:

If you are interested in applying for a scholarship and have questions, please email Finnish American Heritage Society at info@fahs-ct.org and include your contact information.

We encourage eligible candidates to apply for support from the Finnish American Heritage Society. Wishing you all a healthy, peaceful year in 2023!

Warmly,
Scholarship Committee 2023

**Please mail completed application materials to Finnish American Heritage Society Scholarship,
P.O. Box 252, Canterbury, CT 06331**

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Deadline: Postmarked on or before June 30, 2023.

Selection Criteria : Relevance of proposed use of funds
Documented ability to successfully engage in proposed studies
Motivation
Need

Eligibility: Enrollment in a post-secondary school
Membership (or family member) in FAHS

(Please make sure you keep your own copies of application materials for your records. Winning essays may be included in future publications.)

Name; Address; phone; e-mail address:

Name and location of school you intend to attend:

Identification of need/intended use of funds (e.g.): books; tuition, etc.):

Please Include:

___ **Two letters of reference**

___ **Photocopies of transcripts from most recent education experience, if available.**

___ **A one-page (typed) essay** addressing your motivation, goals, and how you propose to address the purpose of the Finnish American Heritage Society Scholarship Fund. Your essay should also briefly address the question of your financial need for a scholarship.

PLEASE NOTE: The scholarship is awarded in a non-discriminatory process. The essay should focus on how your studies will relate to Finland and/or Finnish American heritage. The criteria used for selection is not based on the percentage of Finnish heritage present in an individual. It is based on the focus of studies and proposed use of funds, as they relate to the mission (purpose) of FAHS. Do not include any identifying information in your essay, as these are read “blind” by independent individuals.

DO NOT PUT YOUR NAME ON THE ESSAY

___ **Do you want to be considered for the special Korsu Athletic Scholarship?**

___ **Do you want to be considered for the special Karla Tate Creative Scholarship?**

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