

## **Finnish American Heritage Society Scholarship**

The Finnish American Heritage Society Scholarship Fund was started in November, 2000. Since then, we have awarded thirty-six scholarships to students who are motivated to perpetuate the mission of FAHS. The primary purpose of the Scholarship is to perpetuate Finnish-American heritage through support of related 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, 2018. 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 now have three awards: The General Scholarship, the Korsu Athletic Scholarship, and the Karla Tate Creative Scholarship. The procedure for application is on this form. If you have questions, please call Ann Gruenberg, Chair, Scholarship Committee at 860-455-1211.

## **Finnish American Heritage Society Mission Statement**

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.

## **Finnish American Heritage Society Scholarship Application Procedure and Form Spring, 2018**

**Applicants should mail their materials to Ann Gruenberg, P.O. Box 162, Hampton, CT, 06247**

**Deadline:** Postmarked on or before June 30, 2018.

**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.)

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**Name; Address; phone; e-mail address (if available):**

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**Name and location of school you intend to attend:**

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

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**Please Include:**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Two letters of reference**

\_\_\_\_\_ A one-page (typed) essay addressing your motivation, goals, and how you propose to address the mission of the Finnish American Heritage Society. 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 related to the mission of FAHS. (Please see reverse side.) Do not include any identifying information in your essay, since these are read "blind" by independent individuals.

**DO NOT PUT YOUR NAME ON THE ESSAY**

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

\_\_\_\_\_ **Do you want to be considered for special athletic scholarship?**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Do you want to be considered for Karla Tate Creative scholarship?**