

Finnish-American Heritage Society Scholarship – 2025 Application Procedure and Form

The Finnish American Heritage Society (FAHS) Scholarship Fund began in November 2000. Since then, scholarships have been awarded to forty-three students who are motivated to support the mission (purpose) of FAHS. The FAHS By-Laws state that: “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”.

The primary intent 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 are awarded annually. FAHS greatly appreciates ongoing donations to the Scholarship Fund, to ensure it will continue “in perpetuity”. The current fund balance is over \$20,000. The committee invites candidates to apply, with the deadline of **April 30, 2025**, notification of recipients will be by June 30. The awards will be presented in the fall. Members of FAHS 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.

To Scholarship Applicants:

If you are interested in applying for a scholarship and have questions, please email Finnish American Heritage Society at scholarshipfahs@gmail.com 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 2025!

Warmly,
Members of the Scholarship Committee 2025

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 (purpose) of FAHS. Do not include any identifying information in your essay, since these are read “blind” by independent individuals. Please make sure you keep copies of application materials for your records. Winning essays may be included in future FAHS publications.

These materials and other information about FAHS activities can be found on the
Finnish American Heritage Society website at www.fahs-ct.org

Finnish American Heritage Society, Inc. Scholarship
Deadline: Postmarked, or received by email, on or before **April 30, 2025**.

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

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

1. Name; Address; phone; e-mail address: _____

2. Name and address of school you plan to attend: _____

3. Identification of need/estimate of your college expenses, be specific:

4. What is your plan to meet your college expenses: _____

5. FAHS Membership/Connection:

Please Also Include:

Two letters of reference – one in-school and one out-of-school.

Optional – one page resume including school accomplishments, community service, work experience, and other recognitions.

A one-page (typed) essay addressing your motivation, goals in pursuing post-secondary education, and how you propose to address the purpose of the Finnish American Heritage Society Scholarship Fund.

DO NOT PUT YOUR NAME ON THE ESSAY

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

► **Mail completed application materials to Finnish American Heritage Society Scholarship, P.O. Box 252, Canterbury, CT 06331, by April 30, 2025 or Email to scholarshipfahs@gmail.com**