

Finger Lakes Finns

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Dear Guidance Department:

Please find enclosed an announcement and application form for the twenty-fifth annual Finger Lakes Finns Scholarship Award. We are pleased to again be able to offer a scholarship for high school seniors. Please duplicate these documents for your eligible students.

The Central New York area is home to many generations of people of Finnish heritage. The Finger Lakes Finns (FLF) is a not-for-profit social club for the continued appreciation of that heritage. The mission of the club calls for cultivation and support of education and Finnish culture in our area. We hope a scholarship will encourage a promising student, preferably with an interest in Finnish culture.

This letter is distributed to all area schools with the assistance of the Greater Southern Tier and the Tompkins-Seneca-Tioga Boards of Cooperative Educational Services. If you know of other eligible students in your area, please make this scholarship application available to them as well.

We have made every effort to anticipate questions. Please have any prospective applicants read the announcement carefully. All applications must be complete in order to be considered.

Thank you for your assistance. Please call or email if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

**Richard Koski, Chairperson
FLF Scholarship Committee**

**Finger Lakes Finns
Scholarship Application Form**

Name _____ Date _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Email _____

School _____

Applicant Signature

Parent Signature

List two non-family references we may contact:

1. _____

Phone _____

Address _____

2. _____

Phone _____

Address _____

**Please be sure to accompany this form with the documents and
statements called for in the Award Criteria application process.**

**Only Applications with all documents will be considered when received on or before
May 24, 2025 Send to:**

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Finger Lakes Finns Annual Scholarship Award

The Finger Lakes Finns is offering awards of one thousand dollars (\$1,000) each to support and encourage promising scholars in our area who are of Finnish heritage or who have an interest in Finnish culture. This award is for area high school seniors, payable upon successful completion of the first year at an accredited institution of higher learning.

Criteria for Application

-U.S. citizen of Finnish heritage or U.S. citizen with an interest and involvement in Finnish culture.

-High School senior, with preference for students enrolled in a Central Finger Lakes school*

-Accepted for admission to an accredited institution of higher learning

-Demonstrated interest and involvement in school/community activity

*The Central Finger Lakes, for this purpose, is identified as within Tompkins, Seneca, Tioga, Schuyler, Chemung and Cayuga Counties

Application Process

Applicants **must provide** the completed application form with:

1. School (Guidance Office) letter confirming current enrollment status
2. Copy of a letter of acceptance by an accredited institution Example: college, university
3. Description of your goals, values and objectives in higher education
4. List of school/community involvement/achievements, awards
5. Two (2) **non-family** character references (name/contact numbers)
6. Brief essay on your Finnish heritage and/or interest and involvement in Finnish culture (ex: What does your Finnish heritage mean to you and / or how are you involved in Finnish culture and activities?)

Submission Information

Application deadline: May 24, 2025

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All applicants and their schools will be notified not later than June 3, 2025. Payment of the award will be made upon completion of first year of higher education in good standing. Recipients will be required to present a letter or certification of academic status in good standing from their institution prior to receiving the payment.

INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED