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 18, 2027
Send to: Finger Lakes Finns Scholarship
% Richard Koski
6075 Brook Road
Trumansburg, NY 14886

All applicants and their schools will be notified not later than June 2, 2027. 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