



FCAO Scholarship Program



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FCAO SCHOLARSHIPS FOR ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

INTRODUCTION

The Federation of Cypriot American Organizations (FCAO) offers scholarships to undergraduate college students of Hellenic descent to promote education. The FCAO Scholarship Program was established to support and advance education at a college or university and reward all recipients with monetary awards.

The scholarship awards of the FCAO are based on merit and recognize students who have demonstrated exemplary academic performance in all fields of study. By recognizing the achievements of high-performing students with scholarships, the FCAO encourages the recipients to continue their pursuit of significant accomplishments to become future leaders and contribute meaningfully to society and the community. The FCAO Scholarship Program is a result of generous donations from dedicated community members and supporters.

The Federation of Cypriot American Organizations (FCAO) is a non-profit entity representing 28 Greek Cypriot American associations located throughout the United States. Its mission is to develop good relations and solidarity amongst its chapters, promote their goals, and represent their interests and the coordination of their social, educational, philanthropic, and cultural activities. The FCAO undertakes and promotes charitable activities primarily within the Cypriot and Greek-American communities, preserving and promoting the Greek language, as well as the Greek and Cypriot history and cultural heritage in the United States. It also supports the leadership of the Greek Orthodox Church in the establishment and preservation of the Greek American identity and the Greek Orthodox faith in the United States.

THE SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS AND CEREMONY

The FCAO Scholarship Program grants a \$2,500 award to each recipient. Applications will be accepted from January 1 through March 31. The awards will be presented to the recipients at the FCAO Scholarship Awards Ceremony in June of each academic year. The Scholarship Awards Ceremony celebrates the community's commitment to the recipients' educational goals. It is an opportunity for the student recipients to meet with their scholarship sponsors. All scholarship recipients are strongly encouraged to attend the awards ceremony.



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ELIGIBILITY

All applicants must meet the eligibility requirements and submit a completed Scholarship Application to the FCAO. The awards are granted regardless of other scholarships the applicant may have received from other institutions or the FCAO.

1. Applicants must be currently pursuing an undergraduate degree at an accredited U.S. college or university.
2. Applicants must be registered full-time for the fall semester that follows.
3. Applicants must have completed at least 12 credits at an accredited U.S. college or university.
4. Applicants must be Greek-Cypriot American or Greek American.
5. Applicant must be a U.S. citizen or a U.S. permanent resident living in the U.S.A.
6. Applicants must have a minimum cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA) of 3.0.

ELIGIBILITY LIMITATIONS

- FCAO board members, scholarship committee members, employees of the FCAO, and their immediate family members are not eligible to apply for a scholarship award.
- Students pursuing an online degree are not eligible to apply. With COVID restrictions, we understand that traditional colleges and universities have moved most classes online. You are still eligible to apply if you attend classes only online due to COVID.
- Students of study-abroad programs are not eligible to apply.

AUTHORIZED USE OF SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS

All scholarship awards granted by the FCAO will be made payable to the recipient. The monetary award received by the recipient shall be used solely to cover the cost of college-related expenses.



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DOCUMENTS TO ACCOMPANY SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION:

1. A copy of a U.S. passport or U.S. permanent resident card
2. A passport-size current photo (2x2)
3. An official college transcript of the last fall semester grades. All official transcripts must be mailed in a sealed envelope directly to the FCAO from the issuing academic institution.
4. A resume
5. A mission/personal statement (up to 500 words)
6. A community essay (up to 500 words)
7. Copies of any awards, recognition, and honors (if applicable)
8. A letter from organizations verifying volunteer service (if applicable)
9. Two academic letters of reference prepared by professors of the college or university of attendance addressing your academic performance
The letters must be included in the application packet, in a sealed envelope.
10. Proof of college/university enrollment for the fall semester as soon as it becomes available
(This may be submitted separately after the deadline. A copy of your fall 2022 class schedule or registration will also suffice. Award will not be given until proof of enrollment is provided.)

FILING

1. Your application packet must be postmarked by **March 31, 2022**. Applications postmarked after **March 31, 2022**, or incomplete will not be considered for an award and will automatically be disqualified.
2. Recipients of the scholarship awards will be notified by **April 30th, 2022**.
3. Applicants are responsible for the submission of all documents.
4. Applicants may be requested to provide additional information during the evaluation process.
5. E-mailed and faxed applications will not be considered.
6. All information will be kept confidential.
7. The completed application packet will not be returned.
8. If additional space is required to complete the application, please attach a separate sheet of paper, and be sure to include your name.
9. It is our policy to discuss application-related questions only with the applicants.

Federation of Cypriot American Organizations (FCAO)
c/o Scholarship Committee
333 Glen Head Rd, Suite 250
Glen Head, NY 11545



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FCAO SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

APPLICANT PERSONAL INFORMATION:

Name (first, middle, last): _____

Mailing address (Street/P.O. Box): _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home phone number: _____ Mobile: _____

E-mail address: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Place of Birth: _____

EDUCATION – COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY:

Name of College/University: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Major: _____ Degree Program: _____

Cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA): _____ Year enrolled in college/university: _____

College/University credits completed through Fall 2021: _____

SCHOLARSHIPS RECEIVED:

Source

Year

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____



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HONORS, RECOGNITIONS, AND AWARDS RECEIVED:

Enclose copies of any honors, recognitions, and awards you received that are most important to you:

Source	Description	Year
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HOBBIES AND OTHER INTERESTS:

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES:

FAMILY INFORMATION (optional):

Father's Name (First, Middle Last): _____

E-mail address: _____

Home phone: _____ Cell phone: _____

Mother's Name (First, Middle Last): _____

E-mail address: _____

Home phone: _____ Cell phone: _____

Maternal Birthplace: _____ Paternal Birthplace: _____



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ADDITIONAL PERSONAL INFORMATION:

Are you a member of a Greek Orthodox Church? YES NO

Name of Church: _____

Are you a member of any community organization? YES NO

Name of organization: _____

Name of organization: _____

COMMUNITY/VOLUNTEER SERVICE:

Name of organization	Role/Position	Period

FAMILY COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT:

Is anyone in your family a member of any community organization? YES NO

Name of organization: _____

Name of organization: _____

MISSION/PERSONAL STATEMENT:

Describe your educational goals (500 words).

ABOUT THE COMMUNITY ESSAY:

The mission of the FCAO aims to preserve and promote our cultural heritage, ethnic identity, and the cultivation of close relations between Cyprus, Greece, and the United States. Youth activism and community involvement are of utmost importance to the FCAO.

We would like to hear from you with an essay of up to 500 words.

In your essay, please include any ideas you may have for programs, events, or activities that would encourage and engage the youth to participate in, helping to preserve and promote our cultural heritage, customs, and traditions.



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AUTHORIZATION AND CERTIFICATION:

I authorize the FCAO to release application information, including copies of my application, to the FCAO Scholarship Committee.

I agree to have the FCAO Scholarship Committee verify all of the application information given, including pertinent personal information.

I hereby certify that the information provided in this application is accurate. I understand that if any information is inaccurate or incomplete, the FCAO will deny me an award.

I agree that the decisions of the FCAO Scholarship Committee are final. If awarded an FCAO Scholarship Award, I authorize FCAO to publicize my being a recipient.

Applicants Name (First, Middle, Last): _____

Applicants Signature: _____ Date: _____

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PLEASE MAIL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION TO:

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c/o Scholarship Committee

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Glen Head, New York 11545