

Finger Lakes Finns

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Dear Guidance Department:

Please find enclosed, an announcement and Application form for the ninth annual Finger Lakes Finns Scholarship Award. We are pleased to again be able to offer a scholarship for students. 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.

Please share information about a summer Finnish language program for families and students, who wish to learn more about Finnish language and culture. For the Salolampi Language Village, there are scholarships and transportation aid available to help defray costs. More information may be found at www.salolampi.org/village/youthprograms.html. Some of our members are graduates of Salolampi and would be most willing to talk about their experiences to interested students and families.

Thank you for your assistance. Although this announcement is arriving later than usual, the deadline has been extended. Please call if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Joann Neal, Chair
FLF Scholarship Committee