

# **Finger Lakes Finns Annual Scholarship Award**

**The Finger Lakes Finns is offering awards of five hundred dollars (\$500) each to support and encourage promising scholars in our area who are of Finnish heritage. 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
- 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. Copy of birth certificate or naturalization
2. School (Guidance Office) letter confirming current enrollment status
3. Copy of a letter of acceptance by an accredited institution  
Example: college, university
4. Description of your goals, values and objectives in higher education
5. List of school/community involvement/achievements, awards
6. Two (2) non-family character references (name/contact numbers)
7. Brief essay on your Finnish heritage/experience (Ex: what does your Finnish heritage involvement mean to you? What does it mean to you to be Finnish?)

## **Submission Information**

Application deadline:	June 5, 2009
Send to:	Finger Lakes Finns Scholarship c/o Joann Neal PO Box 187 Watkins Glen, NY 14891

All Applicants and their schools will be notified not later than June 17<sup>th</sup>. 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**