



FEDERATION OF CYPRIOT AMERICAN ORGANIZATIONS

2026 FCAO SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM FOR ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

The FCAO Scholarship Program of Academic Excellence, grants scholarships to high-achieving undergraduate students of Hellenic descent.

Based on merit, the scholarship program of the FCAO aims to recognize and reward exemplary academic achievement. Acknowledging and honoring academically talented students with monetary awards is a compelling motivator for the recipients to continue pursuing academic excellence, resulting in significant accomplishments to become future leaders and contribute positively to the community and society. The FCAO Scholarship Program is the result of generous donations from dedicated community members and other supporters.

Scholarship Awards and Ceremony

The FCAO Scholarship Program grants a \$2,500 award to each recipient. Applications will be accepted from **February 17** through **April 30th**. Scholarships will be presented to recipients at the FCAO Scholarship Ceremony during the Fall. The Scholarship Ceremony celebrates the community's commitment to the recipients' educational goals. It is an opportunity for the recipients to meet with their scholarship sponsors. All scholarship recipients are strongly encouraged to attend the awards ceremony.

Mission Statement

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 among its chapters, promote their goals and represent their interests, and coordinate 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 and 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.



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ELIGIBILITY

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

1. Applicants must be pursuing an undergraduate degree at an accredited U.S. college or university.
2. Applicants must be registered full-time for the Fall 2026 semester.
3. Applicants must have completed at least 12 credits at an accredited U.S. college or university.
4. Applicants must be Americans of Greek Cypriot or Greek descent.
5. Applicants must be U.S. citizens or U.S. permanent residents living in the U.S.
6. Applicants must have a minimum cumulative Grade Point Average of 3.25.

ELIGIBILITY LIMITATIONS

- FCAO board members, scholarship committee members, employees of the FCAO, and their immediate family members are not eligible to apply.
- Students pursuing an online degree are not eligible to apply.
- Students of study-abroad programs are not eligible to apply.
- Students who have previously received an FCAO scholarship are not eligible to apply again.

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. Copy of a U.S. passport or U.S. permanent resident card
2. Copy of birth certificate
3. One passport-size current photo (2x2)
4. An official sealed and stamped college transcript including the 2025 Fall semester's grades
5. Personal resume
6. Personal mission statement (400 - 500 words)
7. Community essay (400-600 words)
8. Letter from an organization verifying volunteer service (if applicable)
9. Two academic letters of reference prepared by the Fall semester's professors
10. Letters must be on official college or university letterhead, signed, dated, and with the professor's email address included
11. Proof of college/university enrollment for the **2026 Fall semester**

FILING

1. Your application packet must be postmarked by **April 30, 2026** and mailed to the FCAO Scholarship Committee at the address below. Applications that are incomplete or postmarked after **April 30, 2026**, will not be considered.
2. Recipients of the scholarship awards will be notified by **August 31, 2026**.
3. Applicants are responsible for the submission of all documents. It is the applicant's responsibility to ensure that the application is complete.
4. Applicants may be requested to provide additional information/documents during the evaluation process.
5. E-mailed or faxed applications will not be considered.
6. All information will be kept confidential.
7. The completed application packet will not be returned to the applicant.
8. If additional space is required to complete the application, please attach a separate sheet of paper and 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 Road, Suite 250
Glen Head, NY 11545**



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2026 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

APPLICANT PERSONAL INFORMATION

Name (First, Middle, Last): _____

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

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home phone number: _____ Cell phone: _____

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: _____ Year enrolled in college/university: _____

College/University credits completed through Fall 2025: _____

SCHOLARSHIPS RECEIVED

(Source)

Year

(Source)	Year
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____



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HONORS, RECOGNITIONS, AND AWARDS RECEIVED

Source	Description	Year
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

HOBBIES AND OTHER INTERESTS

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

FAMILY INFORMATION

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

E-mail address (optional): _____

Paternal Birthplace: _____

Birthplace of Paternal Grandfather: _____ Birthplace of Paternal Grandmother: _____

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

Mother's Maiden Name: _____

E-mail address (optional): _____

Maternal Birthplace: _____

Birthplace of Maternal Grandfather: _____ Birthplace of Maternal Grandmother: _____



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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 a 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 a Community Organization?

 YES NO

Name of Organization: _____

Name of Organization: _____

Name of Organization: _____



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MISSION/PERSONAL STATEMENT

Describe your educational and career goals and address your current educational training, what you hope/plan to learn during the rest of our university training and your career plans after graduation (400-500 words).

COMMUNITY ESSAY

The mission of the FCAO is to preserve and promote Hellenic Cypriot culture, heritage, principles, and ideals in the United States. This is achieved through coordinating and promoting various cultural, charitable, educational, fraternal, and professional activities.

The FCAO acknowledges the critical role youth play in ensuring the longevity and continued success of our mission. To ensure the future of our mission, the FCAO, actively seeks innovative strategies to engage young people.

Please submit a 400–600-word essay outlining two specific initiatives to effectively encourage youth participation in preserving and promoting our mission. These initiatives could include: programs, events, activities, hands-on workshops, digital campaigns or other creative ideas. For each initiative, your essay should clearly address the following points:

- (1) Practical steps for implementation
- (2) Target age group
- (3) Potential benefits
- (4) Reasoning behind your choice of these initiatives.



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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 truthful. I understand that if any information is inaccurate or incomplete, the FCAO will deny me an award.

I hereby certify that I have not previously received an FCAO Scholarship.

I agree that the decisions of the FCAO Scholarship Committee are final. If granted a scholarship, I authorize FCAO to publicize it.

Applicants Name (First, Middle, Last): _____

Applicants Signature: _____ Date: _____

Your application packet must be postmarked by **April 30, 2026**
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award and will automatically be disqualified.

PLEASE MAIL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION TO:
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c/o Scholarship Committee
333 Glen Head Road, Suite 250
Glen Head, New York 11545