



## **FEDERATION OF CYPRIOT AMERICAN ORGANIZATIONS**

### **2024 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 March 1st through May 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.



## **FEDERATION OF CYPRIOT AMERICAN ORGANIZATIONS**

### **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 upcoming 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 3.0.

### **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.

### **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 of the 2023 Fall semester's grades
5. Personal resume
6. Personal mission statement (400 - 500 words)
7. Community essay (400-500 words)
8. Copies of awards, recognitions, or honors (if applicable)
9. Letter from an organization verifying volunteer service (if applicable)
10. Two academic letters of reference prepared by the Fall semester's professors
11. Letters must be on official college or university letterhead, signed, dated, and with the professor's email address included.
12. Proof of college/university enrollment for the 2024 Spring semester

### **FILING**

1. Your application packet must be postmarked by **May 30, 2024**. Applications that are incomplete or postmarked after **May 30, 2024**, will not be considered.
2. Recipients of the scholarship awards will be notified by **June 30, 2024**.
3. Applicants are responsible for the submission of all documents.
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 Rd, Suite 250, Glen Head, NY 11545**



## FEDERATION OF CYPRIOT AMERICAN ORGANIZATIONS

### 2024 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 2023: \_\_\_\_\_

#### 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

### HOBBIES AND OTHER INTERESTS

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### SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

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### 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: \_\_\_\_\_



## FEDERATION OF CYPRIOT AMERICAN ORGANIZATIONS

### 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
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### FAMILY COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Is anyone in your family a member of a Community Organization? YES NO

Name of Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

### MISSION/PERSONAL STATEMENT

Describe your educational goals (400-500 words).

### 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.

Please write an essay of 400-500 words to include 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.



## **FEDERATION OF CYPRIOT AMERICAN ORGANIZATIONS**

### **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 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 May 30, 2024**

**Applications postmarked after May 30, 2024, or incomplete, will not be considered for an award and will automatically be disqualified.**

### **PLEASE MAIL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION TO:**

**Federation of Cypriot American Organizations (FCAO)**

c/o Scholarship Committee

333 Glen Head Rd, Suite 250

Glen Head, New York 11545