

Fellowship of Orthodox Christians in America Educational Financial Aid Program

Dear Applicant:

Thank you for your interest in the F.O.C.A. Educational Financial Aid Program for 2012. I have enclosed an application and other necessary forms including instructions on their completion.

Please note that the application DEADLINE is May 31, 2012. Applications received with a postmark AFTER this date WILL NOT be considered. This information is important so please comply with all instructions PROMPTLY.

You may be assured that the Scholarship Board of Judges will give your application careful and serious consideration. All information provided will be kept strictly confidential.

Good luck with your application; and if you have any questions about anything regarding this process, please call or write me.

Fraternally yours,

Sandra Kapelan
National Administrative Secretary
Fellowship of Orthodox Christians in America
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Please fill the form out **completely** and **clearly**. If additional space is needed, use extra paper and attach it to the application. **Incomplete forms will not be accepted.**

Last Name First Name Middle Initial Social Security Number

Street Address City State Zip Code

E-mail address

(_____) _____ (_____) _____
Area Code Telephone Number (Home) Area Code Telephone Number (College)

Date of Birth Age

Current FOCA Chapter Name Chapter Number Date Joined

District City State

Have you ever applied for a FOCA Scholarship? Yes _____ No _____

If yes, and if awarded a scholarship, give date(s), type and amount awarded.

PLEASE NOTE:

Scholarships are also given in the following Districts:

- Atlantic
- Central Pennsylvania
- Colonial
- New Jersey
- Ohio
- Pittsburgh

In order to receive a District scholarship, you must still complete this application.

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	<i>Reference's Name</i>	<i>Address</i>	<i>City</i>	<i>State</i>
Parish Priest				
Chapter President				
Junior Advisor				
College/University Faculty, Adminis- trator, Advisor, etc.				

List high school from which you graduated or will graduate and all colleges you attended or will attend.

	<i>Name of Institution</i>	<i>Location (City/State)</i>	<i>From (Mo./Yr.)</i>	<i>To (Mo./Yr.)</i>
High School				
College				
College				
College				

What will your major be? _____

If you are now attending a college, what year will you be in for this scholarship year?

Freshman _____ Sophomore _____ Junior _____ Senior _____

Check which system your college uses:

Semester _____ Quarter _____ Trimester _____

Signature of Applicant

Date

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List your church and FOCA activities, including offices held, committees, altar boy, choir, etc., community, high school and college activities. You may use an additional sheet of paper if necessary.

Church Activities

Junior FOCA Activities

Senior FOCA Activities

High School or College/University Activities

Community and/or Community Service Activities

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COLLEGE(S) TRANSCRIPT REQUEST FORM

To the Applicant:

Please complete this form and send to the College(s) you attend(ed):

Last Name: _____ First Name _____ Middle Name: _____

Social Security Number: _____

Street Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ ZIP Code: _____

Name of College/University: _____
Address: _____
City/State/ZIP: _____
Last term attended (Mo/Yr): _____

To the Registrar:

Please send a copy of my latest transcript to the address shown below. Failure to send this information which must be RECEIVED BY May 31, 2012, will result in my scholarship application being DISQUALIFIED.

Thank you for your PROMPT response to this request.

Signature of Applicant: _____ Date: _____

Mail requested information to:

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HIGH SCHOOL TRANSCRIPT REQUEST FORM

To the Applicant:

Please complete this form and send it to your High School.

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____ Middle Name: _____

Social Security Number: _____

Street Address _____
City: _____ State: _____ ZIP Code: _____

Name of High School: _____
Street Address: _____
City/State/ZIP: _____
Year Graduated: _____

TO THE HIGH SCHOOL OFFICIALS:

Please send a copy of my high school transcript which includes AT LEAST the sixth or seventh semester, and which MUST list my accumulated grade point average, class rank, total number in my graduating class, and, if available, my ACT/SAT scores, to the address shown below. This transcript MUST be RECEIVED NO LATER than on May 31, 2012, so as not to result in my scholarship application being disqualified.

Thank you for your PROMPT response to this request.

Signature of Applicant: _____ Date: _____

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APPLICATION INFORMATION

QUALIFICATIONS:

1. Be a FOCA member in good standing since July 1, 2011. Dues are \$10 for College Student, \$5 for Junior Member.
2. Be an entering freshman or an enrolled undergraduate student in a two-year, four-year or certificate-granting institution or Seminary. Graduate students and military academy students are also eligible.
3. There is a limit of two scholarships per person. However, there is an exception with the Nicholas Torsky Engineering Scholarship which is given to 3rd and 4th year students.
4. Have a minimum 2.25 (based on a standard 4.0 system) grade point average. If you are unsure of your GPA, to be safe, you should submit an application.
5. Submit the application with a check payable to "F.O.C.A." for the \$5.00 Application Fee.
6. Complete ALL questions on each side of the application LEGIBLY and ACCURATELY and return BEFORE May 31, 2012. Include a 3 ½ x 3 ½ photograph with your name printed on the reverse side. The photo WILL NOT be returned. If you applied for a scholarship and submitted a photo last year it is not necessary to, although you may, submit another photo. Exceptions: if you submitted a photo last year and were a scholarship winner, you must submit another photo.
7. Submit your transcript request letter PROMPTLY.
 - a. Current high school students entering as **college freshmen** in 2012 need **ONLY** the latest available High School transcript.
 - b. Enrolled undergraduate students need **ONLY** the latest available college transcript.
8. Distribute the two (2) Reference Forms to the appropriate people and emphasize the need for them to return the Form to the FOCA Scholarship Coordinator **NO LATER** than May 31, 2012.
 - a. Parish Priest, AND
 - b. For SENIOR FOCA members, a college/university administrator, faculty member, advisor etc., OR for JUNIOR FOCA members, the Junior Advisor.*

*Should the Junior advisor be the parent or sibling of the applicant, the reference should be completed by another Senior Fellowship member.

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Name of student applicant _____

Reference completed by _____

Reference signature _____

Please answer the questions listed on the next two pages. (Priests and Junior advisors, please answer questions 1, 2, 4 and 5. College administrators, faculty, and advisors please answer questions 1, 3, 4 and 5). In your answers, PLEASE AVOID USING SPECIFIC NAMES, PLACES, ETC. (you may refer to the student as applicant instead). Any direct references to names, places, specific chapters or parishes, colleges, universities, or cities should be avoided as to protect the anonymity during the judging process.

Please attach this cover sheet to the remaining two pages of the Scholarship Reference Form and return to the address as listed below.

In advance, thank you for your time and cooperation. You may use a separate sheet of paper for your answers, if necessary.

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Mail no later than May 31, 2012

Thank you.

