

Fellowship of Orthodox Christians in America  
Educational Financial Aid Program  
Application Form 2017

Dear Applicant:

Thank you for your interest in the FOCA Educational Financial Aid Program for 2017. I have enclosed an application and other necessary forms including instructions on their completion.

Please note that the application DEADLINE is May 25, 2017. 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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APPLICATION INFORMATION

QUALIFICATIONS:

1. Be a FOCA member in good standing since July 1, 2016. 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 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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 "FOCA" for the \$5.00 Application Fee.
6. Complete ALL questions on each side of the application LEGIBLY and ACCURATELY and return BEFORE April 30, 2015. 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 2015 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 April 30, 2015.
  - 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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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.**

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Last Name	First Name	Middle Initial	Social Security Number
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Street Address	City	State	Zip Code
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E-mail address			
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AreaCode Telephone Number (Home)	Area Code Telephone Number (College)		
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Date of Birth	Age		
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Current FOCA Chapter Name	Chapter Number	Date Joined	
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District	City	State	
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Have you ever applied for a FOCA Scholarship? Yes____ No____			
If yes, and if awarded a scholarship, give date(s), type and amount awarded.			
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**PLEASE NOTE:**

Scholarships are also given in the following Districts:

- 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\_\_\_\_\_

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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

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Junior FOCA Activities

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Senior FOCA Activities

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High School or College/University Activities

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Community and/or Community Service Activities

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Scholarship Reference Form -- 2015

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.

Mail to:

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Mail no later than May 25, 2017

Thank you.





