
Information, Checklist & Application Form

About the FSYP/STG Academic Merit Award

The Foreign Service Youth Foundation is committed to supporting Foreign Service Youth by providing them with opportunities to challenge themselves, reflect upon their Foreign Service childhoods, and to be celebrated for their achievements. Since 2010, FSYP has been recognizing Foreign Service High School Seniors and Gap-Year dependents for their outstanding achievements through the FSYP/STG Academic Merit Award.

This year, FSYP is offering a one-time only competitive merit-based award with a first place prize of \$4,000 and a second place prize of \$2,000. High school seniors and gap year dependents whose families are members of the Foreign Service Youth Foundation (FSYP) are eligible to apply. (Verify membership eligibility at www.fsyf.org)

About STG

Since 1986 STG has been a leading provider of mission-critical technology, cyber and data solutions to more than 50 US Federal Agencies in more than 250 locations nationally and internationally.

Deadline

All application materials must be received by FSYP by Monday, February 5, 2018.

Judging

Judging Panels are composed of members of the FSYP Board of Directors and the volunteers from the Foreign Service community.

Notification Date

Applicants will be notified by email of the results by Friday, April 13, 2018. Awards are bestowed in July 2018.

Expectations of Winning Applicants

Scholarship Winners will be asked to:

1. Provide a short bio and personal photo that will appear in various Foreign Service news outlets;
2. Permit their essay to be published on the FSYP website or in FSYP publications;
3. Play a role in one of many ways to support the Mission of the Foreign Service Youth Foundation, including:
 - Writing a brief article or blog about growing up in the Foreign Service
 - Serving on a Youth Panel for one of many workshops hosted by FSYP
 - Provide Advice to FSYP on how better to serve FS Youth OR
 - Other form of service to be agreed upon during consultation with FSYP

Checklist: for your Application to be Complete, it MUST Include:

- Application Form** – This form seeks information about you, the school(s) you have attended, your classes, extra-curricular activities and work experience. This form is a 4-page fillable PDF intended to be completed electronically. If you experience technical problems, please contact FSYP. If the space provided is not adequate, you may include supplemental pages as necessary.
 - Honor Statement** – For your application to be considered the Honor Statement must be signed.
 - Academic Transcript** - Provide the following:
 1. **SAT and/or ACT Scores:** provide your scores in the following manner:
From your relevant test's personal online account, save as a pdf the page on which both your name and scores appear and send it to FSYP as an electronic attachment, or print and include it in your mailed application. Judges will consider only your highest scores.
 2. **Official Transcript:** For your transcript to be considered official, it must be either mailed or e-mailed directly to FSYP from your school, or, if mailed by applicant, arrive in envelope sealed and signed by your school guidance department. If you attend a non-American school, obtain an equivalent record. **Transcripts from 9th, 10th, 11th and the first semester of 12th must be included.**
 - Essay** - Write a minimum of one page, but no longer than two-page, double-spaced (Times New Roman 12-point font) essay on:

"How has growing up as a Foreign Service Third-Culture Kid (TCK) influenced your choice of college, major and ambitions?"

Spelling, grammar, content, and creativity will be taken into consideration when scoring essays.
Your name must be on the essay.
 - Membership** – FSYP family membership dues must be current as of Monday, February 05, 2018 for your application to be considered. To join FSYP please see our website at: www.fsyf.org
 - Deadline:** All submissions must be received by FSYP no later than Monday, **February 05, 2018.**
- INCOMPLETE** applications will **NOT** be considered for this award. **The applicant is solely responsible for the on-time delivery of all required material.**
- Submissions may be sent:**
 - (preferred) via email to: fsyf@fsyf.org
 - OR**
 - via mail to: FSYP Academic Merit Award, Foreign Service Youth Foundation, P.O. Box 50663, Arlington, VA 22205.

All applicants will be notified by email as soon as their complete application package is received.

HONOR STATEMENT

Honor Statement: The information in this application is accurate and this essay is my own work. I am eligible to participate in the FSYP Academic Merit Award. I understand that my essay will become the property of FSYP to use at its discretion, that it will not be returned to me, and that the judges' decisions are final, including the copyright thereto.

Student's Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Student's Electronic S-Signature: _____

An electronic S-signature has an "s" inserted between forward slash marks, (Example: /s/ John Doe), and will be accepted with this form.



Application Form

Student Information

First Name _____ **Last Name** _____

Gender: Male Female **Date of Birth (M/D/Year):** _____

Current Student Status: College-Bound Senior Gap-Year Student Other _____

Student Contact Information

Parents' Names	
Current Post	
Mailing Address	
Student Email Address	
Secondary (Parent) Email Address	
Parent's Official USG Email (Not required if parent is retired)	
Primary Phone	

Alternate Address (if attending boarding school or if moving before Academic Merit Award has been conferred)

School / Post	
Mailing Address	

Colleges: Please list the colleges you have applied to (and, if applicable) indicate those to which you have been accepted.

_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

Secondary School Information

School Name	Location (City, State, Country)	Dates	Grades

Student Name: _____

School-Related Activities - i.e. academics, sports, clubs, in-school volunteer activities and school-related, community service. Write out entire name of organization before using acronyms.

	Organization/Event	Position/Responsibilities/Awards	Dates (m/yy - m/yy)	Hrs / Week
9th				
10th				
11th				
12th				
Gap				

Student Name: _____

Paid Employment

(write out entire name of organization before using acronyms)

	Organization	Position/Responsibilities	Dates (m/yy - m/yy)	Hrs per week
9th				
10th				
11th				
12th				
Gap				

Community Service & Other Volunteer Activities Not Related to School

(write out entire name of organization before using acronyms)

	Organization	Position/Responsibilities	Dates(m/yy - m/yy)	Hrs per week
9th				
10th				
11th				
12th				
Gap				

Student Name: _____

Academic Rigor: Are you an International Baccalaureate (IB) diploma candidate or taking IB, AP or higher level classes?

Mark One:

- IB Diploma candidate AP Capstone candidate Taking IB and/or AP or Honors level classes
 Not taking any higher level courses.

Did your school provide an opportunity to take any higher level classes (IB, AP, Honors, etc.)? Was there a limit to how many you could take? If so, please explain. If you chose to take higher level classes, why did you choose to take the ones you took/are taking?

Student Name: _____

Gap Year Students Only:

Please describe the circumstances that prompted your decision to pursue this course of action, unless this information is reflected in your essay.

Special Circumstances: Have any special circumstances affected your life during your high school years (illness, evacuation, death of a family member, etc.)? Please describe.