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## Information, Checklist, and Application Form

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### About the FSYP Academic Merit Award

The Foreign Service Youth Foundation (FSYP) 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 high school seniors and gap-year dependents for their outstanding achievements through the FSYP Academic Merit Scholarship.

This year, FSYP is offering two competitive merit-based awards with a first-place prize of \$2,000 and a second-place prize of \$1,000. High school seniors and gap-year dependents whose families are members of FSYP are eligible to apply. FSYP family membership dues must be current as of March 2, 2021 for your application to be considered. To join FSYP go to [www.fsyf.org](http://www.fsyf.org).

### Deadline

All application materials must be received by FSYP by midnight (Eastern time) on March 2, 2021.

### 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 May 2, 2021. Awards are bestowed in June 2021.

### 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 and in FSYP publications;
3. If present in the D.C. area in June 2021, attend the Youth Awards Ceremony at Main State;
4. Support the mission of the Foreign Service Youth Foundation by one or more actions such as:
  - Provide advice to FSYP on how better to serve FS youth
  - Serve on a youth panel for a workshop or webinar hosted by FSYP
  - Write a brief article or blog about growing up in the Foreign Service
  - Other form of service to be agreed upon during consultation with FSYP

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**Checklist: For your application to be complete, it must include:**

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- Application Form** – This form seeks information about you, the school(s) you have attended, your classes, extra-curricular activities, and work experience. It is a 3-page fillable PDF to be completed electronically. If you experience technical problems, please email FSYP. If the space provided is not adequate, you may include supplemental pages as necessary.
- Official Transcripts** -- Submit transcripts from 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, and the first semester of 12<sup>th</sup> grade.
- SAT and/or ACT Scores: TEST OPTIONAL for 2021**-- If you choose to provide scores, do so 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. Then email it to FSYP as an electronic attachment with the rest of your application.
- 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, and content will be taken into consideration when scoring essays. Include your name on the essay.
- Membership** – FSYP family membership dues must be current as of March 2, 2021 for your application to be considered. To join FSYP go to [www.fsyf.org](http://www.fsyf.org).
- Deadline** -- All submissions must be received by FSYP no later than midnight (Eastern time) on March 2, 2021. Incomplete applications will not be considered. The applicant is solely responsible for the on-time delivery of all required material.
- Submissions should be sent via email** to: [fsyf@fsyf.org](mailto:fsyf@fsyf.org). The email should include the three-page application form (you may delete the instructions and checklist), high school transcripts, SAT and/or ACT scores (optional in 2021), and essay.

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

# 2021 FSYP Academic Merit Scholarship

## 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

### Contact Information

Parent/Guardian Names	
Current Post	
Mailing Address	
Student Email Address	
Parent/Guardian Email Address	

### Alternate Address (if attending boarding school or if moving before July 2021)

School / Post	
Mailing Address	

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

_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
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**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.

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Student's Signature or Electronic Signature :** \_\_\_\_\_

*An electronic Signature has an "s" inserted between forward slash marks, (Example: /s/ John Doe), and will be accepted on this form.*

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Student Name:

**Secondary School Information**

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

**Activities: School Related** (academics, sports, clubs, in-school volunteer activities, school-related, community service); **Non-School Related** (volunteer or community service activities outside school); and/or **Paid Employment**. Write out entire name of organization before using acronyms.

	Organization/Event	Position/Responsibilities/Awards	Dates (m/yy - m/yy)	Hours / Week
<b>9th</b>				
<b>10th</b>				
<b>11th</b>				
<b>12th</b>				
<b>Gap</b>				

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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 and/or Honors level classes       Not taking higher level courses.

Did your school(s) provide an opportunity to take higher level classes (IB, AP, Honors, etc.)? If not, please state that below. Was there a limit to how many you could take? If so, please explain. If you chose not to take higher level classes, please explain?

**Gap Year Students Only:**

Please describe what prompted your decision to pursue this course of action, unless it is explained in your essay.

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