
Information, Checklist, and Application Form

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 1, 2020 for your application to be considered. To join FSYP go to www.fsyf.org.

Deadline

All application materials must be received by FSYP by midnight (Eastern time) on March 1, 2020.

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 1, 2020. Awards are bestowed in June 2020.

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 2020, 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:

- 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 3-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.
- 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. Then either email it to FSYP as an electronic attachment or print and include it if you mail your application. Judges will consider only your highest scores.
 2. **Official Transcripts:** Submit transcripts from 9th, 10th, 11th, and the first semester of 12th grade. Email them to FSYP or print and include them if you mail 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 1, 2020 for your application to be considered. To join FSYP go to www.fsyf.org.
- Deadline** -- All submissions must be received by FSYP no later than midnight (Eastern time) on March 1, 2020. Incomplete applications will not be considered. 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 (mailed applications must be received by FSYP by March 1, 2020).

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

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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 2020)

School / Post	
Mailing Address	

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

_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

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 S-Signature: _____

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

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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
9th				
10th				
11th				
12th				
Gap				

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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 this 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.