

Scholarship Judging Process

Judges for FSYP Academic Merit Scholarships are volunteers drawn from the FSYP Board, current and retired Foreign Service members, and Foreign Service spouses. To ensure a fair evaluation of applicants, we use judging panels so that each application is reviewed by more than one person. Depending on the number of applications, we will form two or three judging panels and divide the applications between them. Each judge reviews all the applications assigned to their panel and then scores each application to determine his or her top three candidates. All the judges on that panel then meet to compare results and, after discussion, select three semi-finalists. Each panel then forwards its three choices for review to a final committee. The final committee, composed of the FSYP President, FSYP Executive Director, and Chair of the Scholarship Committee, then evaluates all the semi-finalists and selects three winners.

Applicants are evaluated on grades, whether they have sought to take higher level courses, extra-curricular activities, and the essay they submitted. Additionally, FSYP can consider special circumstances such as a post evacuation that an applicant may bring to our attention. Judges use a point system to score applications. The maximum points that an applicant can earn in each category are as follows:

GPA-- 20
Extra-Curricular Activities--20
Essay--20
Higher Level Courses--10
Special Circumstances--5
TOTAL--75