

FORCC SCHOLARSHIP GUIDELINES

The Fellowship of Orthodox Churches of Connecticut (FORCC) with its true meaning of FELLOWSHIP has successfully united Orthodox churches in our state to work together as a team to promote the Orthodox Faith throughout Connecticut.

The FELLOWSHIP has appointed six (6) members of good standing to administer the FORCC Scholarship program. Presentation of this Scholarship Award will be given each year at the FORCC's annual dinner.

Below is a description of the FORCC Scholarship explaining SPONSORSHIP, PURPOSE, QUALIFICATIONS, and SELECTION OF CANDIDATES.

SPONSORSHIP: This Scholarship is made available to any high school graduate entering college for the first time and who is an Orthodox parishioner of any one of the churches who are members of FORCC.

PURPOSE: To promote and influence any boy/girl who is highly qualified in all the requirements and needs financial aid, and who is outstandingly and actively involved in the Orthodox Faith.

QUALIFICATIONS: Must meet all requirements per attached Schedule A.

SELECTION OF CANDIDATES: A Scholarship Committee, composed of six FORCC members, chairman and co-chairman of the Board, will study all applications and will base their final decision in compliance with the above. All applications will remain confidential.

Selections by the Scholarship committee are made only by the assigned number placed on each application and not by name or name of church.

PLEASE NOTE:

Please be sure that all information requested by FORCC Scholarship committee is completed, as per Form D, and either mailed or hand-carried to:

Eva Vaniotis by Wednesday, June 1, 2011

**Applications submitted or postmarked after June 1 will not be accepted.
E-MAIL APPLICATIONS ARE NOT ACCEPTED**

SCHEDULE A FORCC SCHOLARSHIP AWARD - GUIDELINES

Applications WILL NOT be considered unless all of the following are included:

1. An official transcript from the High School from which you are graduating. You must inform the Guidance Department that you have applied for our Scholarship and we must have that official transcript by June 1, 2011. It is to be mailed or hand delivered to:
Eva Vaniotis, Chairman of the FORCC Scholarship Committee, 4100 Park Avenue #12, Bridgeport, CT 06604 Telephone: 203-374-0013 Cell: 203-993-4903
2. A letter of not more than 150 words, typed or clearly-hand written in ink, introducing yourself to the Scholarship Committee. Explain your educational and vocational plans and any civic and church involvement or extra activities. Include a wallet size photograph for publication.
3. **Completed Scholarship Applications Form B (please note item no. 6 – Letter of Acceptance ONLY from the college/university you will DEFINITELY attend) and Form C (Attached)**
4. Include any reference from faculty members, parish priests, supporting documents, etc.

ELIGIBILITY RULES

1. Applicant must be an Orthodox Christian and in good standing with his/her parish.
2. Parents must be recorded members and current in their obligations to a FORCC participant parish.
3. The applicant must be entering college for the first time, accepted to an accredited college or university, four-year course of study, leading to B.A. or B.S. Academic Degree.
4. An applicant is not disqualified if another member of the family had previously received this Scholarship Award.

BASIS OF SELECTION

A FELLOWSHIP Scholarship Committee, composed of six appointed members of good standing, chairmen and co-chairmen of the FORCC Board, will study all applications, attached documents and transcripts submitted. Their decision will be final. This study and all contents of the application will remain confidential. The basis of selection is:

1. The applicant entering college for the first time and has been accepted in a four-year college of study leading to B.A. or B.S. Academic Degree. The evaluation is based on the applicant's ability and scholarship record.
2. The applicant's character, citizenship, personality and parish activity participation shall be considered.

SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS: • Two \$1,000 (One Thousand Dollar Scholarships) will be awarded to one (1) female and one (1) male best qualified applicant from the Smerznak, Medak & Kidwell Scholarship Fund. • Four \$500.00 (Five Hundred Dollar Scholarships) will be awarded to the next four best qualified applicants from the FELLOWSHIP Scholarship Fund.

PLEASE NOTE: Scholarships will be awarded at the FORCC Annual Banquet. Recipients will be invited as guests. Notification of date and location will be announced.

FORM B

FELLOWSHIP SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

- 1. Name: _____ Telephone: _____
- 2. Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
- 3. Place of Birth: _____ Date: _____
- 4. Social Security Number: _____
- 5. High School and Date of Graduation: _____
- 6. Name of College/University you *definitely* will attend: _____

Letter of Acceptance ONLY from the college \university you DEFINITELY will attend must be enclosed.

- a. Course of Study: _____
- b. Leading to what degree: _____
- 7. Family Status:
 - a. Father’s full name: _____
Occupation: _____ Employer: _____
 - b. Mother’s Maiden name: _____
Occupation: _____ Employer: _____

- 8. Church Activities: Please complete attached FORM C. It must be signed by your PARISH PRIEST to be accepted for consideration.
- 9. Honors and Awards in High School: _____

- 10. Offices held in Class or School: _____

11. Are you employed? NO () Yes () Where: _____
Hours per week: _____ Earnings: _____

12. Have you applied for other scholarship aid: If so, give details: _____

13. Have you been granted scholarship aid: if so, give details: _____

14. Will you need to work in addition to any scholarship award that you will receive: Yes () No ()

PLEASE PRINT: I Hereby certify that I am an Orthodox Christian and a parishioner of the

(Name of Church) _____

(City) _____

and that I have answered all the above questions correctly to the best of my knowledge.

Signature of Applicant _____
Date

Signature of Priest _____
Date

FORM C FORCC APPLICATION – ITEM 7

Please answer the following questions and have your Parish Priest sign it.

- 1. Your name: _____
- 2. Name of your parish: _____
- 3. Parish Address: _____
- 4. City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
- 5. Name of your priest: _____
- 6. Telephone Number: _____

7. HAVE YOU PARTICIPATED IN ANY OF THE FOLLOWING:

- a) Sunday School:
Name of Church: _____ How many years: _____
- b) Choir:
Name of Church: _____ How many years: _____
- c) Altar Boy:
Name of Church: _____ How many years: _____

d) Name of Orthodox organizations you belong to:

Organization(s)	Position
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

e) Any other religious activity besides your own parish:

Please summarize any Orthodox Church activity not mentioned above.

Your Priest's Signature _____ Date _____

Name of Parish _____

FORM D

Summary: SCHEDULE A FORCC SCHOLARSHIP AWARD - GUIDELINES

THE FOLLOWING IS A CHECKLIST OF THINGS NEEDED FOR APPLICATIONS TO BE ACCEPTED:

All ITEMS listed below must be included when an application is submitted and must be received by the FORCC Chairman on or before June 1, 2011.

1. Form B completed and signed by your parish priest
2. Form C completed and signed by your parish priest
3. Letter of Acceptance from the College/University you will attend
4. Transcript from your school
5. Letters of Recommendation (school, priest, etc.)
6. Letter of your introduction to the FORCC committee
7. Wallet-size Picture
8. Must be a High School graduate
9. Entering College/University for the first time
10. Your Church must be a member of FORCC
Please check with your parish priest to verify parish FORCC membership.
11. You must be in good standing with your Church

Applications that are incomplete and those received after June 1st will be rejected.

E-mail applications CANNOT be accepted at anytime.

**Completed applications must be mailed or hand-carried to:
FORCC Scholarship Chairman, Eva Vaniotis
4100 Park Avenue #12
Bridgeport, CT 06604**