

## **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 out 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 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 make sure all information requested by FORCC Scholarship committee is completed, as per Form D. Either mailed or hand-carried BUT IT MUST BE IN THE HANDS OF:**

**Alexia Tassmer by Sunday, June 1, 2016**

**Applications received after June 1 will not be accepted**  
**E-MAIL APPLICATIONS NOT ACCEPTED**

## **SCHEDULE A      FORCC SCHOLARSHIP AWARD - GUIDELINES**

### **An application 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, 2016. It is to be mailed to:  
**Alexia Tassmer, Chairman of the FORCC Scholarship Committee,  
95 South Orchard Street, Wallingford, CT 0642, Telephone 203-284-0856,  
Cell 203-623-5336**
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. **Must complete 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:** \*Four \$500.00 (Five Hundred Dollar Scholarships ) will be awarded to the next four (4) 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: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_
- 3. Place of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_
- 4. Social Security Number: \_\_\_\_\_
- 5. High School and Date of Graduation: \_\_\_\_\_  
 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: \_\_\_\_\_
- 6. Family Status:  
 a. Father's full name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_ Employer: \_\_\_\_\_  
 b. Mother's Maiden name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_ Employer: \_\_\_\_\_
- 7. Church Activities: Please complete attached FORM C. It must be signed by your PARISH PRIEST to be accepted for consideration.
- 8. Honors and Awards in High School: \_\_\_\_\_
- 9. 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. **Address:(Parish)** \_\_\_\_\_

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:**

**Organization(s)** \_\_\_\_\_ **Position** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**e) Any other religious activity besides your own parish:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

*Please summarize any Orthodox Church activity not mentioned above.*

**Signature (Priest)** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_

**NAME OF PARISH** \_\_\_\_\_

# FORM D

## Summary: SCHEDULE A FORCC SCHOLARSHIP AWARD - GUIDELINES

### **REQUIREMENTS NEEDED 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, 2016. Applications not completed or received after June 1<sup>st</sup> will be rejected)

E-mail applications **NOT** accepted at any time.

Must be mailed or hand-carried to FORCC Scholarship Chairman, Alexia Tassmer, 95 South Orchard Street, Wallingford, CT 06492

Applications (regardless of the date posted) received after June 1, 2016 will not be accepted

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 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
  - a. Please check with your parish priest to verify membership.
11. You must be in good standings with your Church