

FUTURE LEADERS FINNISH PROGRAM –SCHOLARSHIP

Spend six weeks in Finland with a host family and get to know Finnish culture! Scholarship recipients will embark on exciting activities that will strengthen leadership skills and inspire civic and global responsibility.

The Basics: Program Dates: **June 28th to August 9th, 2017** Application Deadline: **February 18, 2017**

Eligibility:

- Students must hold a 3.0 grade point average or better on a 4.0 scale.
- Only U.S. citizens may apply.
- Students must live within the DC Metro area.
- Applicant's date of birth must fall between August 9, 1999 and August 8, 2001.
- No prior foreign language study is required

What's Included?

- A special reception at the Finnish Ambassador's residence along with Finnish student counterparts)
- Arrival Orientation Finland
- Tours in Helsinki to visit a number of government and historic sites
- Round-trip international travel
- Placement with a carefully selected host family
- Preparatory materials
- Support services in host country

What do you need to cover?

- Passport fees
- Visa fees (if necessary)
- Any excess luggage tariffs
- Required \$25.00 overseas secondary travel insurance
- Spending money

What to expect while abroad: In addition to a home-stay, students will take part in a series of enrichment activities in the Helsinki metro area that will provide an in-depth view of Finnish cultural institutions, businesses and government. Participants will be tasked with writing a blog or posting videos about their experience and will also select a project that will be completed during the exchange on one of the following topics:

- Describe a change making project that you as an active citizen would like to engage in to improve the lives of the people in your host community.
- How are green values taken into account in the everyday life in your host community. Do you have any ideas for improvement?
- Present a business or a business idea that you find particularly interesting in your U.S./Finland host community, and why you consider it interesting.

Additional Scholarship Details:

- A selection committee of AFS staff and volunteers will review applications to select scholarship recipients. All applicants will be notified of their status (via email) in April (fifteen scholarships will be awarded).
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