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Finlandia Foundation National Opens 2025 Grants and Scholarships Cycle, Establishes the Florida Kerhotoalo Fund

Finlandia Foundation National (FFN), the leading Finnish-American cultural organization, is excited to announce the opening of its 2025 grants and scholarships application cycle. Since the 1950s, FFN has supported Finnish and Finnish-American culture, arts, and education, starting with its first scholarship awarded to renowned Finnish composer Einojuhani Rautavaara in 1968.

In 2024, FFN's mission received a major boost through a generous donation from the American Finnish Club of Lake Worth, known locally as *Kerhotoalo*. This contribution established the **Florida Kerhotoalo Fund**, a unique initiative supporting projects aligned with FFN's mission. While applications from across the country are welcome, Florida-related projects will receive priority consideration.

A Legacy Redefined

Historically a community hub, *Kerhotoalo* has transitioned into a philanthropic role following the sale of its physical space. The establishment of the Florida Kerhotoalo Fund ensures its legacy endures, providing sustainable support for Finnish-American initiatives.

"Kerhotoalo has secured its legacy and set a remarkable example for others," said FFN Executive Director Tommy Flanagan. "We're honored to partner with them on this impactful initiative."

Kerhotoalo President Sal Perna added, "This fund allows us to continue supporting the community in a new way, ensuring future generations benefit from our efforts."

The Florida Kerhotoalo Fund was born with this legacy in mind. Community members wishing to make charitable contributions to the fund may also do so at any time on the FFN Donations Page. Simply select "Florida Kerhotoalo Fund" in the dropdown menu.

Application Details

Grants

- **Amount:** Up to \$5,000 per project
- **Deadline:** January 17, 2025
- **Eligibility:** Projects promoting Finnish heritage, culture, or arts, with priority for Florida-related initiatives.
- **Apply:** [FFN Grants Page](#)

Scholarships

- **Deadline:** February 1, 2025
- **Eligibility:** Students nationwide, with opportunities for Florida-based applicants.
- **Apply:** [FFN Scholarships Page](#)

Note: All applications must meet FFN's guidelines. Funds are limited and applications after the posted deadlines will not be considered.

For additional information, visit our official grants and scholarships pages or contact FFN at office@finlandiafoundation.org.

About Finlandia Foundation National

Fiercely Finnish since 1953, we champion our culture and heritage across the United States by supporting educational opportunities and promoting diverse, relevant, and enriching programs.

Finlandia Foundation National, Inc. (FFN) aims to connect, inspire and strengthen the Finnish-American community through a network of nearly 60 chapters across the United States. FFN raises funds to build its endowment and ensure the continuation of its programs, which highlight outstanding contributions and achievements of Finnish-American artists and academics.

FFN awards dozens of grants and scholarships each year and provides critical funding to maintain cultural traditions that represent the heritage of Finlandia and the diverse interests of Finnish America.

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