



2014-2015 Scholarship Program

Instructions & Application

The John C. Kulis Charitable Foundation, an Illinois Not for Profit Corporation, is commonly known as the Kulis Foundation. Attached is the Checklist and Application for 2014-2015 The Kulis Foundation Scholarships. Please make sure that you read these instructions very carefully. Candidates must submit a complete application with all required documentation to the Scholarship Committee by the due date in order to be considered for an award. Ten (10) undergraduate and ten (10) graduate scholarships of \$5,000.00 will be awarded.

The application must be filled out in its entirety. All required documentation must be included with your submission (see list below and Checklist for details). Make sure you include the Checklist as the top page of your completed application. The committee will not consider incomplete applications. Please print clearly. **The deadline for submitting your completed application is May 1, 2014.** It is the responsibility of each applicant to ensure that his/her application is complete.

Selection of recipients will be based on the following criteria:

- This is a scholarship based on need and all candidates must provide evidence of true financial need.
- Candidates must be of Eastern Orthodox faith, within one of the jurisdictions listed here: Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America, American Carpatho-Russian Orthodox Diocese of the USA, and the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the United States. Applicants must also provide evidence of being actively involved with parish activities.
- Candidates must be active members of a parish located in one of the abovementioned jurisdictions.
- Preference will be given to candidates who are orphans (one or both parents), are members of a multi-child household, and/or have Greek ancestry.
- Candidates must be U.S. citizens or permanent residents of the United States. If a permanent resident, proof is required.
- Undergraduate candidates must be high school seniors and starting at an undergraduate degree program in the fall of 2014 or already a full-time matriculated student committed

to serious study on a full time basis in an undergraduate degree program at an accredited college or university.

- Graduate candidates must be college graduates and either be commencing their graduate studies or continuing with their graduate program studies on a full time basis, at an accredited university in a non-theological field of study leading to a graduate degree.
- Students receiving a full scholarship from any other source or a partial scholarship exceeding fifty percent (50%) of their tuition are not eligible for the Kulis Foundation Scholarship program.
- A letter of acceptance from your undergraduate school or graduate school.
- Applicants must provide the Scholarship Committee with evidence of their scholastic standing, including undergraduate and/or graduate transcripts with a minimum grade point average B, 80, or 3.0.
- Make sure your application includes the following:
 - Complete academic records, including undergraduate and/or graduate transcripts, past and present.
 - A Budget or Statement of Need, including a calculation of expenses (detailed by type: tuition, books, fees, room, board, transport, travel, etc.) and outlining Sources of financial funding and support (listing all financial aid: loans, scholarships, grants, assistance from parents and/or others, etc.) This budget must be certified for accuracy in some way by the Financial Aid and/or Bursar's Office of the undergraduate or graduate school. The statement should also include the total amount of student loan indebtedness (accrued liability at time of application, and the applicant's last three (3) years of gross annual income, along with the number of hours worked per week (paid, unpaid, volunteer, intern, service, or other). Include a copy of your most current Federal Income Tax return. If your spouse and/or parent(s) are assisting you with education or living expenses, this must be disclosed with specifics, and a copy of their most current Federal tax return may be requested.
- A copy or transcript of your Baptismal or Chrismation Certificate.
- Evidence of your membership **and** participation in one of the above mentioned Eastern Orthodox churches.
- Candidates must prepare and include a detailed Resume or Curriculum Vitae.
- Undergraduate and graduate candidates must prepare and submit a detailed Scholarship Proposal. Describe how your studies will allow you to employ your talents and how

being awarded this scholarship will help you use these talents to serve the Church and/or community at large.

- Undergraduate and graduate candidates must include three (3) Letters of Recommendation. Please choose individuals that best represent diverse aspects of your accomplishments and provide us with a true picture of your background. Note: the first two listed – one addressing your academic background and one addressing your religious/spiritual background – must come from one of the individuals listed.
 - Academic – from a professor, advisor, or program director.
 - Religious/Spiritual – from an Orthodox clergyman, lay leader, parish council member or other church official describing your church activities.
 - Personal, from someone who knows you well (not family or co-worker) OR, Supervisor, from a manager or employer (for paid, unpaid, volunteer, intern, service, or other type of work.)
- Candidates may include an Optional Personal Statement, with an explanation of any special/extenuating circumstances.

Please send your completed packets with all of the documentation materials listed above, including the completely filled in Application and Checklist as your coversheet, to:

By Mail: The Kulis Foundation
Scholarship Committee
216 S. Jefferson Street Suite 301
Chicago, Illinois 60661

By Email: info@kulisfoundation.org
Subject Line: “2014-2015
Scholarship Application”

Recommendation letters can be sent directly to the committee from the individuals writing them or you can collect them and submit them with the rest of your documents. In either case, the applicant is responsible for insuring that these letters, as well as all pieces of your application, are received by the committee.

The candidate should be available for a telephone’s interview at the Committee’s discretion.

Scholarship application packets must be postmarked by the May 1, 2014 deadline.

Late submissions or incomplete packets will not be accepted nor considered by the committee.

All questions should be submitted in writing to the Scholarship Committee at info@kulisfoundation.org.



Application Checklist

Please print your name: _____

Use this Checklist to make sure all parts of your application have been completed and all required documentation is included in the packet you send to us. Please print clearly on all submissions. This Checklist must be included with your completed application and all necessary documents. **The deadline for submissions is May 1, 2014.** The Scholarship Committee will not accept late applications nor will they consider incomplete submissions. Send the whole packet to:

By Mail: The Kulis Foundation
 c/o Scholarship Committee
 216 S. Jefferson Street Suite 301
 Chicago, Illinois 60661

By Email: info@kulisfoundation.org
 Subject Line: "2014-2015
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CHECKLIST:

Choose One: Graduate Application OR Undergraduate Application

<u>Applicant Initials</u>	<u>Required Documents</u>
_____	A completely filled-in application
_____	Complete Academic records (including both undergraduate and graduate (if applicable) transcripts, past and present).
_____	Letter of Acceptance from your undergraduate, graduate, or seminarian school
_____	A detailed Budget or Statement of Need
_____	A copy or transcript of your Baptismal or Chrismation Certificate
_____	Three (3) Letters of Recommendation for undergraduate/graduate candidates as detailed in the application procedures
_____	A Resume or Curriculum Vitae
_____	Your Scholarship Proposal
_____	An Optional Personal Statement

The Kulis Foundation Scholarship

Application Information

Applicant Instructions: Please complete all sections of this application, sign it, and return it along with all required documents. Please note that incomplete application will not be considered for an award. **Applications must be postmarked May 1, 2014.** Late submissions will not be accepted by the Scholarship Committee. No exceptions.

APPLICANT DEMOGRAPHICS:

1. Applicant's Name (first, middle, last): _____
2. Social Security Number: _____ - _____ - _____
3. Mailing Address: _____ _____ _____
4. Email Address: _____
5. Telephone Number: _____
6. Citizenship: <input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Citizen <i>or</i> <input type="checkbox"/> Permanent Resident
7. Date of Birth (MM/DD/YYYY): _____
8. Place of Birth: _____

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND:

9. Name of Undergraduate College/University: _____ _____ Address: _____ Date of Graduation: _____ <i>or</i> Expected Date of Graduation: _____ Degree: _____ Major: _____
10. Name of the University where you will be enrolled for the 2014-2015 academic year for your graduate studies: _____ _____ Address: _____ Expected Date of Graduation: _____ Degree: _____ Major: _____

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EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND (cont.):

11. Enrollment Status (check applicable box)

- Enrolled full-time (indicate undergraduate or graduate, year of studies you will be in the fall of 2014 and how much longer you have until you receive your degree)

or

- Accepted for full-time beginning with the 2014-2015 academic year (indicate undergraduate or graduate and time it will take until you receive your degree)

12. Field of Study: _____

Degree Program: _____

Attach a letter from the university showing you are currently enrolled or will be enrolled for the 2014-2015 academic year.

13. Current (or previous) Scholastic Standing and Test Scores:

- GPA Score: _____ points out of _____ points. (attach all transcripts)
- SAT/ACT/GMAT/GRE/LSAT/MCAT Score: _____ points out of _____ points (circle applicable test)

FAMILY INFORMATION:

14. Marital Status: (check applicable box) Married Single Divorced/Separated Widowed

15. Total number of people in your family, including yourself: (Number) _____

16. Applicants seeking a scholarship based in part on being a member of a multi-child household must submit the following information about siblings attending undergraduate or graduate school: (proof of enrollment and evidence of annual costs is required)

Name of Sibling	School Attended	Annual Cost of Tuition & Room and Board	Amount of financial assistance (grants, scholarships or loans)

FAMILY INFORMATION: (cont.)

17. Are your parents or anyone else assisting you in any way with your tuition or your living expenses? Yes No

If yes, please explain the extent of the assistance and for how long.

18. Parent's Information:

Father's Full Name

Mother's Full Name

Address (City and State Only)

Address (City and State Only)

Current Occupation

Current Occupation

RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION:

19. Jurisdiction: please indicate the jurisdictions listed below to which you belong/attend. If a member of the Orthodox Christian Fellowship (OCF) at college, please indicate this as well, below.

- Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America
- American Carpatho-Russian Orthodox Diocese of the USA
- Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the United States

Parish name & address: _____
Parish Name

Address _____ City,State

Parish Website _____

Parish Priest name & address: _____
Name

Address _____ City,State

Telephone Number _____ Email Address

I am a member of OCF: Yes No No OCF chapter at my college

_____ Location