



Allison Cheney (L) and Emily Isakson (R) received the FASC Scholarship in 2015.

Finnish American Social Club Scholarship

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When the Finnish American Social Club (FASC) ceased to operate, its former members sold the club's Shrewsbury building and created this scholarship with the revenue. First awarded in 2008, it is given to students of Finnish descent who have been active in community service. Preference is given to those who plan to major in history, political science or economics.

Between 1880 and 1920, more than 300,000 Finns came to America to start a new life. Many settled in the Worcester area where jobs could be found. One of the organizations that resulted from this emigration was FASC. It emphasized quality of life for its members and the preservation of Finnish traditions and culture. Its clubhouse on Lake Quinsigamond bustled with social events for members and their families. After a time, the Club's membership dwindled as the need for support lessened or families moved away.

This scholarship celebrates the Finnish-American experience and the vibrant community made possible by FASC, particularly during the first half of twentieth century. It provides a permanent legacy of financial support for Finnish students.

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