2021 Education Awards – I want one!

FAWCO Reps and Presidents: Please post this in your club newsletter and closed club Facebook page.

So you have made the decision to apply for an Education Award. Fantastic - that was the hardest part! Although the final listings and applications for the 2021 awards will not be posted until the end of September, you can certainly begin gathering your educational information, transcripts and letters of recommendation now. Take the time now to also start on the two essays required.

Here is an easy step-by-step tutorial on how to get your winning application to the selection committee.

Now:

1. Read the general information about the Education Awards on the Foundation website [www.fawcofoundation.org](http://www.fawcofoundation.org).
2. Choose which award category best suits your purpose. Academic Awards are for children of FAWCO members; The Dual Cultural Award is for children and grandchildren of FAWCO members. The Member Awards are for FAWCO members. Hint: If this email arrived in your inbox, you are a FAWCO member.
3. Download the 2020 Education application for the category you have chosen. They are watermarked to avoid confusion with the 2021 application. You can use the 2020 application as your template and ”storage space” for the information you are gathering.
   1. months before the January 2021 deadline:
4. The 2020 Education Awards and applications are now available on the Foundation website. Choose which award best suits your programs and goals. Download the respective 2021 application.
5. Ask two individuals to write letters of recommendation for you. If letters of recommendation are not a tradition in the country where you live, please give these people an idea of what is to be included in a letter of recommendation. Let google be your friend.
6. Begin writing your essays in earnest.

1 month before the January 2021 deadline:

1. Have someone read your essay drafts. They should help edit and proofread, but NOT write the essays for you. If you do not write the essays yourself, your application will be disqualified.
2. Finish gathering your information.
3. Pay the application fee.

1 week before January 2021 deadline:

1. Finalize your essays.
2. Check that all required information is in your application.
3. Put the application and all required supporting material (transcripts, photo, signatures, and proof of payment, etc.) in a WinZip file and submit to the EA Administrator, Jen Todd, at [awards@fawcofoundation.org](mailto:awards@fawcofoundation.org).

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