



# Finlandia Foundation® National

Inspiring, celebrating and connecting the Finnish-American community since 1953

A Cultural  
Handshake  
Across the Sea  
Since 1953

**Finlandia Foundation National (FFN) is the most important private source of support for Finnish and Finnish-American culture in the United States.**

**We were founded in 1953 in Pasadena, California by nine Finnish-Americans who wanted to encourage preservation of homeland traditions in the U.S. and “unite all Finland Friends in this country.”**

FFN was established as a non-profit, philanthropic organization to support cultural and educational programs, cultivate closer relations between Finland and the U.S., and strengthen the bonds of friendship among Finnish-Americans and others interested in our culture and heritage, and in contemporary Finland.

Finlandia Foundation is a cultural handshake across the sea and a living memorial in America. We provide grants, scholarships and programs designed to enrich the Finnish-American experience. Our membership is open to all friends of Finland.

A Board of Trustees administers FFN programs. Trustees serve three-year terms and the board meets twice yearly to conduct FFN business.

We invite you to join our members through one of the 58 chapters in 25 states and Washington, D.C., or ask your local Finnish-American organization to become affiliated with Finlandia Foundation National.

(Find the list of chapters with contact information at [FinlandiaFoundation.org](http://FinlandiaFoundation.org).)

If there is no chapter near you, it is possible for you to start your own, or join us as an individual member.

Membership support helps FFN fulfill its mission through a variety of programs including:

- Performer of the Year and Lecturer of the Year, which present artists and experts on topics of interest to Finnish America at FFN chapters and events across the U.S.
- Academic scholarships for students and law students in the U.S. and Finland
- Grants for cultural projects related to Finland and Finnish America
- Soiva International Music Camp, a unique summer program at Concordia College in Moorhead, Minnesota for instrumental students from the U.S. and Finland
- Funds for young people attending Salolampi Language Village in Minnesota, where they can learn the Finnish language, culture and history in an authentic Finnish setting

Each member receives the FFN newsletter and a copy of the FFN history book, *Black Ties and*

*Miners' Boots: Inventing Finnish-American Philanthropy* by Jon L. Saari. FFN reference materials and lending library are available to members.

Chapters identify their affiliation with the national organization through use of the logo and name, and gain visibility through the FFN website, Facebook page and print and e-newsletters.

In addition to its annual activities, FFN participates in special programs of interest to Finnish America. FFN and its chapters celebrated the 150th anniversary of the birth of Finnish composer Jean Sibelius with a variety of events across the U.S. in 2015, and the centennial of Finland's independence with a series of programs throughout 2017.

FFN administers nearly two dozen funds that support grants and scholarships in a wide range of areas such as music, visual and performing arts, sports, heritage and youth programs, and academics, including legal studies.

Our administrative expenses and matching funds are generously supported by grants from the Paloheimo Foundation.

As a 501(c)(3) organization, contributions to FFN are tax deductible. Gifts may be made as unrestricted donations or directed to specific programs.

FFN receives no public monies and the success of its programs depends on the generosity of donors. You may:

- Contribute by check mailed to: Finlandia Foundation National, P.O. Box 92046, Pasadena, CA 91109-2046
- Make a gift online at: [FinlandiaFoundation.org](http://FinlandiaFoundation.org)
- Become a monthly donor; have your gift automatically debited
- Give a gift of stock, make a planned gift or discover other donor options
- Inquire about becoming a member of the FFN President's Council
- Honor your loved ones with a tribute in words and pictures on the FFN website and the Centennial Family Tree

Learn more about FFN at: [FinlandiaFoundation.org](http://FinlandiaFoundation.org)

**Look for us on Facebook!**



## **AFFILIATED ORGANIZATIONS**

### **ALASKA**

Anchorage Suomi Finland Club

### **ARIZONA**

The Finnish American Club of Tucson  
Finns & Friends of Phoenix

### **CALIFORNIA**

Finlandia Club of Sacramento Valley  
Finlandia Foundation Berkeley  
Finlandia Foundation Los Angeles  
Finlandia Foundation San Francisco  
Bay Area  
Finnish-American Home Association  
House of Finland - San Diego

### **COLORADO**

Finlandia Foundation Colorado

### **CONNECTICUT**

Finnish American Heritage Society

### **DELAWARE**

Delaware Valley Finnish Americans  
New Sweden Alliance

### **DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**

Finlandia Foundation National Capital

### **FLORIDA**

Finlandia Foundation Florida  
FinnsConnect South Florida

### **GEORGIA**

Atlanta Finland Society, Inc.

### **IDAHO**

Finlandia Foundation Inland Northwest

### **ILLINOIS**

Finnish American Society of  
the Midwest

### **MAINE**

Finnish American Heritage Society  
of Maine  
Finnish Farmers Club  
Finnish Heritage House

### **MARYLAND**

Finlandia Foundation Baltimore Area

### **MASSACHUSETTS**

Cape Ann Finns  
Finlandia Foundation Boston  
Finnish-American Society of Cape Cod  
The Finnish Center at Saima Park, Inc.  
The Finnish Heritage Society/Sovittaja

### **MICHIGAN**

Finlandia Foundation of Michigan  
Finlandia Foundation National,  
Lake Superior  
Finnish American Society of  
West Central Michigan  
Finnish Center Association  
Finnish Theme Committee of Hancock,  
Finlandia Foundation Copper Country

### **MINNESOTA**

Finlandia Foundation Northland  
Finlandia Foundation Twin Cities  
Finnish-Americans and Friends  
Kaleva Building Corporation  
Red River Finns

### **MONTANA**

Finlandia Foundation of Montana  
Finn Club of Helena  
Red Lodge Knights and Ladies of Kaleva

### **NEW YORK**

Finger Lakes Finns  
Finlandia Foundation New York  
Metropolitan

### **OHIO**

Finnish-American Heritage Association  
of Ashtabula County  
Finnish Heritage Museum of  
Fairport Harbor

### **OREGON**

Finlandia Foundation Columbia-Pacific

### **PENNSYLVANIA**

Finlandia Foundation Pittsburgh  
Finnish American Society of the  
Delaware Valley

### **SOUTH DAKOTA**

Frederick Forward  
Finlandia Foundation Dakota  
Sons and Daughters of Suomi

### **TEXAS**

Finnish-American Society of  
Dallas/Fort Worth  
Finnish Language School of North Texas

### **UTAH**

Finlandia Foundation Utah

### **VIRGINIA**

Finlandia Foundation Tidewater Virginia

### **WASHINGTON**

Finlandia Foundation Seattle  
Finlandia Foundation Suomi  
Finnish-American Folk Festival  
of Naselle  
Swedish Finn Historical Society

For chapter contact information:  
[FinlandiaFoundation.org](http://FinlandiaFoundation.org)

The FFN office is located at the site of  
the organization's founding, now the  
Pasadena Museum of History.

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