

Scholarship for qualified employee on the basis of a vocational qualification

You can receive a scholarship for qualified employee after you have obtained one of the following qualifications in accordance with the Vocational Education Act (531/2017):

- vocational upper secondary qualification
- further vocational qualification, or
- specialist vocational qualification

and you meet the following requirements

- you have at least five years of employment history by the date on which you complete the qualification,
- you are under 68 years of age on the date of completing the qualification, and
- you are covered by Finnish social security both on the date of completing the qualification and applying for the scholarship.

In addition to Finland, work performed in EU/EEA countries or Switzerland may be acknowledged in your work history. You do not need to be employed when you apply for the scholarship.

The scholarship for qualified employee must be applied for from the Employment Fund within a year of completing the qualification. The date when you completed the qualification is the date shown on the qualification certificate.

The monetary value of the scholarship for qualified employees is 400 euros. The scholarship is tax-free and paid in a single instalment.

Visit the Employment Fund website at <u>www.tyollisyysrahasto.fi</u> to apply for a scholarship for qualified employee and read more about the scholarship. After applying for the scholarship in our online customer service, you can follow your application process and read the decision on your scholarship in the online service. In your application, include a copy or photo with clear borders of your qualification certificate.

We will mail you a decision on the scholarship as soon as your application has been processed. The decision will include the date of payment of the scholarship.

Congratulations on completing your qualification!

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