

REQUIREMENTS FOR SCHENGEN VISA APPLICATION (Finland and Sweden)

Visa is **not** required if you are a family member of Swiss or EEA national (citizens of the EU, Norway, Iceland, Liechtenstein) and a **holder of a yellow slip MEU2/3** in Cyprus and travel together with that family member or join her/him in connection of the journey. However, some countries may require a visa also from the holders of a yellow slip, so if you travel to Finland or Sweden via any other country it is advisable that you ask from that country in question whether a visa is required.

Holders of a **biometric** passport of Albania, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Georgia, North Macedonia, Montenegro, Moldova, Serbia or Ukraine do **not** require a visa.

SUBMIT THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENTS TO SUPPORT THE VISA APPLICATION

Please note that you must bring with you originals + photocopies of supporting documents with your application. The visa officer will return the originals and keep the copies. The Embassy does not make copies. If you submit only originals, they will not be returned. In individual cases, other documents than listed below may also be requested.

The documents must be in English, Finnish, Swedish or Greek language. If your document is in another language, you must get it translated by an official translator into one of the languages mentioned.

- 1. A FULLY COMPLETED [VISA APPLICATION FORM](#).** The form needs to be signed and dated by the applicant.
- 2. ONE PASSPORT SIZED COLOR PHOTOGRAPH.** The photograph size must be 36 x 47 mm, face and shoulders must face the camera directly and the facial expression must be neutral. **The photograph must not be older than 6 months.** [Official guidelines for the required photograph](#).
- 3. A. VALID PASSPORT OR OTHER ACCEPTABLE TRAVEL DOCUMENT** valid at least for three (3) months following the journey and not older than ten (10) years. The travel document must contain sufficient, and at least two blank pages. **Family members of EEA citizens:** also the original passport of that family member and the original marriage certificate and/or child's/children's/dependent's original birth certificate/s are required.
- 3. B. COPY OF THE INFORMATION PAGE OF THE PASSPORT / TRAVEL DOCUMENT** and copies of all pages with any marking on them, e.g. previous visas, arrival and departure stamps etc.
- 4. VALID CYPRUS RESIDENCE PERMIT** (must be valid at least 3 months after the planned journey). **Family members of EEA citizens:** residence permit of the family member is required, unless the family member is Cypriot citizen. NOTE: An applicant who resides in another EU-country has to be legally in Cyprus and has to provide justification for lodging the visa application at the Embassy of Finland in Nicosia.
- 5. CONFIRMED TRAVEL ITINERARY** for the whole intended journey must be presented at the time of the application. NOTE: The applicant assumes all risk regarding the purchase of tickets or travel related commitments/expenses made by the applicant before the visa has been granted.
- 6. A. CONFIRMED HOTEL RESERVATION** or a valid proof of other accommodation.
- 6. B. INVITATION LETTER + COPY OF THE ID/PASSPORT OF THE INVITING PERSON**
The person inviting you for a visit must send you an informal, signed & dated invitation with the following information: his/her contact information, your relation to him/her, the purpose of the invitation, details concerning your planned stay, duration and destination/s of your journey, accommodation during your stay, who is paying for the expenses of the stay, date of departure from FIN/SWE and any other relevant information. Copy of the inviting person's ID/passport is required as well as residence permit if s/he is not FIN/SWE citizen. **Family members of FIN/SWE citizens:** extract from the population register as a proof of the relation is required.
- 7. VALID TRAVEL INSURANCE*** covering the entire period of the journey, valid for all Schengen States and covering any expenses that might arise in connection with repatriation for medical reasons, urgency medical attention, emergency hospital treatment or death during the stay. The minimum coverage must be 30.000 EUR.
(*Not required from applicants falling under Directive 2004/38/EC)

- 8. PROOF OF FUNDS TO SUPPORT THE TRAVEL; e.g. bank statement** (minimum x* months). Bank statements provided cannot be more than 5 days old. The statement should bear the applicant's name and address.
- * Students: minimum 6 months bank statement is required
 - * Employees: bank statement from minimum 3 months and payslips from last 3 months
 - * Entrepreneurs: personal bank statement min. 3 months and company's bank statement min. 6 months + company's registration certificate.
 - * Not required from applicants falling under Directive 2004/38/EC
- 9. A. CONTRACT OF EMPLOYMENT + HOLIDAY LETTER FROM THE EMPLOYER** (signed and dated) **OR**
- 9. B. REGISTRATION AND HOLIDAY LETTER FROM SCHOOL / UNIVERSITY / COLLEGE + EXAM TRANSCRIPTS AND IF APPLICABLE, PREVIOUS COMPLETED DIPLOMAS** (from Cyprus)

FOR MINOR'S APPLICATION

- The minor must be present in person when submitting a visa application.
- The child's guardians have to give their written consent to the visa application regardless with whom the child plans to travel. If both guardians cannot be present, written consent from the absent guardian should be presented together with a copy of the absentee's passport or ID card. Single parent must prove sole guardianship.
- Child's birth certificate (if not in Greek, English, Finnish or Swedish, official translation must be presented with the original document).
- Guardians' / parents' passports and valid Cyprus residence permits.
- Declaration of parent's income; work certificates, salary payment slips for the past 3 months
- Certificate of school registration and attendance when applicable.

VISA APPLICATION FEE €80 **

Fees must be paid either **by credit card** at the time of the application or directly to **the Embassy of Finland's bank account**: 013002090508, IBAN: CY98 0020 0130 0000 0002 0905 0800, SWIFT: BCYPCY2N. Name of the applicant must appear on the bank transfer receipt. **The fee is NON-REFUNDABLE** even if the visa application is withdrawn or the visa is refused.

** holders of the following passports: Albania, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Georgia, North Macedonia, Moldova, Montenegro, Russian Federation, Serbia and Ukraine **€35**.

** Children 6-11 years old **€40**.

No fee:

- Family members of Finnish and Swedish citizens (conditions apply)
- Family members of EU/EEA/Swiss citizens when travelling together or joining the family member at the Schengen area (Directive 2004/38/EC)
- Children under the age of six years
- Schoolchildren, students in higher education, research students and their accompanying teachers on condition that the purpose of the trip is studies or education
- Researchers – on condition that the purpose of the trip is scientific research
- Up to 25 years old members of non-profit organizations participating in seminars, conferences or educational, cultural or sport events organized by the non-profit organization.

Applications cannot be submitted earlier than six (6) months before the planned journey. **Please note that the visa process takes approximately 15 calendar days.** In individual cases, the mission can extend the processing time up to a maximum of 45 calendar days.

IT IS ADVISABLE TO HAVE ALL THE ABOVE MENTIONED DOCUMENTS WITH YOU WHEN TRAVELLING.

More information on the embassy's webpage: [how to apply for a visa](https://finlandabroad.fi/web/cyp/entering-finland) (<https://finlandabroad.fi/web/cyp/entering-finland>)

Book your appointment for Schengen visa to Finland / Sweden from our [online appointment booking system](#)

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