

Dear recent graduate,

have you completed a vocational upper secondary qualification, a further qualification or a specialist qualification? Do you have at least five years of employment history from pensioninsured jobs by the date of completing the qualification?

If you answered yes to both questions, you can apply for the scholarship for qualified employee from Employment Fund.

This letter contains information about the scholarship and the application process.



## What is the Scholarship for Qualified Employee?

The scholarship for qualified employee is a tax-exempt, lump-sum payment of 414 euros to a person who has completed a vocational qualification.

You can apply for the scholarship from Employment Fund when you meet the following criteria:

1. you have completed a vocational upper secondary qualification, a further vocational qualification or a specialist vocational qualification
2. you have at least five years of employment history from jobs covered by pension insurance by the date of completing the qualification\*
3. you live permanently in Finland and are covered by Finnish social security, both on the date of completing the qualification and on the date of applying for the scholarship
4. you are under 68 years of age on the date of completing the qualification
5. you are applying for the scholarship within one year of the date of completing the qualification.

We grant scholarships to all applicants who meet all the above criteria. Please note that you did not have to be entitled to adult education allowance in order to apply for the scholarship for qualified employee.



Please note that according to the Government proposal submitted to Parliament on 15.2.2024, scholarships for qualified employees could be awarded on the basis of a degree completed by 31.7.2024. According to the proposal, qualifications completed from 1st of August 2024 onwards would no longer be eligible for a scholarship

\* Please note, that YEL or MYEL insured business activities are not included in your employment history. If you want to, you can calculate your employment history and read more about the scholarship on our website at <https://www.tyollisyysrahasto.fi/en>.



## How to apply?

Apply for the scholarship for qualified employee in our online service at <https://etuusasiointipalvelu.tyollisyysrahasto.fi/>. You can also access the e-service by scanning the QR code. The application process is quick and easy. The only documentation you need to send us is a copy or a clear photograph of your qualification certificate.

After you have submitted your application, you can just wait for us to make a decision on the payment of the scholarship. You will receive an email notification once the decision is ready and available in our e-service.

