

# S2-supported academic year at a folk high school – an academic year for adolescent immigrants

An academic year at a folk high school is a free, one-year educational programme intended for those within the scope of compulsory education. The S2-supported academic year for those of compulsory education age is intended for adolescent immigrants whose language skills are not sufficient for upper secondary studies. This educational programme can also be completed before preparatory TUVA education if a young person wants to ensure sufficient Finnish skills before starting vocational studies or general upper secondary school. The programme starts on 6 August 2026 and ends on 27 May 2027.

## Who is the programme for?

The programme is intended for young people who

- are of compulsory education age (under 18 years old),
- live in Finland permanently,
- have completed Finnish basic education or have corresponding knowledge and skills,
- need further support to strengthen their Finnish language skills before starting studies at a general upper secondary or vocational school.

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The studies support

- basic skills (e.g., digital skills, mathematics and financial literacy),
- learning competence,
- everyday skills and independence as well as
- helping to discover individual strengths and plan for the future.

## Application process

Apply for the programme using the electronic form available at [step.fi/opistovuosi](https://step.fi/opistovuosi)



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