



GREEK ORTHODOX ARCHDIOCESE OF AMERICA

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2026 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION NOTICE LETTER

Dear Student:

Scholarships will be awarded to undergraduate students only.

1. Please submit the correct application:

- a. Current **High School graduate** – complete the High School application, attach an official copy of your final transcript including your rank in class and your scholastic average.
- b. **College student** – complete the College application and request that your Spring 2026 official college transcript be sent to the Church Office, attn. Scholarship Committee. Non official transcript will be accepted but must include all years.

Applications must be complete and include Father Pat or Father Neofitos signature to be considered. Incomplete packages will be returned to the applicant.

2. Member in good standing requirement:

Each family of an applicant must be members in good standing at St. Sophia Greek Orthodox Church in Albany in accordance with the bylaws, for two consecutive years immediately preceding the submission of an application. Must remain member(s) in good standing for each year in which an award is made. Also, a pledge for the current year (2026) must be on file and 50% of the minimum pledge for the current year must be paid by June 30, 2026. **Applicants and family not in adherence with the above may be disqualified from receiving a scholarship award.**

3. **The application and all supporting material must be filed and returned in a sealed envelope or postmarked by July 6, 2026 to the Church Office, Attention: Scholarship Committee. Applications received after this date will not be accepted.**

4. The applicant must be enrolled as a full-time student at an institution of higher education. Please note that according to federal regulations dependent full-time students are age 25 and under. Therefore, 25 will be the age-limit for all applicants with a maximum of 4 annual scholarship awards to be given. If there are any special circumstances that impacted the applicant's ability to maintain full time status, please reach out directly to the Scholarship Committee.

5. The applicant must agree that if he/she has received a scholarship award and fails to ultimately attend school, the scholarship award will be returned to St. Sophia in full.

All documents will be kept confidential. The Scholarship Committee may request additional information or documents if needed to determine an award.

Rev. Fr. Patric Legato, Georgia Melas, Chair, Frosine Stolis, Christine Prudente, Frank Rantzaklis, Helen Tomaso & Jim Stolis

Applicant is in good standing in accordance with the bylaws, for two consecutive years immediately preceding the submission of this application.

Parent's Signature

Date

Awards are based on several factors, including participation in various activities at St. Sophia. To value your current and prior involvement at St. Sophia, please complete the following as accurately as possible:

I. *St. Sophia Activity*

- 1.) Number of years attended Sunday School: _____
How frequently did you attend? Weekly, Monthly, or less frequently? _____
- 2.) Number of years attended Greek School: _____
How frequently did you attend? Weekly, Monthly, or less frequently? _____
Did you take/pass the Regents Exam? _____
- 3.) Have you participated in the Choir? Yes _____ No _____ # of years _____
How frequently did you participate? Weekly, Monthly, or less frequently? _____
- 4.) Did you serve as an Altar Boy? Yes _____ No _____ # of years _____
How frequently did you serve? Weekly, Monthly, or less frequently? _____
- 5.) Were you a member of the St. Sophia Dance Group and did you participate in the Festival? Yes _____ No _____
How many years were you part of the dance group? _____
- 6.) Did you participate in JOY/GOYA? Yes _____ No _____ # of years _____
How often did you attend meetings/events? Always, almost always, frequently, occasional or rarely attended? _____

- II. List any volunteer activities outside AND within St. Sophia, including AHEPA family activities (to include Sons of Pericles and Maids of Athena) and the years involved. Please make sure to include any officer positions held in the Maids/Sons.

III. List of Work Experiences, Awards, Sports, Internships, and years involved.

Employer/Internships, etc.	Job Title	Dates
1.) _____		
2.) _____		
3.) _____		
4.) _____		
5.) _____		

IV. Your essay must be typed, double spaced and be at least 250 words. Choose one.

1. How has your family, cultural background, or community influenced your values and beliefs?
2. Reflect on something that someone has done for you that has made you happy or thankful in a surprising way. How has this gratitude affected or motivated you?

Please specify which essay you are choosing. With either essay, please be sure to use a specific and personal example(s). The essay should also include specific details as to how this has impacted you personally.