



## 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

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**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:**

**Enter your current and prior involvement at St. Sophia, including the number of years of involvement in the following activities:**

I. Have you participated in the following church programs/activities? If so, please indicate how often you participated: weekly, monthly or occasionally.

1.) Sunday School program as either a teacher or teacher's assistant? \_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_ No  
How often did you attend/participate? Weekly, Monthly or Occasionally? \_\_\_\_\_  
# of years participating in the Sunday School Program \_\_\_\_\_

2.) Choir member \_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_ No  
How often did you attend/participate? Weekly, Monthly or Occasionally? \_\_\_\_\_  
# of years participating in the Choir \_\_\_\_\_

3.) Altar Boy \_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_ No  
How often did you attend/participate? Weekly, Monthly or Occasionally? \_\_\_\_\_  
# of years participating in the Altar \_\_\_\_\_

4.) Festival Volunteer (other than dancer) \_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_ No  
Where did you volunteer at May 2026 Festival? \_\_\_\_\_  
Approximate hours volunteered at 2026 Festival? \_\_\_\_\_

II. List any volunteer activities you have been involved in while at college, outside AND within St. Sophia, including Sons of Pericles, Maids of Athena and AHEPA family activities, and the years involved and any officer positions held.

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III. Work Experiences, Awards, College Activities, Sports, Internships. List dates involved.

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IV. Are you involved in any Parish Life while away at College? \_\_\_\_\_

How involved are you? Provide a brief description of your involvement: \_

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V. Your essay must be typed, double spaced and at least 250 words.

Choose one:

1. Describe an event in which you took a leadership role within your faith community?
2. Describe a mentor, family member or faith leader who has inspired your walk with God?

Please indicate which essay you will be answering and, 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.