



SAINT SARKIS ARMENIAN APOSTOLIC CHURCH

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Archpriest Fr. Nareg Terterian, Pastor

St Sarkis Armenian Apostolic Church 2026 Scholarship Application Form

Our Mission

Thanks to the generosity of Mr. Karnig Alajajian, Mr. Ara Barsamian, and the Estate of Mrs. Mary Arslanian and her family, St. Sarkis Armenian Apostolic Church is proud to offer scholarship opportunities to our youth. The scholarship program mission is to promote within our community scholastic excellence along with a commitment to our Armenian Apostolic faith and St. Sarkis church. To achieve this end, we seek to assist our youth in obtaining the education they desire and deserve, as well as preparing the next generation of St. Sarkis church leaders.

Scholarship applications will be evaluated based upon the following criteria: academic performance, financial need, extracurricular activities, and personal statement, with a priority given to youth who are active within St. Sarkis Church.

With this one application, applicants can elect to be considered for one or more of the scholarships, provided eligibility criteria are met. However, an applicant can only be awarded one scholarship per year.

Applicant Eligibility and Criteria

- Must be 17 to 25 years of age and of Armenian descent.
- Must be currently matriculated in, or accepted to, an undergraduate program at an accredited US college/university.
- Applicant and/or parent must be a member of St. Sarkis church as of **April 30, 2026**.
- Must complete and provide the Application Form on the last 2 pages of this document.
- Must provide an official high school or college academic transcript.
- Must submit an essay (500-1000 words) reflecting on how your Armenian heritage, including attendance at the Hagopian Saturday School and St. Sarkis Church, contributed to your higher education and career aspirations.
- Must provide a letter of recommendation from a teacher, employer, volunteer or work supervisor. Please note that no member of the St. Sarkis Church Board of Trustees or the Pastor are eligible for providing such letters.
- NOTE: To be eligible to apply for the Mary Arslanian Memorial Scholarship, applicant must be a graduate of the Suzanne and Hovsep Hagopian Saturday School where Mrs. Arslanian was a beloved teacher for many years.

All applications must be submitted (postmarked) in full by **April 30th, 2026**. The award decision will be announced by June 1, 2026. Awardees and their families are expected to participate in our **Sunday, June 15, 2026** Celebration of Graduates event to receive their award.

Awardee and parents (if under 18) must consent to having their photo taken as well as to a press release.

Award funds must be used toward tuition and/or books. The award may be provided to the individual or directly to the school. If to the school, please provide the school's Bursar's office contact information.

Please mail completed application to the following address, with a postmark no later than **April 30, 2026**:

St. Sarkis Armenian Apostolic Church
Attention: Scholarship Committee
38-65 234th Street
Douglaston, NY 11363

Please contact Dr. Annita Nerses at chair@stsarksichurch.net or the Church Main Office at office@stsarkischurch.net ,718-224-2275 with any questions related to this scholarship application.

Note:

A four-member Scholarship Committee of St. Sarkis Church will review all applications and announce the award decision. Should a relative of awardee be on said committee, he/she will recuse himself/herself from the review. The Scholarship Committee will clearly document the evaluation and judging process and present it to the Board of Trustees of St Sarkis Church and scholarship sponsors. All decisions of the Board are final.

St. Sarkis Scholarship Application Form

Date of Application: _____

Please put a checkmark next to the scholarship for which you would like to be considered. You may check one or more boxes as long as you meet the eligibility criteria, but each applicant is only eligible for one award.

___ Mr. Karnig Alajajian Scholarship

___ Mr. Ara Barsamian Scholarship

___ Mrs. Mary Arslanian Memorial Scholarship

Applicant Information:

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone Number (Mobile): _____ E-Mail: _____

Date of Birth: _____

If applicant is under 18, please provide the following:

Parent/Guardian First and Last Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Home Address: _____

Parent/Guardian Phone Number: _____

Parent/Guardian Email Address: _____

Will you be a Graduate or Undergraduate student this Fall? _____

What year of Undergrad/Graduate studies are you entering this Fall? _____

Which School will you be attending this Fall? _____

Did you submit a Financial Aid Application and were you deemed eligible? (Yes/No) _____

Are you or anyone in your immediate family a current member of St. Sarkis Church?

Did you attend Suzanne & Hovsep Hagopian Armenian School and, if so, please provide years attended and graduation date:

What events/programs/services have you participated in at St. Sarkis Church?

To which auxiliary organizations do (or have) you belong to at St. Sarkis Church?

What is your engagement in the Armenian, Non-Armenian, and scholastic communities?

Which languages do you speak and what is your speaking, reading, writing proficiency level?
