

AHEPA Chapter 518 Scholarship Program

The availability of the scholarship(s) shall be made known to all members of the Chapter through chapter announcements and via the St. John the Theologian Greek Orthodox Church News Letter. The number of scholarships to be awarded and the amount of each shall be announced at the Chapter's May meeting.

Applications shall be solicited from qualified candidates and awards made to the successful candidate(s) as determined by the Chapter's Scholarship Board. The award shall be for a single year. However, the applicant may compete for scholarships for subsequent years provided he or she is qualified.

Qualifications of Applicant

1. Applicant must be a first line descendant or a legally adopted child of a member in good standing of AHEPA Chapter 518, or of a deceased member of the Chapter who was in good standing at the time of his death. "Member in Good Standing" is defined as follows: Member must be a paid-up member of the Chapter for two years, that is, the current scholarship year as well as the year prior to the scholarship year.
2. A member of the Chapter, who is in good standing and under the age of twenty-five(25) at the time of award shall be eligible to apply.

OR

In the event that there are no qualified applicants from within the families of the Chapter's membership for a given year, applications from sons and daughters of members in good standing of St. John the Theologian Greek Orthodox Church, as determined by the Church Treasurer, may be considered by the Scholarship Board. "Member in Good Standing" has the same definition as above, the individual is a church member for the current year as well as the prior year.

All applicants must meet the qualifications stated below:

1. Applicant shall be a high school graduate, pursuing a degree program, who has been accepted by an accredited college or university for a minimum course level of at least 12 credit hours per semester; or a college student with a minimum of two full semesters completed with at least 12 credit hours each.
2. The scholarship(s) shall be based on financial need, character, and all round ability. For scholarships based on financial need the applicant must have a grade point average of C+ or better. For scholarships based on scholastic ability, the applicant must have a grade point average of B or better. Grade point averages shall be determined by the Board from grades of the immediate past two semesters for college students and from report cards for graduating high school seniors.

Procedure for Filing Application

The following three (3) documents must be sent to the chairman of the Chapter's Scholarship Board no later than June 25 of the current scholarship year:

1. Completed, signed, and dated application.
2. Official transcript of high school grades (including the Spring semester of the senior year) for graduating high school seniors or official transcript of college grades for the immediate past two semesters for college students.
3. A letter to the Scholarship Board, prepared and signed by the student, stating pertinent background information, career goals and how the scholarship will benefit the achievement of these goals, as well as reasons, if any, on the need for financial assistance.

NOTE: Letters or related documents (newspaper articles, certificates of achievement, commendations, letters of recommendation by teachers or respected members of the community, etc.) that support statements on extracurricular and character building activities may also be submitted.

Application Filing date and Notification

1. All applications must be received by the Chapter's Scholarship Board by June 25 of the scholarship year. The applicant may advise the Board that some additional time is required to obtain the final school transcript with the 2nd semester grades.
2. Selection will be determined by the Board and notification will be given to all applicants no later than mid-August of the scholarship year.
3. The scholarship monetary awards will be made in one installment approximately three weeks after the applicant has provided the Scholarship Board with proof of enrollment in the college of choice. This information should include copy of letter from the school accepting the applicant as a student for the year in question.

NOTES:

1. All information submitted will be kept confidential within the Chapter's Scholarship Board files.
2. Only official transcripts with the Registrar's stamp and date shall be accepted.