The American Hellenic Educational Progressive Association, George Polos Chapter 505, has established the AHEPA MAVRIKION Scholarship Fund underscoring our commitment to education. We encourage and welcome all eligible candidates to complete and return the Application Form, along with the additionally requested information noted with the Application Instructions.

**Our Mission:** The mission of the AHEPA Family is to promote Hellenism, Education, Philanthropy,

Civic Responsibility, and Family and Individual Excellence.

**Hellenism:** We strive to create an awareness of the principles of Hellenism to people within and

outside the Greek American Community. Hellenism and its ideals serve to promote man’s commitment to humanity.

**Education:** We support and promote the development of new and more responsive ways to meet

our responsibility in creating a better learning environment for our children today ... and tomorrow. AHEPA's commitment to education has been well documented throughout its history. Over $4 million is endowed at the local, district, and national levels toward the use of scholarships and a half-million dollars is awarded annually.

**Philanthropy:** The very meaning of the word philanthropy is rooted in the Hellenic ideal of "love of

people" Philanthropy has been a pillar of strength for AHEPA over its many years of existence.

**Civic Responsibility:** As Greek-Americans and Phil-Hellenes, it is our civic responsibility to search for a just and peaceful resolution to the crisis in Cyprus, peace in the Aegean and the protection of the Ecumenical Patriarchate by creating an awareness of these issues to the President of the United States, our representatives in Congress, and diplomatic leaders worldwide. AHEPANS also involve themselves with issues related to domestic policy areas affecting philanthropic, civic, and community service. These positions are based upon our American Heritage and ideals with the best interests of the United States in mind.

**Family and Individual Excellence:** AHEPA prides itself on the concept of a strong family unit working together toward a common goal for the good of the family, community, and our Nation.

For more information about AHEPA, please visit our web site at [www.ahepa.org](http://www.ahepa.org/)

**SCHOLARSHIP FRAMEWORK**

1. The AHEPA Mavrikion Scholarship is a needs-based scholarship for graduate students showing exceptional promise in their field, above and beyond routine scholastic achievement.

2. The Chapter may but does not commit to providing funds for this Scholarship. In addition to direct funding, the scholarship may also subsidize the membership fees of the recipient to the chapter of either AHEPA George Polos Chapter #505 or Daughters of Penelope Philia Chapter #380 for up to two years.

**ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA – ALL MUST BE MET**

1. The Applicant must be at least 21 years old.

2. The Applicant must be currently enrolled as a graduate student in an accredited College or University, carry a minimum of 12 units per term; and earn a GPA of at least 3.25/4.00.

3. The Applicant must provide EXCEPTIONAL promise for contributing to their selected field of study, above and beyond routine scholastic achievement, as such promise can be evidenced by letters written by their Faculty.

4. The Applicant must not have the legal right to work in the U.S. other than employment inside their College or University.

5. Other than funds from employment inside their College or University, the student’s sole source of support comes from their parents who are Greek citizens and reside in Greece.

**EVALUATING CRITERIA FOR ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS**

1. Exceptional promise in the field, above and beyond routine scholastic achievement.

2. Need.

3. All other information presented in the application.

**INSTRUCTIONS TO THE APPLICANT**

**1. Ensure that all the Eligibility Criteria are met.**

**2. Create an application packet with the following:**

 2.1 The completed AHEPA MAVRIKION Scholarship Application Form below.

 2.2 An official school transcript showing the grades of the previous 12 continuous calendar months.

 2.3 An essay explaining your passion for the field; what you intend to do with your education; why you deserve this scholarship.

 2.4 A photocopy of a recent electricity bill from DEI for your parents’ residence in Greece showing their name and address. The Scholarship Chairman will show this photocopy to the Chapter President ONLY; and along with the Chapter President he will use it to certify the parents’ residence ONLY; and will destroy it immediately afterwards. Neither the parents’ names nor their address nor anything on that bill will be shared with anyone, not even with other AHEPA members.

 2.5 Copies of any letters documenting community service, awards, and recognition that you have received.

 2.6 A recommendation from a faculty member describing how your achievements in the field far exceed doing the required coursework to showing promise of great achievement in the field. Please request the recommending party to send such correspondence directly to the Scholarship Chairman at tkopanod@outlook.com or Dr. Tom Kopan, 503 Calle Sorpresa San Clemente, CA 92673-3064.

**3. E-mail the application packet as PDF no later than May 31, 2024 to:**

Dr. Tom Kopan, 503 Calle Sorpresa San Clemente, CA 92673-3064

tkopanod@outlook.com

**4. Await confirmation.**

Once the packet has been received the Chairman will reach out to you and confirm receipt. If you do not hear back within 10 days, please call to confirm.

**AHEPA MAVRIKION SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION 2023**

1. Name (Last, First, Middle)

2. Principal/permanent residence address (number, street, city, state, zip)

Mailing Address, if different from residence address (number, street, city, state, zip)

3. Home Phone (\_\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone (\_\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

4. Email address \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

5. Year of Birth \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Place of Birth \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

6. List all schools attended, most recent first.

School Name School Address Years Attended Cumulative Grade Average

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7. List recognitions or honors received in school or from your community (i.e., service clubs, religious organizations, etc.) Use extra sheets, if necessary and please attach a copy of letters documenting any recognitions or honors received.

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9. Applicant Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_