The American Hellenic Educational Progressive Association, George Polos Chapter 505, has established the AHEPA Undergraduate 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 Undergraduate scholarship is for students showing promise of development into positively contributing members of our society and fostering our Mission.

2. The Chapter provides 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 three years.

**ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA – ALL MUST BE MET**

1. The Applicant must be at least 17 years old.

2. The Applicant must not have received a scholarship award from this Chapter in the past.

3. Either the Applicant or one of Applicant’s parents, godparents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, or legal guardians must have been a continuously a member in good standing of the North San Diego County George Polos AHEPA Chapter #505 or Philia Chapter #380 for at least the past three years.

4. The Applicant must be a graduating high school senior who is expected to be accepted to and plans to attend an accredited College or University in 2023; or a currently enrolled undergraduate student (freshman, sophomore, or junior) in an accredited College or University, carrying a minimum of 12 units per term.

5. The Applicant must have a Cumulative Grade Point Average of at least 3.25 if high school student or 3.0 if a college student.

**EVALUATING CRITERIA FOR ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS**

1. Scholastic achievement.

2. Honors (member of honor society, or awards for athletics, music, drama, etc).

3. Community involvement, i.e., charitable or volunteer work, boy/girl scout, Greek Festival assignments, church sponsored Folk Dance Troupe, Greek Language School, Choir, Altar boy, etc.

4. All other information presented in the application.

**INSTRUCTIONS TO THE APPLICANT**

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

**2. Recommendations:**

Request at least one (1) recommendation to be written on official stationery from either an Officer of AHEPA Family, or a professor, teacher, or counselor, and to be sent directly to tkopanod@outlook.com or Dr. Tom Kopan, 503 Calle Sorpresa San Clemente, CA 92673-3064.

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

 3.1 The completed AHEPA Undergraduate Scholarship Application Form below.

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

 3.3 Additionally, if a High School Senior: A letter from the High School Principal or Counselor stating that the applicant is capable of handling university level work.

 3.4 An essay of approximately 500 words, written by you, describing any personal achievements, characteristics, and community involvement you wish the Scholarship Committee to take into consideration when evaluating your application. Tell us why you think you deserve this scholarship.

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

**4. E-mail or 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

**5. 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 949-874-2994 to follow up.

**6. Notification**

The recipients will be notified of their award by letter. Scholarship awards will also be announced in the Chapter Newsletter, TA NEA. Recipients must appear in person at the Church to receive the awards at a pre-agreed date during Calendar Year 2023.

**AHEPA UNDERGRADUATE 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. Affiliation to AHEPA Chapter #505 and/or Philia Chapter #380. If uncertain list additional relatives.

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