



## AHEPA FAMILY SCHOLARSHIPS

Student scholarships are available once again since the beginning of the year. AHEPA and Daughters of Penelope have the below scholarship opportunities available:

**AHEPA Chapter 505 Undergraduate Scholarship Fund** is available for students graduating high school through 4<sup>th</sup> year college showing promise of development into positively contributing members of society and fostering AHEPA's Mission. Please postmark or email to Dr. Tom Kopan ([tkopanod@outlook.com](mailto:tkopanod@outlook.com)) by May 31, 2026. The application can be found below.

**El Camino Real District #20 Undergraduate Scholarship Fund** is available for students who are members of the Sons of Pericles, Maids of Athena or whose parents are members of AHEPA or Daughters of Penelope. Must postmark by Saturday, May 2, 2026. (<https://ahepadistrict20.org/Scholarship/>)

**El Camino Real District #20 Graduate Scholarship Grants** are available to applicants who are members of District 20's AHEPA or Daughters of Penelope. Must postmark by Saturday, May 2, 2026. (<https://ahepadistrict20.org/Scholarship/>)

**El Camino Real District #20 2026 Technical, Trade, and Vocational Grants** are available to students who themselves are members of AHEPA, Daughters of Penelope, Sons of Pericles, or Maids of Athena for at least one (1) full year prior to their son/daughter applying for a grant. (<https://ahepadistrict20.org/Scholarship/>)

**The Daughters of Penelope Foundation** awards numerous scholarships to both male and female high school seniors, undergraduate and graduate students who are members or affiliated with the AHEPA Family. For more information, go to <https://dopfoundationinc.com/scholarships/apply-for-a-scholarship>. Due date is May 15, 2026.

**AHEPA National- Educational Foundation (AEF) Scholarships** are open from January 2<sup>nd</sup> to March 31<sup>st</sup> of each year to senior high school students, undergraduate and graduate students. More information and the application is available at <https://ahepa.org/education/>.

### OTHER AVAILABLE SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

**FAITH, An Endowment for Orthodoxy & Hellenism**, celebrates the academic achievements of young leaders within the Greek and Hellenic American community by awarding merit-based scholarships to some of the community's most promising graduating high school seniors from across the country. For more details go to <https://www.thefaithendowment.org/scholarships/>

**The PanHellenic Scholarships** are offered to college undergraduate students. For more details go to <https://www.panhellenicsf.org/apply>. Applications are open from October to January 31st of each year.

**The Zathas Foundation** awards scholarships to high school seniors and college students who are members of the Greek Orthodox faith who reside in San Diego County. Preference is given to those with financial need. For more information please contact Mr. Spero Tzathas at [spe1@cox.net](mailto:spe1@cox.net). Deadline is May 1, 2026.



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**GEORGE POLOS CHAPTER #505**

**THE AHEPA UNDERGRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

The American Hellenic Educational Progressive Association (AHEPA), 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 as noted below in 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. More than \$5 million dollars is endowed at the local, district, and national levels toward the use of scholarships, and over 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 Congressional Representatives, and diplomatic leaders worldwide. AHEPANS also involve themselves with issues related to domestic policy 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 family, community, and our Nation.

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



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**SCHOLARSHIP FRAMEWORK**

1. THE AHEPA Undergraduate Scholarship is for students showing promise of development into positively contributing members of society and fostering our mission;
2. The Chapter provides funds for these scholarships. In addition to direct funding, the scholarship may also subsidize the membership fees of the recipient to the chapter of either George Polos AHEPA #505 or 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 from this Chapter in the past;
3. Either the Applicant or one of the Applicant's parents, godparents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, or legal guardians must have been a continuous member in good standing of George Polos Chapter #505 or Philia Chapter #380 for at least the past 3 years;
4. The Applicant must be a:
  - A. graduating high school senior who is expected to be accepted to and plans to attend an accredited College or University in **2026**; or
  - B. currently enrolled undergraduate student (1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, or 3<sup>rd</sup> year student) in an accredited College or University carrying a minimum of 12 quarter or semesters hours;
5. The Applicant must have a Cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA) of:
  - A. High School: 3.25
  - B. College: 3.5

**EVALUATING CRITERIA FOR ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS**

1. Completed Application;
2. Scholastic Achievement;
3. Honors (honor society, awards for athletics, music, drama, etc.);
4. Community Involvement (charitable or volunteer work, boy/girl scouts, Greek Festival volunteer, church sponsored folk dance group, Greek School, choir, Altar Boy, Myrrh Bearer, etc.);



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### INSTRUCTIONS TO THE APPLICANT

1. **Ensure that all Eligibility Criteria are met;**
  
2. **Recommendations:**  
**Request at least one (1) recommendation** to be written on official stationery from either an Officer of the AHEPA Family, or a professor, teacher or counselor. Have the recommendation sent to: [tkopanod@outlook.com](mailto:tkopanod@outlook.com) or mail directly to:  
  
**Dr. Tom Kopan, 503 Calle Sorpresa, San Clemente, CA 92673-3064;**
  
3. **Create an application packet with the following:**
  - 3.1 **The completed AHEPA Scholarship Application Form (Pages 4-5);**
  - 3.2 An ***official*** high school transcript showing grades from the previous 12 continuous calendar months;
  - 3.3 **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*** (AI generated essays will be identified and disqualified) describing any personal achievements or community involvement that you wish the Scholarship Committee to take into consideration when evaluating you. Tell us why you feel you deserve this scholarship;
  - 3.5 **Copies** of any letters documenting community service, awards and recognition that you may have received;
  
4. **E-mail the completed packet as a .pdf file no later than **May 31, 2026** to:**  
[tkopanod@outlook.com](mailto:tkopanod@outlook.com)
  
5. **Await confirmation**  
Once the packet has been received, the chairman will reach out to you to confirm receipt. If you do not hear back within 10 days, please call 949-874-2994 to follow-up (leave message if no answer);
  
6. **Notification**  
The recipient(s) will be notified of their award by letter. Scholarship awards will be announced in the Chapter Newsletter, District Newsletter, reported to AHEPA Magazine, and The Vine. Recipients must appear in person in Church to receive their awards at a pre-arranged time during **Calendar Year 2026**.



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**AHEPA UNDERGRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION 2026**

1. Name (Last, First, Middle) \_\_\_\_\_

2. Permanent Residence Address (number, street, city, state, zip)

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

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

4. Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

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

6. List all schools attended, starting with the most recent.

	School	School Address	Years Attended	C-GPA*
a.	_____	_____	_____	_____
b.	_____	_____	_____	_____
c.	_____	_____	_____	_____
d.	_____	_____	_____	_____

\*Cumulative Grade Point Average

7. List recognitions and 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 you may have received.

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8. Please discuss your career plans and how you came to your decision.

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9. Affiliation to AHEPA Chapter #505 and/or Daughters Chapter #380. If uncertain, list additional relatives.

Name of Relative

Relationship to you

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10. Applicant Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_