

AHEPA ROCHESTER FOUNDATION

100 AHEPA Circle
Webster, NY 14580

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Dear applicant: This application is valid for all listed scholarships below. Please note our awards have different eligibility and evaluation criteria and they apply to High School graduates, undergraduate College / University students, & Graduate Students. Your application will automatically be considered first for the highest dollar amount award for which you are eligible. Applicants can receive a maximum of one award. Minimum standards apply to all awards. All information provided herein is strictly confidential. Your identity will not be disclosed to the selection committee.

AHEPA SCHOLARSHIPS

Primary
Emphasis

Students Eligible
(in or entering: College)

A DEAN ZUTES Memorial Scholarships (Up to 6 for a minimum of \$2,000 each)	Need	High School & College
B DEDETSINAS- PAPAPANU Memorial Scholarships (One at \$750)	Scholarship	High School or College
C PANAGIOTA E. TONIAS Memorial Scholarship (One at \$750)	Scholarship	<i>High School</i>
D DR. STAMATIA DESTOUNIS & DR. MANUEL MATOS SCHOLARSHIP Memorial Scholarship (One at \$750)	Scholarship	<i>College or Graduate</i>
For E and F, up to a total of 3 awards		
AHEPA Flower City Chapter # 67 (3 for \$750 each)	Scholarship	<i>High School or College</i>

	<u>Evaluation Relative Weight</u>	A	B	C	D	E (HS)	F (College)
1.	Scholarship	25%	40%	40%	30%	40%	40%
2.	Financial need	50%	10%	0%	0%	0%	0%
3.	Extracurricular activities	0%	5%	5%	10%	5%	10%
4.	Citizenship or community involvement	0%	5%	10%	10%	10%	15%
5.	Essay	10%	10%	10%	15%	10%	10%
6.	Extent of Hellenic study and culture	0%	5%	10%	10%	10%	0%
7.	AHEPA family membership	10%	20%	20%	10%	20%	20%
8.	Church membership	5%	5%	5%	10%	5%	5%
9.	Recommendation Letter Bonus	5%	5%	5%	10%	5%	5%
	TOTAL	105%	105%	105%	105%	105%	105%

INSTRUCTIONS & APPLICANT INFORMATION

Answer each question to the best of your knowledge. Incomplete answers will reduce your likelihood of receiving an award, especially one that has a high relative weight for the category of information omitted. Ignoring instructions may disqualify your application

- Provide all supporting documents.
- Financial information must be provided for scoring consideration based on need.
- C, D, & E** scholarships do not require financial need information. It is recommended that all sections be answered to increase your chances for an award.
- Include a letter of recommendation from a non-relative who will write of your character, ideals, and values. It may be by an AHEPAN, your priest, employer, teacher, or anyone who knows you very well and can address these aspects of your character. It is recommended that you limit the letter to one page in length.
- The committee prefers typed entries. Electronic submittal (cd or email) along with hard copy is appreciated and welcomed.**
- Applications must be postmarked by August 31, 2024.**

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Full Name:	
Home Address:	
Street:	
Town/City & State:	Zip Code:
Telephone Number:	Date of Birth:
Email address:	
Name of school last attended (High School or College):	
Name of school you are now attending:	

I hereby affirm that all of the information provided in this application is accurate to the best of my knowledge. I authorize the Scholarship Committee to verify information submitted. I further acknowledge that any intentional material misrepresentation will disqualify my application.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Please do not enter your name on the remainder of this application or on the essay.
Completed and signed application (Including this signed sheet) **must be mailed to:**

**AHEPA Rochester Foundation
Attn. Scholarship Committee Chairperson
100 AHEPA Circle
Webster, New York 14580**

Note: AHEPA Scholarship winners are announced to the community through our newsletter and through church and other Hellenic organization publications. Awards are presented during a special awards ceremony in early January, at the AHEPA #67 Apartments Community hall. Award winners are expected to attend and receive their award in person.

Remember to attach separate sheets where you add information, and include required documentation: FAFSA EFC, transcripts, letter of recommendation, etc. SIGN AND DATE your form, using the space above.

IMPORTANT!

Deadline now August 31, 2024

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Section I: ELIGIBILITY

1. Past or anticipated date of graduation from high school: _____
2. Will you be registered as a full time college student in October of this year? _____
3. Name of college to which you are or will be registered as a matriculated student: _____
4. If you have previously received a scholarship from AHEPA Chapter #67 or AHEPA Rochester Foundation, please indicate the year (and amount) awarded _____. **For 2024, we are limiting AHEPA awards to one on the high school level, and a maximum of 2 per applicant on the undergraduate level. The ARF Zutes Memorial Scholarships are limited to a maximum of 2 per applicant.**
5. Are you applying for financial need? Yes () or No ()
6. Per Internal Revenue regulations, students immediately related to a Trustee of the Rochester AHEPA Foundation or related to anyone who has contributed to or who is a member or owner of an organization which has contributed \$5,000 or more to the AHEPA Rochester Foundation are not eligible to apply.
7. Are you or your parents members of any of the following organizations (check all that apply)

ORGANIZATION	Mother	Father	Self
1) Order of AHEPA Flower City #67 *			
2) Daughters of Penelope Odysseus Chapter # 44 *			
3) Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church of Rochester, NY			
4) Holy Spirit Greek Orthodox Church of Rochester, NY			

We require a **minimum of 18 months membership in good standing** in the AHEPA Family for scoring credit.

Section II: SUPPLEMENTAL APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

1. Submit a copy of your latest available official high school and / or college transcripts
2. Submit a short essay (**MUST NOT TO EXCEED ONE PAGE WITH 1" MARGINS, DOUBLE SPACE, 12 PT TIMES ROMAN FONT.**) YOUR ESSAY WILL BE EVALUATED FOR STYLE, ORGANIZATION, CONTENT AND MECHANICS, ON THE FOLLOWING SUBJECT:
Adhering to the purpose, goals and ideals of AHEPA, describe "How your educational path will promote the achievement of the ideas on (select one only) Hellenism, Education, Philanthropy, Civic Responsibility, Family, and Individual Excellence as expressed in the AHEPA goals and ideals." Include why you would like to be part of the Order of AHEPA or the Daughters of Penelope in the future.
(See AHEPA goals/Ideals on back page. For more Information, visit www.ahepa.org)

Section III: EDUCATION, CULTURAL & EXTRACURRICULAR INFORMATION

GRADES: _____ SAT Score: _____ HS GPA: _____ HS Rank: _____ College GPA _____

2. List completed or anticipated **course work in Hellenic studies**: (Include course work related to Greek culture past or present, including Greek Language School). Required for applicants with Hellenic study scholarship criteria.

3. List Greek / Hellenic **cultural activities**: (Include travel to Greece, dance groups, Church School, and similar programs, activities, Ionian Village, camps, etc.). Attach additional sheet if needed.

4. List any **academic awards or honors** that you have received or achieved:

Attach additional sheet if needed.

5. List the **extracurricular activities** (*those performed with school supervision/approval*) in which you have participated: (Include activities such as sports, music, and clubs, etc.). Attach additional sheet if needed.

<u>Activity</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Total Hours in last 12 mos.</u>

6. **Citizenship or community involvement:** List and describe any volunteer activities through which you have helped others or the community at large. For each activity, estimate the number of hours devoted to this activity in the last 12 months. Attach additional sheet if needed.

<u>Activity</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Total Hours in last 12 mos.</u>

Section IV: FINANCIAL INFORMATION (If additional explanation is required, please attach).

(This section must be completed for scoring financial need.) Information provided shall be kept confidential

1. Indicate total hours of work/study per semester: _____
2. Do you have or anticipate any loans in your name? ____ If yes, indicate the amount: _____
3. Indicate the total amount of the grants and scholarships that you expect to receive for the upcoming academic year.
_____ Attach list.
4. State your FAFSA, Expected Family Contribution (EFC). _____ (Must Provide copy of EFC statement)
5. List and describe any extraordinary family medical expenses. Attach if needed. _____
6. Do you plan to live: On campus: ____ Off campus: ____ At home: ____ .Other _____
7. Enter Total Family Income from FAFSA Estimated Gross Income for the last calendar year.
- ***If your family/financial situation (need) is not addressed by the above questions (SECTION IV- 1 thru 7) , you may explain your special situation in separate sheet .***
8. How many of your siblings will be in college during this academic year.

American Hellenic Educational Progressive Association

AHEPA - PURPOSE GOALS & IDEALS

AHEPA works hard to promote our values and wishes to recognize young people who share them. You are not expected to have experience in all these areas, so concentrate on those few that are most central to your life and outlook.

- **Hellenism.**
 - a) working for the perpetuation of the Greek and Hellenic culture in all areas, including language, music, literature, art, dance;
 - b) promoting Hellenic studies and other educational programs and initiatives which teach Hellenic topics in colleges and universities.
 - c) honoring the Hellenic legacy: *Search for Truth, Supremacy of Reason, Encouragement of the Free Mind, Pursuit of Excellence, Appreciation of Beauty, Love of Life, Passion for Freedom, Respect for the Individual.*
- **Education.**
 - a) providing scholarships, loans and other financial resources and support for our members and children to pursue greater education;
 - b) providing greater formal and informal educational opportunities for our members;
 - c) educating non-AHEPA Family members and the general public regarding the AHEPA Family, Hellenism, and the goals and mission of the AHEPA Family.
- **Philanthropy.**
 - a) pursuing a wide range of charitable activities related to the AHEPA Family's core mission in the areas of: (i) Hellenism; (ii) education; (iii) other philanthropic causes; (iv) civic responsibility; and (v) family and individual excellence; b) identifying and supporting proper Chapter, Regional and National philanthropic causes which require support and
 - c) supporting the philanthropic, humanitarian and Hellenic cultural programs of the Greek Orthodox Church.
- **Civic Responsibility.**
 - a) actively participating in the governmental processes at the local, state and national levels;
 - b) voting and encouraging an active role in the electoral and legislative process; and
 - c) promoting and facilitating all facets of community service.
- **Family.**
 - a) creating an environment which fosters positive family values and family interaction;
 - b) undertaking initiatives which strengthen the families of our members; and
 - c) educating our youth in the fundamental skills necessary to create and maintain a positive family environment.
- **Individual Excellence.**
 - a) stressing good moral character and ethics;
 - b) fostering athletic activities which emphasize individual excellence, achievement, hard work, sportsmanship and team work; and
 - c) developing and implementing programs which facilitate education and improvement in all facets of one's life.

Learn more about AHEPA visit www.ahepa.org

GUIDE FOR COMPLETING A SUCCESSFUL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION:

Step One:

- A. Applicant should carefully read over the scholarship form before filling it out.
- B. Review the available scholarships and decide which ones you want to concentrate on.
- C. Applications can be hand written (we score for legibility), **or computer generated. The MS WORD application can be sent to you on request, to enable "fill-in". Electronic submittal (cd or email) along with hard copy is appreciated and welcomed.**
- D. The **Dean Zutes Memorial Scholarships**: Awards are based primarily on need. FAFSA report is required.
- E. **Under Section IV** of the application, if your application is based on financial need, please include additional information related to need. The space provided is limited, however, you may include on separate sheet, pertinent information that will help the committee to evaluate your application.

Step Two:

The rest of the information below applies to all the scholarships submitted.

Essay: Take a little more time in completing the essay. Many applicants in the past lost credits by not following the instructions per Section II of the application e.g. provide a one sheet essay only with the required spacing, a two sheet essay will be scored zero out of 10 points. Stick to the chosen topic and make your point. Hint: The essay should focus on the elements in the attached Goals of the Order of AHEPA. Don't forget to spell check your essay.

Citizenship/Community involvement and extracurricular activities: Understand the difference between these two requirements and *don't forget to include the hours involved* with each as it applies; State total hours for the activity, or hours per week, or month, or year, etc. Include dates where applicable e.g. junior year, senior year, summer activity, etc. Remember, the committee takes notice of vague entries.

a. Citizenship and Community involvement: Is defined to include, ***volunteer work that is unsupervised by the school.*** It is what you choose to do on your own. Some examples are: Helping the Salvation Army as a bell ringer during Xmas Holiday season, fulfilling requirements for Eagle scout, volunteering at a senior center, helping out in your church or some charity organization by fixing, cleaning etc. Hint: Include planning, organizing, executing the activity. Backup documentation can help.

NOTE: **Do not include compensated activities (either monetary, or in exchange for privileges).**

b. Extracurricular Activities: Is defined to include ***school sponsored / supervised activities.*** e.g. Being on a sports team, marching band, school orchestra, school paper, musicals, chorus, etc.

NOTE: Do not include compensated activities (either monetary, or in exchange for privileges).

Backup documentation can help.

3. Hellenic Study: Attending Greek Language School, learning Greek dances, reading books on Greek culture, taking college courses that include elements of Hellenism and Greek philosophy. In simple terms anything that you can relate to furthering your understanding of Hellenism. HS applicants may list all Hellenic Studies exposure including current year. Applicants already in college must limit entries to current Hellenic Studies. Include dates where applicable e.g. junior year, senior year, summer activity, etc. Remember, the committee takes notice of vague entries.

One final reminder: The effort you invest in preparation will be noticed, and the information you assemble for the AHEPA scholarships can be used in other scholarships, which may be available to you.

Good Luck.

Applications for AHEPA Scholarships which are based on need require FAFSA EFC (Expected Family Contribution). www.usa.gov/fafsa (**2024 FAFSA Guide - Deadline: June 30th, 2025**)
https://search.usa.gov/search?affiliate=usagov_all_gov&query=Printable+I+Fafsa