



AHEPA “Saguaro” Chapter 219 Educational and Cultural Foundation (ECF), Phoenix, Arizona

Dear Scholarship Applicant,

Thank you for your interest in the Phoenix Chapter 219 ECF Scholarship for higher education.

AHEPA was founded on July 26, 1922, in response to the evils of bigotry and ignorance that emerged in early 20th century American society. Today, AHEPA brings the ideals of Hellenism to the community and to the nation; membership is open to everyone who believes in the mission of the organization. AHEPA officials have visited all U.S. Presidents in the White House since meeting first with President Calvin Coolidge in 1924. Three presidents—Franklin D. Roosevelt, Harry S. Truman, and Gerald Ford—have become AHEPA members. Phoenix Chapter 219 is the very first chapter in Arizona and was formed in 1929.

Commitment to education is at the core of AHEPA’s mission and has been well documented throughout its history. Over \$5 million is endowed at the local, district, and national levels toward the use of scholarships and a half-million dollars is awarded annually. Thousands of young men and women have benefited as recipients of AHEPA scholarships at these various levels. The local Chapter, District, and National AHEPA organization each have their own scholarship application processes and vary in terms of qualifications and timelines. We encourage you to visit the National and District websites, become familiar with their work, and apply for their scholarships. For the national organization visit www.ahepa.org and for District 20, of which Arizona is a part, visit <http://www.ahepa20.org/>. Each of these applications will require local Chapter endorsement, which will be provided by the Chapter Scholarship Committee. Please contact us with any questions, including help with AHEPA scholarship applications at all levels.

I would like to say a word about our AHEPA Chapter 219 Educational Foundation which is a registered 501-C3 entity. There are presently 77 members who have pledged \$347,325. During the past 10-years the Foundation has awarded \$139,750 in scholarships. Finally, I would be remiss if I did not mention the Johnson family who has pledged \$200,000 over a twenty-year period. Their generosity created a strong base from which the Foundation has continued to grow.

Scholarship amounts depend on monies available and the number of applicants. The checks are payable to the student. Following this letter is our application. The process takes some preparation, thoughtful reflection, and gathering of resources. Our scholarships will be awarded at the Annual Scholarship Luncheon on Saturday, January 6, 2024. To meet this timeline, your completed application MUST be postmarked by no later than Saturday, October 28, 2023.

Best Regards,

Ed Weiss

Ed Weiss, AHEPA 219 ECF Scholarship Chairman

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SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

For 2022/23 School Year

The mission of the American Hellenic Educational Progressive Association (AHEPA) Family is to promote Hellenism's classical legacy of commitment to Humanity, Freedom, Democracy, Education, Philanthropy, Civic Responsibility, and Family and Individual Excellence. Nationally and regionally, AHEPA has a long-standing tradition of raising funds for and awarding scholarships to worthy individuals.

▣ SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

The Phoenix Chapter of AHEPA is honored to make the availability of scholarships our primary outreach focus as we seek to promote the advancement of higher education in the AHEPA tradition. The scholarship award will be paid directly to the student contingent on attendance at a university or other institution of higher learning for the next school year. The scholarship will be distributed as a deserving gift, with no financial obligation imposed upon the recipient. All Scholarship awards are merit based. Any portion of the application proven to be untrue, or incomplete may disqualify the applicant.

▣ ELIGIBILITY

To be considered for a scholarship award, you must:

- A. Be an Orthodox or Non-Orthodox Christian and
- B. Be affiliated with the AHEPA 219 chapter and/or be a member in good standing of Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Cathedral or Assumption Greek Orthodox Church.
- C. Be in an educational status in one of the following categories:
 - i. In the graduating class of your high school and planning to attend full-time, as a freshman, a regionally accredited university or other institution of higher learning in the fall of 2023.
 - ii. In the graduating class of your high school and planning to attend a regionally accredited trade school or vocational program in the fall of 2023.
 - iii. Will be continuing your university undergraduate studies as a sophomore, or junior in the fall of 2023.
 - iv. Are in the senior year of your university undergraduate program and planning to attend a regionally accredited graduate school program in the fall of 2023.
 - v. Will be starting the second year of your graduate school program in the fall of 2023
- D. Have a minimum (unweighted) grade point average of 3.0

▣ SUBMISSION

- A. Sealed letter of recommendation from a non-family member regarding your character and extracurricular activities.
- B. Official transcript of high school grades if you are a high school senior.
- C. Official transcript of the 2023 Spring Semester grades, if you are a college freshman, sophomore, junior, or senior.
- D. For High School seniors, provide a completed referral from your High School Principal or Guidance Counselor (form at the end of this packet).
- E. For applicants who are members of AHEPA 219 or whose family member(s) are members of AHEPA 219, Sons of Pericles, Maids of Athena, or Daughters of Penelope, provide a completed referral from a Chapter officer (form at the end of this packet).
- F. A letter of reference from your priest or Pastor, validating your good standing.

Please send the completed application packet to the address below post marked by Saturday, October 28, 2023

This scholarship application is applicable for the 2023/24 school year only. Please print or type your responses.

AHEPA 219 Scholarship Committee
Ed Weiss
13159 N 104th Place
Scottsdale, AZ 85260

Contact Ed Weiss at ewpwrqly@gmail.com
or call at 602-321-4314 with any questions
that you may have about the application.



▣ EVALUATION CRITERIA



There are three categories of application:

- 1) High School Senior
- 2) Collegiate (Undergraduate and Graduate level)
- 3) Trade School or Vocational School Program.

Applicants will be rated per the total points that are accumulated:

- A. Grades: (3) point for each tenth of a GPA point above 3.5 for high school seniors (**unweighted GPA**) for the 2023 Spring Semester.
- B. Grades: (5) points for each tenth of a GPA point above 3.5 for college/graduate school students (**unweighted GPA**) for the 2023 Spring Semester.
- C. High School SAT/ACT scores: (5) points for above the 50th percentile in AZ for 2022 and an additional (5) points for the 90th percentile and above in AZ for 2023.
- D. Five (5) points for membership/parental membership in good standing of the AHEPA 219 Family. An additional five (5) points based on the following:
 - i. Chapter officer (past and present)
 - ii. Event chair or active event preparation person
 - iii. District or National Lodge officer (past & present)
- E. Five (5) points for each extracurricular activity (maximum 20 points) in the previous academic year.
- F. Five (5) points for each Church activity (maximum 30 points) in the previous academic year.
- G. Five (5) points for each Community service activity (maximum 25 points) in the previous academic year.
Note: each activity may only be listed in one of the above three categories.
- H. Up to Thirty (30) points for a minimum 500-word essay, based on the following breakdown:
 - i. (10) points for aptness of thought (clear & concise)
 - ii. (5) points for English/grammar/punctuation (readable)
 - iii. (10) points for originality of thought
 - iv. (5) points for use of reference sources (minimum of 2)
- I. **Financial Need** (up to 10 points) Personal and family gross income of less than \$45,000 qualifies for special consideration. Please contact Father Andrew at Assumption or Father Apostolos at Holy Trinity to assist you with your application. "The Priests will communicate financial need directly and confidentially with the Scholarship Committee Chairman only".



AHEPA “Saguaro” Chapter 219
Educational and Cultural Foundation (ECF)
Phoenix, AZ

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Full Legal Name:

Date of Birth:

Sex:

Permanent Home Address:

Mailing Address if different than above:

Home Telephone:

Cell Phone:

Email Address:

EDUCATIONAL STATUS

Are you presently a full-time High School student in your senior year? Yes No

What is the name of your High School?

What is the address of the High School?

What is the name of the College/University that you are planning to attend?

Are you presently a full-time College/University student? Yes No

If yes, what is the name of your College/University?

What is your present year of study?

Freshman

Sophomore

Junior

Senior

If you are a senior in college, have you been accepted into a graduate school program? Yes No

If yes, what is the name of the Graduate School?

What is the address of your Graduate School?

Are you presently enrolled in a full-time graduate school program? Yes No

If yes, what is the name of the University where you are conducting your graduate studies?

What is the address of your Graduate School?

Are you presently enrolled in a full-time Trade School or accredited Vocational Program for the 2022/23 school year? Yes No

If yes, what is the name of the Trade School or Vocational Program?

What is the address of the Trade School or Vocational Program?

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP ACTIVITIES FOR THE 2023 CALENDAR YEAR

Please provide a letter from your Priest on parish letterhead attesting to Church membership and activities.

Parish Name:

Parish Address:

Please list and describe all the 2023 Church activities in which you participate.

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2.

3.

4.

5.

EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES FOR THE 2023 CALENDAR YEAR

Please list and describe all the 2023 Extracurricular activities in the order of their interest to you, for example, clubs, societies, sports, etc.

Please provide a letter in a signature-sealed envelope from someone who knows you well (not a family member) who will attest to your extracurricular activities and general character. Additionally, the letter should include recommenders name, contact info, and relationship to you..

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5.

PERSONAL, COMMUNITY, AND VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES FOR THE 2023 CALENDAR YEAR

Please list and describe your community, volunteer, family activities and hobbies

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2.

3.

4.

5.

AHEPA FAMILY INVOLVEMENT

Are you an active member of the AHEPA 219 Family? Yes No

If yes, please check all that apply: AHEPA DOP MOA SOP

Is your parent, spouse, or family member an active member of the AHEPA 219 Family? Yes No

What is the full name of the active AHEPA 219 Family Member?

Please check all that apply: AHEPA DOP MOA SOP

What is your and/or your family members specific active participation in your AHEPA 219 family branch, include your relationship to the family member?

1.

2.

3.

ESSAY (500 words minimum – 800 words maximum)

Greece recently celebrated its 200th Anniversary of independence from the Ottomans. Cite an example of a Hellenic resistance leader and why you admire their Hellenic values and character. How will you pursue a life adhering to those values and lead with those character traits going forward?

- You must cite at least 2 sources.
- You *cannot* cite King Leonidas of Sparta as a resistance leader.
 - *Example Thesis:* King Leonidas of Sparta chose to place his community need for independent rule above his personal needs by sacrificing himself at Thermopylae, saving Greece from Persian rule. I plan to emulate his love for freedom by actively participating in our democratic republic and putting the needs of my church above my own for the sake of my loving community.



Order of AHEPA "Saguaro" Chapter 219

Executive Committee President and Secretary

(Note: Chapter 219, SOP, DOP or MOA Presidents and Secretaries may sign this form)

VERIFICATION OF GOOD STANDING FORM

It is the sole responsibility of each applicant to obtain **Verification of Good Standing** from the following: Chapter No. 219 of the *Order of AHEPA* and/or the Sons of Pericles Chapter 283, Maids of Athena, and Daughters of Penelope, Chapter 432. Please, attach this form to the scholarship application form.

I hereby certify that the name of the applicant on this Scholarship Form qualifies under the relevant part of the by-laws of the following: ***Order of AHEPA CHAPTER NO. 219 and/or SONS OF PERICLES (SOP), MAIDS OF ATHENA (MOA), DAUGHTERS OF PENELOPE (DOP).***

The applicant is a member in good standing of the following:

Order of AHEPA Chapter No. 219 SOP MOA DOP

_____, Parent of the applicant, is a member in good standing of the following: MOA or DOP

_____, Parent/Grandparent of the applicant, is a member of the following: *Order of AHEPA* Chapter No. 219

- Dues are paid
- Attended a minimum of 4 meetings in the last 12 months
- Member of the Educational Cultural Foundation (ECF)
- Donated to one of our charitable organizations
- Attended and volunteered at social and fundraising events

Chapter President's Signature

Chapter Secretary's Signature

****If you and/or your family are not members of AHEPA 219 you **DO NOT** need to submit this form with your application****



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Educational and Cultural Foundation (ECF, 501c3)

Phoenix, AZ

The following information is to be completed and signed by your principal or guidance counselor.

Date of graduation: _____

Applicant’s rank and total number of students in graduating class: _____

Student’s Unweighted Grade Point Average (GPA): _____

SAT/ACT scores: Verbal _____ Math _____ Writing _____

I hereby recommend the student named as a candidate for a scholarship award.

Signature

Title

Date