



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 \$355,025. During the past 10-years the Foundation has awarded \$151,250 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 4, 2025. To meet this timeline, your completed application MUST be postmarked by no later than Saturday, November 9th, 2024.

Best Regards,

Nicholas William Petsas

Nicholas Petsas, AHEPA 219 ECF Scholarship Chairman

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SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

For 2024/25 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 student will receive directly a scholarship monetary award if they apply and meet the minimum requirements 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. 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 Christian and
- B. Family must 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 2024.
 - 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 2024.
 - iii. Will be continuing your university undergraduate studies as a sophomore, or junior in the fall of 2024.
 - 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 2024.
 - v. Will be starting the second year of your graduate school program in the fall of 2024
- 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 2024 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, confirming your good standing in the Church.

Please send the completed application to the email/physical address below post marked by 11:59pm AZ Saturday, November 9, 2024.

This scholarship application is applicable for the 2024/25 school year only. Print or type responses.

Email: npetsas@outlook.com OR Mail:
AHEPA 219 Scholarship Committee
Nicholas Petsas
103 E Marlette Ave.
Phoenix, AZ 85012

Contact Nicholas Petsas at
npetsas@outlook.com or call at 602-710-
0840 with any questions that you may have



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 (160 points total):

- A. Grades: (3) points for each tenth of a GPA point above 3.5 for high school seniors (**unweighted GPA**) for the 2024 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 2024 Spring Semester.
- C. High School SAT/ACT scores: (5) points for above the 50th percentile in AZ for 2024 and an additional (5) points for the 90th percentile and above in AZ for 2024.
- D. Ten (10) points for membership/parental membership in good standing of the AHEPA 219 Family.
- E. (5) points *each* for the first two extracurriculars and (10) for the third (max. 20).
- F. Five (5) points *each* for the first two Church activities and (10) *each* for the third and fourth (max. 30).
- G. Five (5) points *total* for the first two service activities, (5) *each* for the third and fourth, (10) for the fifth (max. 25 points).
Note: each activity section must be mutually exclusive. Each activity must have been completed in the previous academic year.
- H. Up to Fifty (50) points for a minimum 500, maximum 800-word essay, based on the following breakdown:
 - i. (15) points for aptness of thought (clear & concise)
 - ii. (10) points for English/grammar/punctuation (readable)
 - iii. (15) points for originality of thought
 - iv. (10) 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".

Summary	Description	Points	% of Total
A/B/C	Grades and Testing	25	16%
D	AHEPA 219	10	6%
E	Extracurricular	20	13%
F	Church Activities	30	19%
G	Community Service	25	16%
H	Essay	50	31%
		160	100%

1. PERSONAL INFORMATION

Legal Name:

Last
First
Middle
Date of Birth
Sex

Permanent Home Address:

Number
Street
City
State
Zip Code

Mailing Address, if different from above:

Number
Street
City
State
Zip Code

Use Until: _____

Permanent Home Telephone: (_____) _____

Cell Phone: (_____) _____

Email Address: _____

2. 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?

Name

City

State

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

Name

City

State

Are you presently a full-time College/University student?

Yes ☐

No ☐

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

Name

City

State

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?

Name

City

State

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?

Name

City

State

Are you presently enrolled in a full-time Trade School or accredited Vocational Program for the 2024/25 school year?

Name

City

State

3. CHURCH MEMBERSHIP ACTIVITIES FOR THE 2024 CALANDER YEAR

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

Parish Name

Address

City

State

Jurisdiction

Please list and describe all the **2024** Church activities in which you participate.

1.

2.

3.

4.

4. EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES, FOR THE 2024 CALANDER YEAR

Please list and describe your 2024 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 the recommender's name, contact information, and relationship to you.

1.

2.

3.

5. COMMUNITY SERVICE ACTIVITIES FOR THE 2024 CALANDER YEAR

Please list and describe your community service activities

1.

2.

3.

4.

5.

6. 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 that active AHEPA 219 family member?

Please check all that apply: AHEPA ☐ DOP ☐ MOA ☐ SOP ☐

What is your and /or your family member’s specific active participation in your AHEPA 219 family branch?

1.

2.

3.

7. ESSAY (500 words minimum – 800 words maximum)

- How do you balance your time for all your activities and your educational studies but also do the right task at the right time? Explain how you have taken advantage of opportunities to grow your leadership in your activities.
- Please use examples from all your activity sections of the application.
- For 2 citation requirements, it would behoove you to include research on the Greek concepts of Kronos (managing time) and Kairos (doing the right thing at the right time). Quotes about time management, leadership, taking advantage of opportunities are highly encouraged.



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Educational and Cultural Foundation (ECF, 501c3)
Phoenix, AZ

FOR HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS ONLY

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



**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 _____ or SOP _____, MOA: _____, DOP: _____
- ☐ _____, Parent of the applicant, is a member in good standing of the following: *Order of AHEPA* Chapter No. 219 and/or SOP _____, MOA: _____, DOP: _____
- ☐ _____, Grandparents of the applicant, is a member in good standing of the following: *Order of AHEPA* Chapter No. 219 and/or SOP _____, MOA: _____, DOP: _____

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 you application*****



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Thank you for applying to the AHEPA 219 ECF Scholarship,

Please fill out our very quick (5 minute) [Application Exit survey](#) so we can improve the application process, content and awards to align with your future needs.

We would like to remind you of the following:

- We encourage you to visit the National (www.ahepa.org) and District 20 scholarship websites (www.ahepa20.org).
- Our scholarships will be awarded at the Annual Scholarship Luncheon on Saturday, January 4, 2025.
- Please fill out our very quick (5 minute) [Application Exit survey](#) so we can improve the application process, content and awards to align with your future needs.
- Please enjoy and digest the Hellenic values espoused by some of the best Greeks to ever live:

“..the life according to reason is the best and pleasantest, since reason more than anything else *is* man. This life therefore is the happiest.” – Aristotle, *Nicomachean Ethics*, Book X Chapter 7.

Ithaka
by C.P. Kavafy

As you set out for Ithaka
hope the voyage is a long one,
full of adventure, full of discovery.
Laistrygonians and Cyclops,
angry Poseidon—don’t be afraid of them:
you’ll never find things like that on your way
as long as you keep your thoughts raised high,
as long as a rare excitement
stirs your spirit and your body.
Laistrygonians and Cyclops,
wild Poseidon—you won’t encounter them
unless you bring them along inside your soul,
unless your soul sets them up in front of you.

Hope the voyage is a long one.
May there be many a summer morning when,
with what pleasure, what joy,
you come into harbors seen for the first time;
may you stop at Phoenician trading stations
to buy fine things,
mother of pearl and coral, amber and ebony,

sensual perfume of every kind—
as many sensual perfumes as you can;
and may you visit many Egyptian cities
to gather stores of knowledge from their scholars.

Keep Ithaka always in your mind.
Arriving there is what you are destined for.
But do not hurry the journey at all.
Better if it lasts for years,
so you are old by the time you reach the island,
wealthy with all you have gained on the way,
not expecting Ithaka to make you rich.

Ithaka gave you the marvelous journey.
Without her you would not have set out.
She has nothing left to give you now.

And if you find her poor, Ithaka won’t have fooled you.
Wise as you will have become, so full of experience,
you will have understood by then what these Ithakas mean.

Sincerely,

Nicholas William Petsas

Nicholas Petsas, AHEPA 219 ECF Scholarship Chairman