



## **AHEPA 232 FOUNDATION INC. NICK SMYRNIS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP 2026 APPLICATION**

**The AHEPA 232 Foundation, Inc. is proud to announce the Nick Smyrnis Memorial Scholarship for the 2026-2027 academic year. This scholarship grants the recipient \$2,500 in financial aid toward their undergraduate studies.**

### **AHEPA**

Founded in 1922 in Atlanta, Georgia, on the principles that undergirded its fight for civil rights and against discrimination, bigotry, and hatred felt at the hands of the Ku Klux Klan, AHEPA is the largest and oldest grassroots association of American citizens of Greek heritage and Philhellenes with more than 400 chapters across the United States, Canada, and Europe. Our mission is to promote the ancient Hellenic ideals of education, philanthropy, civic responsibility, family, and individual excellence through community service and volunteerism. The James Whitcomb Riley Chapter No. 232 is the local chapter based in Indianapolis. Learn more about the AHEPA and our local chapter at [www.ahepa232.org](http://www.ahepa232.org).

### **NICK SMYRNIS**

Nick Smyrnis (1923-2022) was a 73-year member of the AHEPA James Whitcomb Riley Chapter No. 232 and graduated from Butler University. Brother Smyrnis served two terms as Supreme President (1979 to 1981). During his first term, President Jimmy Carter spoke at the 1980 AHEPA Congressional Banquet in Washington, DC. He also represented the United States at the Olympic Torch Ceremony in Athens, Greece, January 27-31, 1980, as part of a delegation appointed by President Carter to bring the Olympic torch to the Winter Olympic Games in Lake Placid, N.Y.

Nick Smyrnis was one of the founders of AHEPA National Housing Corporation, which he helped establish in 1983 to provide affordable apartment communities for low-income seniors. He was also an original founder of the ANHC's subsidiary, the AHEPA Affordable Housing Management Company (AMC), which was created in 1991 to provide property management services for affordable senior apartment communities.

He also served as the first President of the ANHC Board and as AMC President until 2008. Today, ANHC, through its subsidiaries, is a nationwide provider of 87 affordable apartment communities and four affordable assisted living communities in 19 states, serving 5,500 seniors.

### **INSTRUCTIONS**

Qualified students pursuing a Bachelor of Arts or Bachelor of Science during the 2026-2027 academic year shall be considered for a scholarship. The following rules apply when application for this scholarship:

1. A scholarship applicant need not be of Greek descent.
2. All applicants must be enrolled in a full-time program designated by their college or university.
3. The applicant must submit the following documents by April 30, 2026:

- (a) A completed and signed 2026 scholarship application form.

**(b) A current official transcript (i.e. stamped and signed by the school the applicant attends). If you are applying as a student entering your freshman year, please submit your most recent transcript from the High School that you graduated from.**

**(c) A minimum 350-word essay on the following topic: Describe an event in which you took a leadership role and what you learned about yourself.**

**(d) Current letters of recommendation from two (2) faculty members and one (1) from a member of the community. If you are applying as a student entering your freshman year, the two (2) faculty members must be from the High School that you are graduating from.**

**4. All applications for scholarship, official transcript and other supporting documents must be submitted by email to the AHEPA 232 Foundation, Inc. at [ahepa232foundation@outlook.com](mailto:ahepa232foundation@outlook.com). All documents submitted by email must be in pdf.:**

**ALL APPLICATIONS AND SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS MUST BE SUBMITTED BY APRIL 30, 2026.**

**APPLICANTS SHOULD ALSO EMAIL [OFFICE@AHEPA232.ORG](mailto:OFFICE@AHEPA232.ORG) STATING THEIR APPLICATION WAS EMAIL TO THE FOUNDATION IN CASE THE APPLICATION EMAIL IS SENT TO THE FOUNDATION'S SPAM FOLDER.**

**5. The AHEPA 232 Foundation, Inc. Board of Directors will review and judge all timely submitted applications and determine a recipient not later than June 30, 2026.**

**6. An individual is only eligible to receive this scholarship twice.**

**7. For the 2026 scholarship, the Board of Directors will grant the scholarship to three recipients only.**

**8. The scholarship check may be made payable to the applicant or applicant's educational institution at the DISCRETION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS.**



**AHEPA 232 FOUNDATION INC.  
NICK SMYRNIS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP  
2026 APPLICATION FORM**

**DURING THE 2026-2027 ACADEMIC YEAR I WILL BE AN UNDERGRADUATE (PLACE AN "X" NEXT TO YOUR YEAR OF STUDY):**

FRESHMAN \_\_\_\_\_ SOPHMORE \_\_\_\_\_ JUNIOR \_\_\_\_\_ SENIOR \_\_\_\_\_

**PERSONAL INFORMATION:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Male \_\_\_\_\_ Female \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

**ACADEMIC/EDUCATIONAL INFORMATION:** (Note: If you are applying as a freshman, please indicate the high school you are graduating from and your current cumulative GPA.)

High School/College Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Cumulative GPA: \_\_\_\_\_

Address of School: \_\_\_\_\_

**List any sports, extracurricular or community service you have participated in during the 2025-2026 academic year:**


**What special recognition have you received for excellence in school (honors, awards, scholarships, etc.) during the 2025-2026 academic year:**


**List any internships or jobs (including summer employment) you have held:**


**State the name and address of the college or university you are attending during the 2026-2027 academic year:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Major and minor areas of study, you are pursuing in school: \_\_\_\_\_

Have you been awarded other scholarships and/or grants for the 2026-2027 academic year? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_