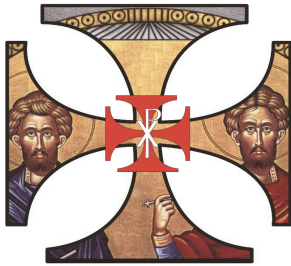


PHILOPTOCHOS



Peter Manasses Memorial Scholarship

High School and Undergraduate Application

The Greek Orthodox Ladies Philoptochos Society of St. Spyridon of Palos Heights will offer scholarships to one High School graduate and one student who is enrolled in undergraduate studies. Applicant must be a member of our parish.

This is a competitive scholarship based on need and merit with the award winner to be selected upon recommendation by the Scholarship Committee. Applicants must be accepted into an accredited college, university or vocational program OR currently attending an accredited college, university or vocational program. Students who have been awarded the scholarship in the **past two years** are not eligible to reapply. **Application and ALL REQUIRED INFORMATION MUST BE EMAILED by midnight MAY 30, 2025 to englishteacher30@yahoo.com.**

Requirements:

- High School Seniors and undergraduate students are eligible to apply.
- Applicant must be a son/daughter of a steward of St. Spyridon Greek Orthodox Church.
- An official **transcript** with the school's official seal.
- **Two letters of recommendation:** the first from a teacher, advisor, counselor, dean, or coach. The letters must be on the school's letterhead; the second- applicant's choice.
- List activities in your school. Include sports, club memberships, volunteer work, band, drama, student council, National Honor Society.
- List activities relating to your parish of St. Spyridon. Include Altar Service, Choir, Greek School, GOYA, Athletics, Volunteering at Festival, Sunday School, Oratorical Festival, etc. Include the number of months or years associated and duties.
- List any other extracurricular or community activities/services. Include any work experience.
- List of offices held, awards, special honors, special achievements both in school, at church, or in your community.
- **Essay:** Discuss your involvement with Philoptochos or similar philanthropic groups and the lessons you learned about charity and community service. How has this involvement emphasized the value of education in understanding and solving community issues? (500-800 words)

The St. Spyridon Philoptochos reserves the right to award more than one scholarship in the same academic year, based on required qualifications, grades, and service projects of the applicant.

Student Information

Student's Name: _____

Parents' Name: _____

Home Mailing Address: _____

Name of High School: _____

Home Phone: _____ Email: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Major Field of Study: _____

Name of College/University: _____

Address of School: _____

Certification

I understand that this **application is complete**. I have included a transcript with an official school seal stamped and in a sealed envelope sent directly from the school.

Signature of Applicant: _____ Date: _____

All applications must be emailed no later than **MAY 30, 2025** . **Scholarship winners will be notified by June 8TH. This year's scholarships will be presented on Sunday, June 29th. EMAIL** completed application & materials to englishteacher30@yahoo.com

Your Checklist:

____ Official Grade Transcripts

____ 2 Letters of Recommendation

____ Letter of Acceptance to College/University

____ Completed Essay

____ List of School, Church, and Community Service Activities , Honors, Awards, and Offices held

____ Student Information page



Evaluation Rubric: High School and Undergraduate Studies

	Exceptional (9-10 points)	Proficient (7-8 points)	Adequate (5-6 points)
Scholastic Activities	Candidate is actively involved in a wide range of academic activities at school and demonstrates exceptional leadership in at least one activity.	Candidate is somewhat involved in academic community at school and may demonstrate some leadership	Candidate is not involved or minimally involved in their academic community at school.
Parish Activities	Candidate demonstrates exceptional involvement in several parish-related activities (more than 5) and has assumed leadership role(s)	Candidate demonstrates some involvement in parish-related activities (fewer than 5).	Candidate demonstrates minimal involvement in parish-related activities.
Community Activities/ Service	Candidate has been actively involved in numerous extracurricular or community activities that benefit others and has a leadership role in one or more activities.	Candidate has participated in some extra-curricular and community activities.	Minimal extra-curricular activities mentioned in application.
Scholastic Achievement	The candidate demonstrates exceptional academic skills. Weighted GPA is 3.8 or higher	The candidate demonstrates adequate academic skills. Weighted GPA is 3.0-3.5	The candidate demonstrates some academic skills. Weighted GPA is lower than a 3.5
Essay	The essay thoroughly discusses the student's involvement in Philoptochos or similar groups, with clear and detailed examples of charitable activities and community service. The connection to the value of education in understanding and solving community issues is explicitly made and deeply analyzed.	The essay discusses the student's involvement in philanthropic groups with several examples of activities, but the link between these activities and the value of education could be clearer or more developed.	The essay mentions involvement in philanthropic activities, but examples are limited or vague. The discussion on the value of education in addressing community issues is minimal or superficial.
Letter of Recommendation	The recommendations provided by the candidate demonstrate a high familiarity with the quality of the student's work, excellent, highly detailed examples of student promise from personal experience, and several positive comments showing comprehensive praise for the student.	The recommendations provided by the candidate demonstrate clear familiarity with the quality of the student's work, several detailed examples of student promise from personal experience, and a few positive comments showing extensive praise for the student.	The recommendations provided by the candidate demonstrate some familiarity with the quality of the student's work, a few examples of student promise from personal experience, and minimal positive comments

