

**SAINT SOPHIA GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH, PHILOPTOCHOS & AHEPA**  
**SCHOLARSHIPS APPLICATION - 2025**

**Due Date: Wednesday-April 30, 2025 - NOON**

***Scholarship applicants to complete ONLY ONE application form for 2025 scholarships awarded to Graduating High School students.***

**ACCEPTABLE SUBMISSION OF YOUR APPLICATION FOR SCHOLARSHIP OFFERINGS:**

1. **BY MAIL:** to be received before the due date of April 30, 2025 no later than Noon to:  
Attn: Scholarship Committee, c/o St Sophia GOC, 325 Waring Road, Syracuse, New York 13224  
**OR**

2. **IN PERSON:** Deliver by no later than Noon on Wednesday April 30, 2025 to the Church Office/Copier Room Scholarship Bin.

**\*EMAIL SUBMISSIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.\***

**I. Four (4) Eligibility Requirements**

1. Applicant must be a current member in good standing of Saint Sophia Greek Orthodox Church.
2. Parent or guardian must be parishioner in good standing, having paid in full, the stewardship of the previous year and submitted current year stewardship pledge card.
3. Student must be a matriculated full-time high school senior.
4. Post-graduation plans must be for a full-time program of study in a 2-year or 4-year accredited vocational school, college or university.

**II. Five (5) Application Requirements – submitted with application**

- Completed Application.
- Submit official high school transcript sealed envelope and signed diagonally across the back flap of the envelope addressed directly to:  
**Attn. Scholarship Committee c/o Saint Sophia Greek Orthodox Church**  
**325 Waring Road, Syracuse, NY 13224**
- Two (2) letters of recommendation: One from the parish priest and one from either a guidance counselor or high school teacher.
- Your essay submission will reflect how your Greek Orthodox faith helps you navigate your life. Length of essay not to exceed two (2) pages double spaced addressing the following:  

***Describe how your Greek Orthodox faith has influenced your life. How is your faith relevant in your life presently? How will your faith be part of your future?"***
- If available, proof of acceptance into a 2-year or 4-year accredited vocational, college or university. **If not available, please check here:** \_\_\_\_\_.

**Applicant Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**All requirements must be received by the April 30, 2025 by NOON.**

**Incomplete applications and applications arriving after the deadline will be disqualified with no exception.**

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Scholarship evaluation will equally consider high school achievements, church involvement and essay.

**Applicant Full Name** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date of Birth** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parents or Guardians Names(s)** \_\_\_\_\_

**Legal Mailing Address** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone No.** \_\_\_\_\_

**Year of Baptism into the Orthodox faith** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name of High School** \_\_\_\_\_

**If decided, name of college you plan to attend in the fall** \_\_\_\_\_

**If known, course of study you plan to pursue** \_\_\_\_\_

**Activities: High school, Church, Community Service, Clubs and Organizations**

*(Additional pages must include your printed/typed name, address)*

**High School Extra-Curricular Activities:** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Community Service** \_\_\_\_\_

**Church Involvement: (Please check all areas you have participated)**

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|---------------------------|------------------------------|
| Altar _____               | Good Friday Retreat _____    |
| Oratorical Festival _____ | Summer Camp _____            |
| JOY _____                 | Youth Retreats _____         |
| JR GOYA _____             | Myrrh bearer _____           |
| GOYA _____                | Greek Festival Helper _____  |
| Greek Dance Group _____   | Greek School _____           |
| Sunday School _____       | Attend Church Services _____ |

**Church Community Service:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Honors (School and Church)** \_\_\_\_\_

**Hobbies, Special Interests:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Essay:** *Please answer all parts.*

*Describe how your Greek Orthodox faith has influenced your life.*

1. *How is your faith relevant in your life presently?*
2. *How will your faith be part of your future?" (No more than two typed pages, double spaced)*