

ORDER OF AHEPA
ROBERT E. LEE CHAPTER 122
SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION



ACADEMIC YEAR 2020

1. Scholarship Program

The AHEPA Robert E. Lee Chapter 122 Scholarship Program was established to promote, encourage, induce and advance education at post-secondary institutions of higher learning for eligible members of the Hellenic community. Scholarships will be awarded based on a competitive process that emphasizes academic achievement and community participation.

2. Eligibility

To be eligible to apply, candidates should meet at least one of the following requirements:

*Important Note on "Active Member": An "Active Member" of the Robert E. Lee, Chapter 122, has been a member for at least a year (before or on April 1 of the previous year) and has paid their dues prior to the Scholarship Application deadline date. The eligibility requirement of attending at least 3 Chapter General Meetings has been waived from this year's application due to the Coronavirus pandemic,

- Be an **active member*** of AHEPA Chapter 122 (paid thru 2020 plus in good standing the last 2 years)
- Be a child or sibling of an **active member*** of AHEPA
- Be a child or sibling of a deceased member of AHEPA
- Be a child or sibling of an active member (paid thru 2020) of the Daughters of Penelope (If the local chapter is not active, then the active member must be a paid member of the National Daughters of Penelope).

In addition to the above, an applicant must also meet at least one of the following criteria:

- Be a high school senior planning to attend full-time an accredited college/university in Fall of 2020
- Be an undergraduate, graduate, or post-graduate college student currently attending an accredited college or university and will continue to attend, full-time, during the 2020 calendar year

3. Application Process

A scholarship candidate can apply either based on scholastic achievement or financial need, but not both. Both applications are similar, but a need-based application must include additional documentation to establish the financial need. The scholarship committee will evaluate each need-based application and decide, at its discretion, if the application will be accepted as such.

A completed scholarship application packet should include a filled-in application form (starting on Page 5), along with scholastic performance documentation, financial need documentation (if applicable), and essay page and any further required documentation. **Applications should be submitted by EMAIL ONLY.** Please do not mail or hand-in applications to AHEPA members, or leave them in the church office.

Applications will be disqualified if they are not submitted by the deadline and delivered via email.

The deadline to submit the application is by Midnight of June 1st, 2020

Please submit your application by Email ONLY:

ahepanorfolk122@gmail.com

When emailing your application, scan all required documentation: transcripts or formal documentation and include all materials as **PDF attachments** to your email. Upon receipt, a confirmation email will be sent to the originating address. If you do not receive a confirmation email within a day of submitting, please contact the committee chair at (757) 274-1210 for further instructions.

All applications must be received by the deadline **midnight of June 1st, 2020**. Any application that arrives late will not be considered. **No extensions will be given.** It is the responsibility of the applicant to ensure that applications have been received by the deadline. All information included in your application will be kept confidential and no applications will be returned. All applications become the property of AHEPA Robert E. Lee, Chapter 122.

4. Application Checklist

Each application should contain the items listed below. Please note that the required items are different for high school seniors, college undergraduates and college graduates. Pay close attention to the required items as they all factor into the final evaluation. Incomplete applications will be penalized accordingly.

-- CHECKLIST --

1. Completed AHEPA Robert E. Lee, Chapter 122 scholarship application
2. Academic performance documentation, as follows:

For High School Seniors

- A. Official transcript that shows grade point average and class history
- B. SAT or ACT scores
- C. Class rank (if available)
- D. Name & address of college/university to which you have applied (or been accepted)

For College Undergraduates

- A. Official high school transcript
- B. Official college transcript (to include all college classes taken and grades up to the most recent semester)

For Graduate Students

- A. Official college transcript (to include all college classes taken and grades up to the most recent semester)
- B. Name and address of college or university in which attending graduate school

3. Essay: The applicant must submit an essay of **no more than 350 words** on the topic:

Recently Turkey has opened its border with Greece with the associated burden of thousands of "refugees" attempting entry into Greece by land and sea. The Turkish government has maintained that the "refugees" are attempting to flee violence in Syria's Idlib province but there is proof that most are Afghanis, Pakistanis, Iraqis, Bangladeshis and Somalis. These "refugees" speak fluent Turkish evidencing that they are not Syrian origin refugees but long term Turkish residents of which that country seeks to rid itself. Additionally, there is the consideration of the raging COVID-19 pandemic and the burden of Greece to ensure the health and safety of its citizens.

With these factors in evidence, what do you think are the actions that Greece could/should take both for the welfare of Greek citizens and taking into account any humanitarian consideration of those seeking entry into Greece?

The essay should be typed and double-spaced on a separate page and include the title. **Do not write your name on the essay page.** The essay is a critical component of your application and weighs heavily in the final score. It should be written with care. The essay score will be based on both content (original concepts, relevance to the subject etc.) and delivery (ability to organize and relate ideas, proper use of English grammar, and overall flow).

5. Scoring Criteria

Each application will be blindly scored (i.e., the scorers do not know the name of the applicant they are scoring) by the AHEPA scholarship committee and one external academic reviewer. Applications will then be ranked according to their cumulative scores.

The following weights will be used for scoring each application for high school seniors and college freshmen. In addition to the essay, categories include standardized testing scores, academic achievement and community and church-based extracurricular activities.

Criteria - High School Students	Weight
SAT/ACT Scores	15
Grade Point Average	25
Academic Endeavors/ Extracurricular Activities	20
Essay	40

The following weights will be used for scoring each application for college undergraduate and graduate students.

Criteria - College Students	Weight
Grade Point Average	30
Academic Endeavors/ Extracurricular Activities/Employment	30
Essay	40

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2020 Scholarship Application

1. Personal Data (All fields are required)

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____ Middle: _____

Permanent Home Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Email: _____

Home Telephone (if applicable): (_____) _____

Mobile Telephone (if applicable): (_____) _____

Date of Birth: _____ / _____ / _____

AHEPA Affiliation:

- Yourself Your AHEPA Membership # _____
- Sibling Your sibling's AHEPA Membership # _____
- Child of Your father's AHEPA Membership # _____
- Child/Sibling Your mother/sister Daughters of Penelope Membership # _____

**Note: Contact the Secretary, Chris Coureas, 757-241-1625, if you are unable to find the above membership #

2. Education

For high school seniors list academic institution that you have applied or have been accepted:

1st Choice _____

Location: _____

Applied

Accepted

2nd Choice _____

Location: _____

Applied

Accepted

Intended Area of concentration/major: _____

Career and/or professional goals: _____

For college undergraduates, list current academic institution and field of study.

Institution Name: _____

Location: _____

Intended Area of concentration/major: _____

Current status: Freshman Sophomore Junior Senior

Expected graduation date: _____

Career and/or professional goals: _____

For college graduate students, list current academic institution and field of study.

Institution Name _____

Location: _____

Graduate degree sought: _____ Specialization: _____

Date of 1st graduate semester _____

Expected graduation date: _____

Career and/or professional goals: _____

List work history related to your career and/or professional goals:

For all applications list all academic honors or other academic accomplishments

3. Extracurricular Activities

Please list all your extracurricular, leadership, community and volunteer social activities:

4. Educational Commitment Pledge

The AHEPA scholarships are meant to support eligible students who are committed to pursuing an education at post-secondary institutions of higher learning. The Educational Commitment pledge is a means for the applicant to clearly and directly state their understanding of the intention of the scholarship and pledge to utilize any monetary awards that would accompany the scholarship in a manner consistent with that intent.

The applicant must read, sign and include this statement in their application package. Failure to sign this statement or include it as part of the application package will disqualify the applicant.

I, _____ pledge that either 1) I plan on enrolling in an accredited college or university as described in my application package, or 2) remain enrolled in an accredited college or university as described in my application package. If I am declared academically ineligible, fail to enroll, or drop out of school, I understand that I am required to return the awarded scholarship funds.

Date

Signature of Applicant

4.1 Financial Need Information (if applicable)

Do not fill this section unless you are applying for a need-based scholarship. Please check the box below to attest to provide true and accurate information.

I hereby certify the information below to be true and accurate.

4.2 Work Experience

Please list any job that you have held during the past 3 years

Dates	Employer	Nature of work	Hours/week

4.3 Other Income Sources

5.2.1 Have you applied for financial aid through FAFSA? Yes No

If yes, what type of aid are you receiving or expecting to receive:

- Pell Grant SEOG Work study Stafford Loan Other

5.2.2 Have you applied for financial aid at your institution? Yes No

If yes, what type of aid are you expecting to receive?

5.2.3 Please list your family's annual income _____ # of siblings in family _____

5.2.4 Please provide a brief statement describing the reasons that your application should be treated as need-based:
