

**ORDER OF AHEPA
NORFOLK CHAPTER 122**

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION



ACADEMIC YEAR 2022

1. Scholarship Program

The AHEPA Norfolk 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 Norfolk, Chapter 122, has been a member for at least one (1) full calendar year (before or on April 1 of the previous year), and has attended at least 1 Chapter General Meetings (from September, 2021 to May, 2022), and has paid their dues prior to the Scholarship Application deadline.

- Be an **active member*** of AHEPA Chapter 122 (paid thru 2022 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 local member of AHEPA
- Be a child or sibling of an active member (paid thru 2022) 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 2022
- 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 2022 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 May 22nd, 2022

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 of **May 22nd, 2022**. 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, including any photos requested, become the property of AHEPA Norfolk 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 Norfolk 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. Class rank (if available)
- C. Name of college/university to which you have applied (or been accepted).

For College Undergraduates

- A. Official college transcript (to include all college classes taken and grades up to the most recent semester)
- B. Name of college/university to which you have applied (or been accepted)

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:

In the 1990s, the US and its NATO allies, including Greece, made the decision to open NATO alliance membership to former communist states. In 350 words or less, explain your opinion on this decision and the impacts it has had on Greece. This can include economic, social, and political effects as well as how it has impacted Greece's relationship with these countries, other NATO allies, and Russia.

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). **Points will be deducted if you go over the 350 words limit.**

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
Grade Point Average	35
Academic Endeavors/ Extracurricular Activities	25
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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2022 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 Yourself, your mother/sister Daughters of Penelope

National Membership # _____

****Note:** Contact the Secretary, Ted Vergakis, 703-927-8525, 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:
