

**SAINT SOPHIA
GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH
SCHOLARSHIP
2018**



APPLICATION
SPONSORED BY:
THE LADIES PHILOPTOCHOS OF SAINT SOPHIA
525 CHURCH ROAD
ELGIN, ILLINOIS 60123

SAINT SOPHIA GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

APPLICATION FOR SCHOLARSHIP AWARD DEADLINE MARCH 31, 2018

I. ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:

- Applicant must be a High School senior who will graduate at the end of the current school term, **pursuing an Associates or Bachelor degree**. Two scholarships will be awarded to the most worthy applicants. At least one parent/legal guardian of the applicant's family must be a steward of the Saint Sophia Greek Orthodox Church, Elgin, Illinois, and the applicant must be in good standing within the Orthodox Faith.
- Must have maintained a minimum B average, (3.0 on a 4.0 scale), during all four (4) years of High School.

To receive consideration by the Scholarship Committee, your completed Application Packet must include:

- An official high school transcript.
- Your ACT and/or SAT test scores.
- Three (3) complete recommendation forms, one from a Teacher at your high school, one from an employer or Volunteer Coordinator (if there is no volunteer experience, this recommendation can be from another Teacher) and one from Father Andrew. It is the applicant's responsibility to assure that all recommendations should be submitted prior to the deadline date. No exceptions!
- A photograph of the applicant, no larger than 2-1/2 x 3-1/2, must be submitted. The scholarship committee may use the photograph for publicity purposes.

Applicant is NOT eligible to receive the Scholarship more than once in a lifetime.

To receive the scholarship award, you will need to achieve a minimum score of 85%.

Upon awarding of the Scholarship, Philoptochos will need to receive all your information, for us to send you the scholarship award. Payment must be issued to the recipient within twelve (12) months or the scholarship will be void.

Please mail all Applications, Forms and Correspondence to:

**Saint Sophia Scholarship Committee
525 Church Road
Elgin, Illinois 60123**

II. STUDENT INFORMATION:

Name: Click here to enter text.

Address: Click here to enter text.

City/State/Zip: Click here to enter text.

Phone: Click here to enter text.

Name of Parents: Father: Click here to enter text.

 Mother: Click here to enter text.

1. I am currently enrolled as a High School Senior at: Click here to enter text.
2. List the college most likely to attend: Click here to enter text.
3. Is your parent(s) a steward of the Saint Sophia Community: Yes: No:

III. ACADEMIC INFORMATION:

To be Rated 10% of Total

High School Attended: Click here to enter text.

City/State: Click here to enter text.

Expected Graduation Date: Click here to enter a date. GPA on 4.0 Scale: Click here to enter text.

Either or Both:

 ACT Comp: Click here to enter text.

 SAT Reading/Writing: Click here to enter text.

 SAT Math: Click here to enter text.

 SAT Comp: Click here to enter text.

 *****Attach Certified Academic Transcript to this Page*****

IV. SCHOLARSHIP HONORS:

Click here to enter text.

V. **SIGNIFICANT ACTIVITIES:**

To Be Rated 15% of Total

Church Activities and Involvement (10%):

(Note: By submitting this application, you are giving permission to the Ministry Directors to verify involvement.)

[Click here to enter text.](#)

High School Activities and Involvement (2.5%)

(Please indicate which, if any, volunteer hours are part of your graduation requirement):

[Click here to enter text.](#)

Community Activities and Involvement (2.5%)

(Please indicate which, if any, volunteer hours are part of your graduation requirement):

[Click here to enter text.](#)

VI. **EDUCATIONAL OBJECTIVES/CAREER GOAL:**

To Be Rated 15% of Total

How can you apply what you have learned through your church involvement to your future endeavors?

Please use the space below to explain

[Click here to enter text.](#)

VII. **ACCOUNT OF FAITH:**

To Be Rated 15% of Total

In the space provided below, please give an account of a faith experience that has occurred within your life.

[Click here to enter text.](#)

VIII. **RECOMMENDATIONS:**

To be Rated 5% of Total

Three (3) complete recommendation forms must be submitted, one from a Teacher at your high school, one from an employer or Volunteer Coordinator (if there is no volunteer experience, this recommendation can be from another Teacher) and one from Father Andrew.

These recommendations are to be sent directly by those writing the letters of recommendation.

IX. **PERSONAL SPIRITUALITY:**

To Be Rated 25% of Total

In a personal statement of 500 words or less, write an essay to answer the following subject.

Please highlight **three** of the most meaningful areas of your life during the past four years. Select **one** considerable experience, **one** important accomplishment, and **one** invaluable lesson learned that have given your personal satisfaction, helped to form/transform your character, and resulting with a substantial impact on others. In your conclusion, briefly describe your educational and career goals, the non-monetary value of this scholarship, and how you plan to continue your church worship.

[Click here to enter text.](#)

X. **PERSONAL INTERVIEW:**

To Be Rated 15% of Total

I hereby acknowledge that I have read the eligibility requirements and state that I am eligible for consideration of a scholarship award. Further, I acknowledge that the final decision rests with the scholarship committee of Saint Sophia Greek Orthodox Church, Elgin, Illinois. I understand that the Personal Interview will be conducted on **Saturday, May 12, 2018** and that I will be available on this day. I acknowledge that, if I am selected as this year's recipient, I will be present on **Sunday, June 3, 2018** to receive this award. ***I also acknowledge that if I am awarded the Scholarship, the Scholarship must be paid to me within 12 months or the Scholarship will be voided.***

Signature of Applicant: _____ Date: [Click here to enter a date.](#)

**SAINT SOPHIA GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH
525 CHURCH ROAD
ELGIN, ILLINOIS 60123
847.888.2822**

Recommendation Form – Please respond before:

March 31, 2018

An educator must complete this recommendation form
at the applicant's school of attendance.

The student below has applied for a scholarship. The scholarship selection committee wishes the frank appraisal of the applicant's qualifications. The student should demonstrate ability, scholarship, and character while in attendance at your school. In addition, other pertinent information, which you consider important and enlightening, may be included. This letter of recommendation is confidential and will not be seen by the applicant. Please mail the appraisal no later than **MARCH 31, 2018** to:

Saint Sophia Scholarship Committee
525 Church Road
Elgin, Illinois 60123

For further information, please contact
Peggy Boytor at 708-751-4694
Anna Panagiotopoulos at 847-528-7410

Applicant's Name: [Click here to enter text.](#)

Address: [Click here to enter text.](#)

City, State, Zip: [Click here to enter text.](#)

Your Name: [Click here to enter text.](#)

Institution: [Click here to enter text.](#)

Title: [Click here to enter text.](#)

Date: [Click here to enter a date.](#)

Dear Scholarship Applicant,

It is with extraordinary joy that our Ladies Philoptochos Society of Saint Sophia awards a scholarship to two qualified students from our parish. We recognize the challenging work and dedication to your Orthodox faith and the value you place on your church involvement and academic studies, and for that, the Philoptochos Society and the church wish to acknowledge your efforts.

The Ladies Philoptochos of Saint Sophia has established two \$1,000.00 scholarships, to be awarded to two worthy applicants whose family is a steward of our beloved Saint Sophia Greek Orthodox Church. You should feel comfortable in applying for this award. An important criterion for this scholarship is your commitment to Christ and His Church.

Our prayers and best wishes go to you as you apply for this scholarship.

May our Lord and Savior bring Faith, Hope and Love to you and yours!

In His Service,

Rev. Fr. Andrew G. Karamitos

In Christ,

Anna Panagiotopoulos

Peggy Boytor

The Scholarship Committee Co-Chairs

Saint Sophia Ladies of Philoptochos