

2026 AHEPA SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

SOCRATES CHAPTER NO. 6

PURPOSE OF THE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM:

The purpose of the Scholarship Program is to provide financial assistance to and recognize the scholastic achievement and service of selected recipients to both their church and community under the auspices of the Socrates Chapter #6 of the Order of AHEPA who meet the requirements and qualifications described herein.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR FILING AN APPLICATION: ***Please read all directions carefully. It is the sole responsibility of the applicant to follow the stated guidelines and failure to do so will result in immediate disqualification of the application.

1. The following material must accompany each application:

- a. A recent passport type photo
- b. Latest completed grade transcript* - **All transcripts must be "Official" printed transcripts with the official seal of the institution and must be supplied by the institution directly in a sealed, unopened envelope. Any self-printed, unofficial or unsealed transcripts will be rejected and be considered an immediate disqualification from further consideration.**

For graduating high school seniors: Enclose latest available official high school transcript.

For first time college applicants only: Freshmen must submit an official transcript of their first college semester as well as a high school transcript.

For all other college applicants: Enclose only the latest official college transcript.

*In lieu of a grade transcript, a fully completed Affidavit of Minimum Required Grade Point Average (attached) will be acceptable as proof of qualification. Such affidavit must follow the same requirements as official transcripts described above, i.e. come directly from the institution in a sealed, unopened envelope, etc.

- c. **Five (5) Supplementary Sheets:** Each one typewritten with your name and page number in the upper right hand corner to provide the following information:
Supplementary Sheet #1: A brief biography describing your academic strengths and weaknesses, work experience, career objectives and other significant events in your life.
Supplementary Sheet #2: A statement of why you are submitting this application, what your proposed field of study will be and how this relates to your career objectives.
Supplementary Sheet #3: A list summarizing your principal non-academic or non-employment interests and activities, indicating in which ones you have held leadership positions and any awards and honors you have received. Be sure to

include any volunteer work you have done in which you have helped others or the community at large.

Supplementary Sheet #4: A list summarizing all religious activities performed in service to St. John the Divine Greek Orthodox Church and the year(s) performed.

Supplementary Sheet #5: Completed Church and Religious Activity Form.

2. Only material requested will be evaluated. No other materials should be filed.
3. It is the responsibility of the applicant to submit all material requested to the Chairman of the Scholarship Committee, **by mail, no later than the deadline date, June 1 2026. It is the applicant's responsibility to have proof of timely mailing, should the date of submission become an issue or question of fact. The sole determination of the Scholarship Committee shall govern any decisions regarding the awarding of scholarships from this fund. Applications hand delivered, or postmarked after June 1, will not be considered.** Address all applications to:

**Chairman, AHEPA Scholarship Committee
12760 Beach Boulevard
Jacksonville, FL 32246**

4. All forms and information submitted are confidential and non-returnable.

All information requested must be stated on the application and forms requiring signatures must be signed. Failure to comply with the instructions will result in disqualification.

1. Only students who are matriculated (enrolled in a degree granting program) and are full time students of the undergraduate or graduate level are eligible (community college, four-year college or university – full time as defined by the institutions).
2. If financial need of the applicant is to be taken into consideration, Exhibit A must be completed. Contact Scholarship Chairman Gem Mann for a form if required.
3. The minimum amount available to any one student for one college year is five hundred dollars (\$500).
4. Awards are for the current year, and will be sent directly to the College or University in which the recipient is enrolled* with the following instructions:
 - a. Money is to be used for tuition, books, lab fees, or other related school expenses.
 - b. Scholarship awards are for a complete year (two semesters), paid in advance.
 - c. If the student does not enroll or complete the first semester of the current year, the student agrees to refund the full amount paid to the College or University. If the student completes the first semester but fails to complete the second, the student agrees to refund one half of the scholarship grant. All refunds will be made to the Socrates Chapter No. 6 Order of AHEPA Scholarship Fund.
 - d. That each student shall furnish the Scholarship Fund Committee regular scholastic reports from the school he/she attends, and that the Scholarship Committee shall have the right to discontinue payments at any time if it is found that said student is not doing credible college work

* The Scholarship Committee, may at its sole discretion, make awards payable directly to each respective student.

5. A student must take a minimum of the equivalent of nine credit hours per semester or quarter.
6. A scholarship recipient is eligible to reapply if they produce evidence that they have a 3.0 grade point average or are in the upper one-third of their class.

7. The applicant must be:
 - a. A legal resident of Duval, St. Johns, Putnam, Nassau, Clay, Bradford or Baker Counties, State of Florida, for no less than 12 months, and
 - b. A son or daughter of an AHEPAN or Daughter of Penelope; or a member of the Sons of Pericles, Maids of Athena, Order of AHEPA, or Daughters of Penelope, or
 - c. A son or daughter of an AHEPAN or Daughter of Penelope who has died and who at the time of death was a member in good standing, or
 - d. An active member of, or child whose parent or guardian is an active member of St. John the Divine Greek Orthodox Church, Jacksonville, Florida for no less than 12 months.
 - e. Applicants who meet one of, but not both of the above requirements, may be given consideration, based on merit, at the sole discretion of the Scholarship Committee.
8. Additional monetary consideration may be awarded at the sole discretion of the committee based on exemplary service and religious activities performed on behalf of St. John the Divine Greek Orthodox Church by the applicant(s).

*****MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIPS:**

Charles E. Bennett Memorial Scholarship

Sam G. Felos Memorial Scholarship

Nick A. Megas Memorial Scholarship

Costa and Kay Carantzas Memorial Scholarship

***** (Additional requirements may pertain to students who wish to be considered for these awards).**

Charles E. Bennett Memorial Scholarship

Charles Edward Bennett (1910-2003) served 44 years in the U.S. House of Representatives. During his years of service, Representative Bennett proposed countless pieces of legislation, but he was most proud of the following: his bill in 1956 to make "In God We Trust" the motto of the United States and add these words to all U.S. coins and currency; his creation of the legislation to form the House Ethics Committee; and his co-sponsorship of the bill enacting the Americans With Disabilities Act. Charles Bennett was a man of principle, known and respected for his honesty and integrity.

Description: The **Charles E. Bennett Memorial Scholarship** is awarded annually to a graduate student who is a recipient of an AHEPA Socrates Chapter #6 Scholarship. The Charles E. Bennett Memorial Scholarship is awarded as an additional \$200 award. This scholarship is given to the graduate student who has the highest grade point average. Rigor of coursework is considered if two students have the same grade point average.

Requirements: there are no additional requirements for this scholarship.

Sam G. Felos Memorial Scholarship

Sam Gus Felos (1918-2006) was a lifelong member of St. John the Divine Greek Orthodox Church. He served in every office of the Parish Council, was a recipient of the Medal of St. Paul, and was an Archon. He was also a committed member of AHEPA, serving for 64 years. He was a proud charter member of the AHEPA Scholarship Committee. Sam Felos was a man of honor, who cheerfully and passionately served his church and community at large.

Description: The **Sam G. Felos Memorial Scholarship** is awarded annually to a graduating high school senior, undergraduate, or graduate recipient of the Socrates Chapter #6 Scholarship as an **additional \$500 award**. The Sam G. Felos Memorial Scholarship is awarded to the student who best exemplifies dedication to the principles of character, leadership, and service.

Requirements: There is **one additional requirement** for a student who wishes to be considered for the Sam G. Felos Memorial Scholarship. He/She must submit a 500-word essay*** about the following topic:

Recount a time when you faced a challenge, setback or failure. How did it affect you, and what did you learn from the experience?

*** This essay must be typewritten with the student's name, page number, and "SFG Essay" in the upper right-hand corner. It must be attached and submitted with the AHEPA Socrates Chapter #6 Scholarship application by the deadline date. **(The same student may not receive the Sam G. Felos Memorial Scholarship two consecutive years.)**

Additionally, by submission of an essay for consideration for a Sam G. Felos Memorial Scholarship award, the student understands and acknowledges that, if selected, their essay or portions thereof, may be read aloud during the AHEPA Socrates Chapter No. 6 Scholarship Luncheon's Award presentation program.

Nick A. Megas Memorial Scholarship

Nick Anthony Megas (1925-2010) was a member of St. John the Divine Greek Orthodox Church for over 80 years. He served on the Parish Council for many years, was awarded the Medal of St. Paul, and was a member of AHEPA for over 50 years. He was a graduate of the University of Florida and was later heavily involved in the Greek Studies Program at the University of Florida. He served on the AHEPA Socrates Chapter No. 6 Scholarship Committee for many years. Nick Megas loved his family and Church and was an avid and dedicated alumnus of the University of Florida.

DESCRIPTION:

The **Nick A. Megas Memorial Scholarship** is awarded annually to a graduating high school senior, undergraduate, or graduate recipient of the Socrates Chapter No. 6 AHEPA Scholarship attending the University of Florida as an **additional \$500 award**. The Nick A. Megas Memorial

Scholarship is awarded to the student who best exemplifies service to the Church and community, as well as maintaining a high grade point average. (Rigor of course work is considered).

REQUIREMENTS:

The **Nick A. Megas Memorial Scholarship** will be awarded to a current student at the University of Florida. If there are no such candidates, the scholarship will be awarded to a graduating high school senior accepted to the University of Florida. A student applying for this award should submit a typewritten resume' reflecting the student's participation in community service activities and service to the Church. Each page of such resume' should include the candidate's name, page number and "NAM Scholarship" in the upper right hand corner. It must be attached and submitted with the AHEPA Socrates Chapter No. 6 Scholarship Application by the deadline date. GPA information submitted as part of the general application will be utilized by the Committee for consideration of this award. (The same student may not receive the Nick A. Megas Memorial Scholarship two consecutive years and may not receive both the Nick A. Megas and Sam G. Felos Memorial Scholarships within the same year).

Costa and Kay Carantzas Memorial Scholarship

Costa Anthony Carantzas (1939-1996) and Katherine Nichols Carantzas (1937-2019) were members of St. John the Divine Greek Orthodox Church in excess of 50 years. Costa served on the Parish Council for many years including serving as President. He was a proud charter member of the AHEPA Socrates Chapter No. 6 Scholarship Committee and served as its chairman. Costa and Kay were very involved in the annual Greek Festivals and Costa served as chairman in 1981. Kay served in the choir for over 65 years and was a member of the Daughters of Penelope. Both loved the Church and giving of their time to serve the Church.

Description: The **Costa and Kay Carantzas Memorial Scholarship** is awarded annually to a graduating high school senior, undergraduate, or graduate recipient of the Socrates Chapter No. 6 AHEPA Scholarship as an **additional \$500 award**. This scholarship is given to the student who best exemplifies service to the church.

Requirements: There are no additional requirements for this scholarship. Information contained on the application and supplementary sheets (primarily Supplemental sheet #4) will be the main considerations for this award.