



WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN AREA
53rd Annual AHEPA Awards Program
903 Holly Creek Drive
Great Falls, VA 22066



December 2, 2022

Dear Student,

For over 50 years, the Washington Metropolitan Area Chapters of the Order of AHEPA (American Hellenic Educational Progressive Association) and the Daughters of Penelope (DOP) have honored high school seniors affiliated with the AHEPA family or the Greek Orthodox Church who have achieved excellence in academic, athletic, civic, and cultural endeavors. Thanks to the generosity of our donors throughout the Greek Community, this program has honored 1,745 orthodox students and awarded \$1,180,925 in scholarships since its inception! We invite you to participate in the 2023 program.

In order to be considered for an award, you must: (1) be currently affiliated with either the AHEPA family or the Greek Orthodox Church within the jurisdiction of the Greater Washington, D.C. Metropolitan Area; (2) be a graduating high school senior within the jurisdiction of the Greater Washington, D.C. Metropolitan Area; (3) have a cumulative grade point average of 3.0 (a “B” average or better); and (4) have participated in extracurricular activities and/or lettered or received awards in varsity interscholastic sports. These scholarship awards are determined by an outside, independent panel of judges based on competitive evaluation of the credentials presented. **Please read the application guidelines and checklist of requirements carefully to assist you in completing the application package.**

Students who meet the above requirements will be honored at this year’s Awards Program on Sunday, May 21, 2023, at 2:00 p.m. at the **DoubleTree by Hilton McLean Tysons, 1960 Chain Bridge Road, McLean, VA 22102**. It is with great pride that this program honors your accomplishments, recognizes the generosity of our donors, and shares the celebration with the families and guests of the students.

I encourage you to apply for this award. Your application packet must be postmarked by **Tuesday, March 28, 2023 deadline** and must include three (3) copies each of your completed application, official high school transcripts (if transcript is sealed or sent directly from the school, one copy is acceptable), official ACT/SAT results; and a concise personal statement of approximately 100 words describing what you consider to be the most significant accomplishment(s) of your high school career. Your personal statement will also be used as the basis for your introduction at the Awards Program. Your application must also contain the required signatures which demonstrate your eligibility for an award. **Please consult the checklist and guidelines on the reverse side of this letter to ensure that you have properly completed the application and provided all of the documentation required.**

You will be notified of your eligibility by mail approximately three weeks after the deadline. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call me at 571-216-4099 or email me at polizos@aol.com. You may also call or e-mail any of the Awards Committee members listed at the end of the application. On behalf of the Awards Committee, I wish you the very best in all your future endeavors.

Sincerely,

Karen Polizos
Karen Polizos
Chair

Washington Metropolitan Area AHEPA Award Application Guidelines (2023)

This checklist is provided to assist you in completing the application. **Please be as thorough and accurate as possible; typed answers is preferred.** We want to know all the things you have been involved in during your high school years. **Your student bio that will be presented at the banquet is based on the information in this application.**

Scholarship Program Qualifications (must meet all 3 requirements):

- I am a graduating high school senior from a high school within the Greater Washington, D.C. Metropolitan Area.
- I have a cumulative unweighted grade point average of **3.0 (“B” average or better)**, which is reflected on the official transcript submitted with this application.
- I am currently promoting Hellenism and directly affiliated with the AHEPA family or the Greek Orthodox Church within the Greater Washington, D.C. Metropolitan Area.

Application

- Part I - Personal information**
- Part II - Academic Information** - Identify academic awards, honors, and special programs. Include copies of certificates of accomplishment documenting knowledge of the Greek language.
Part III - Extra-Curricular Activity Information - Identify involvement in fine arts and/or clubs, for example: Science, language, debate, club offices, student government, school publications (e.g., year book, school newspaper), peer mediation, counseling, tutoring, orchestra or band, dance group, theatrical productions (e.g., cast, crew), non-varsity sports
Community Service (AHEPA and Church-related), for example: Membership and/or leadership positions in Maids of Athena or Sons of Pericles; Altar boy, choir, Sunday School teacher, GOYA, Church festival volunteer
Community (general), for example: Charity fundraising, volunteering (e.g., soup kitchen, clothing/food drives, Meals on Wheels), Camp counselor, Girl or Boy Scouts, babysitting, etc.
- Part IV - Athletic Information** - For interscholastic varsity sports only; specify sport and year Identify letters, individual achievement awards (e.g., most valuable player, team captain, etc.), All League/District, City/County, State/Metropolitan, or Post-season All American teams/honors.
- Part V–Statement of Accomplishments** - On a separate sheet, include an essay of approximately 100 words about your most significant accomplishment(s) during your high school years.
- Part VI: Signatures** – Please include all required signatures on lines 20 through 22.

Before mailing the application, make sure you have included the following:

- Three** copies of the application (including essay of accomplishments)
- Three** copies of official high school transcript, documenting GPA of at least 3.0 (**if transcript is sealed or sent directly from the school, one copy is acceptable.**)
- Three** copies of SAT/ACT score results

Mail the above documents to:

***Washington Metropolitan Area AHEPA Awards Committee
c/o Karen Polizos
903 Holly Creek Drive
Great Falls, VA 22066***

Application must be postmarked no later than Tuesday, March 28, 2023.