



# PHILOPTOCHOS SOCIETY

## SAINT SOPHIA GREEK ORTHODOX CATHEDRAL

### SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FORM

The Philoptochos Society of the Saint Sophia Greek Orthodox Cathedral of Washington, D.C. offers an **annual scholarship of \$3000 to one eligible high school senior, undergraduate or graduate student.**

The mission of the Philoptochos Society is to help those in need; to promote the purposes of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America; to preserve Greek Orthodox Faith and traditions; to promote participation in the Greek Orthodox community; and, to do it all with discretion, courtesy and kindness. Complete Philoptochos Mission Statement:

<https://www.saintsophiadc.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/07/MISSION-STATEMENT.pdf>

#### SCHOLARSHIP ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- The applicant must be a Greek Orthodox Christian (baptized or chrismated in the Greek Orthodox religion) and affiliated (e.g., through Sunday School attendance, service to the church or other church-related activities) with the Saint Sophia Greek Orthodox Cathedral of Washington, D.C.
- The applicant will graduate high school by the end of the current school year and is accepted to and will attend an accredited college or university in fall 2026.  
Or
- The applicant is an undergraduate student already enrolled in an accredited college or university who will be continuing undergraduate studies in fall 2026.  
Or
- The applicant is a graduate student who is accepted to and will attend or will be continuing graduate studies in an accredited college or university graduate program in fall 2026.

#### SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS TO BE SUBMITTED BY MARCH 31, 2026.

- 1) Completed copy of this application form
- 2) Most current school transcript including grade point average (GPA)
- 3) Letter(s) of recommendation
- 4) Essay responding to one choice of writing prompts provided
- 5) Proof of acceptance to or enrollment in an accredited college or university
- 6) Resume

## **PART 1: CONTACT INFORMATION**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Permanent Address: \_\_\_\_\_

College/University Accepted to/Enrolled in: \_\_\_\_\_

Major or Field of Study: \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

## **PART 2: SCHOOL TRANSCRIPT**

Along with your application, attach a copy of your most recent school transcript including GPA.

## **PART 3: LETTER(S) OF RECOMMENDATION**

Attach at least one (or two) letters of recommendation from a teacher, counselor or professor.

## **PART 4: ESSAY**

Attach an original essay (between 300-500 words) you have written in response to **one** of the four following prompts:

- 1) How does the Greek Orthodox faith affect your daily life?
- 2) What do you think the Greek Orthodox Church could do to inspire more youth to become involved in the Church?
- 3) How have you personally fulfilled any part of the mission of Philoptochos?
- 4) Reflect on a time when you questioned or challenged a belief of your Orthodox faith. What prompted your thinking and what was the outcome?

## **PART 5: PROOF OF ACCEPTANCE OR ENROLLMENT IN A COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY**

Attach a copy of your letter or acceptance or documentation of your continuing enrollment in an accredited college or university for the next school year.

## **PART 6: RESUME**

Attach your current resume, including extracurricular activities, honors, awards and volunteer and community service.

**PROCESS FOR DETERMINING SCHOLARSHIP WINNER:** The Philoptochos Society Scholarship Committee will review completed eligible applications **submitted by midnight, March 31, 2026**, to determine the winner, announced on Graduate Sunday, May 2026.

**SUBMIT YOUR APPLICATION BY MIDNIGHT, MARCH 31, 2026, WITH ALL ATTACHMENTS TO: [PhiloptochosDC@gmail.com](mailto:PhiloptochosDC@gmail.com) with the subject line: Philoptochos Scholarship Application. You may also send questions to this email address.**