



Anastasia K. Michals Memorial Philoptochos Scholarship

Mrs. Anastasia K. Michals, past Metropolis of New Jersey Philoptochos President, was a devoted Philoptochos sister in her local chapter, the Metropolis Board, and the National Philoptochos Board. Anne served with dignity and grace. She was a multitalented, charismatic woman who was totally dedicated to volunteerism. Anne was a fervent believer in the power of philanthropy, both as a healer and reminder that all things are possible through God's Love.

This is a merit-based application being offered to provide financial assistance to qualifying high school seniors entering an approved and accredited college, university, or trade school. All information herein is strictly confidential. Your identity will not be disclosed to the selection committee.

The 2024 scholarships will be awarded on the number of qualifying applications received.

2024 Application Timeline:

- Applications available March 1, 2024
- Applications due June 15, 2024
- Scholarship Announcement & Distribution by August 1, 2024

Applicant Instructions

Answer each question to the best of your knowledge and include the following:

1. Applicants (male or female) must be a Greek Orthodox Christian.
 - See Section II –Eligibility – Parish Information
 - Complete Parish Information and Include Letter from the Parish Priest

2. The applicant must have a Philoptochos relationship – Scholarship applicant’s parent or legal guardian must be a member in good standing for a minimum of two years in Philoptochos. The chapter must be in the Metropolis of New Jersey and chapter name/number must be provided.
 - See Section II – Eligibility – Philoptochos Chapter Information

3. The applicant must be a high school senior expecting to matriculate into an accredited college or trade training program.
 - See Section II – Eligibility – Applicant School Information

4. The applicant must provide original OFFICIAL current high school transcript, written essay, education, and extracurricular credentials.
 - See Section III (ESSAY) & Section IV (EDUCATION & EXTRACURRICULAR CREDENTIALS)

5. The applicant must include (2) letters of recommendation, one being from your Parish priest and one from a non-relative who will write of your character, ideals, and values. It may be a teacher, counselor, employer, or a non-relative mentor, who knows you very well and can address these aspects of your character. It is recommended that each letter be limited to one page in length.
 - See Section V – Letters of Recommendation

6. Return application to the Metropolis of New Jersey Philoptochos Scholarship Committee via email.
 - Met.NJ.Philo.Scholarship@gmail.com

2024 Metropolis of New Jersey Memorial Scholarship Application

Section I: Applicant Information

FULL NAME: _____

HOME ADDRESS: _____

TOWN/CITY/STATE: _____ ZIP CODE _____

TELEPHONE NUMBER: _____ DATE OF BIRTH _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

I hereby affirm that all the information provided in this application is accurate to the best of my knowledge.

I certify the essay is my own unique and original work.

I further acknowledge that any intentional material misrepresentation will disqualify my application.

I authorize the Scholarship Committee to verify the information submitted.

If selected as scholarship recipient, I authorize the Scholarship Committee to share my photo, name, Parish, and intended college/studies for press release.

Applicant Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

Please do not enter your name on the remainder of this application or the essay. Completed and signed application (including this signed sheet), transcripts & letters of recommendation must be e-mailed by June 15, 2024, to:

Metropolis of New Jersey Philoptochos Scholarship Committee

Met.NJ.Philo.Scholarship@gmail.com

For Questions, Contact Scholarship Committee Chair, Elaine Sackleh at

Met.NJ.Philo.Scholarship@gmail.com or by phone at 410.458.5503

Remember to attach separate sheets where you add information and include your transcript, letter of recommendation and essay. **SIGN AND DATE** your form using the space above.

SECTION II: ELIGIBILITY

PARISH INFORMATION

1. NAME OF PARISH: _____
2. ADDRESS OF PARISH: _____
3. NAME OF PRESIDING PARISH PRIEST: _____

- ❖ Submit on a single Parish letterhead letter, signed by current Parish priest, a Statement of Orthodoxy – the applicant was baptized in the Orthodox Faith, and a Statement of Stewardship, confirming the applicant is an Orthodox Christian steward in good standing. (The Scholarship applicant and family must be members in good standing for a minimum of two years in their Metropolis of New Jersey Parish.)

PHILOPTOCHOS CHAPTER INFORMATION

1. PHILOPTOCHOS RELATIONSHIP (Philoptochos Parent Member or Philoptochos Legal Guardian Member): _____
2. NUMBER OF YEARS AS PHILOPTOCHOS MEMBER: _____
3. METROPOLIS OF NEW JERSEY CHAPTER NAME AND CHAPTER #: _____

4. PHILOPTOCHOS CHAPTER PRESIDENT CONTACT INFORMATION:

- CHAPTER PRESIDENT NAME: _____
- CHAPTER PRESIDENT CELL PHONE #: _____
- CHAPTER PRESIDENT EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

APPLICANT SCHOOL INFORMATION

1. ANTICIPATED DATE OF GRADUATION FROM HIGH SCHOOL: _____
2. WILL YOU BE REGISTERED AS A FULL TIME STUDENT THIS COMING FALL? _____
3. COLLEGE INFORMATION:
 - COLLEGE NAME: _____
 - COLLEGE ADDRESS: _____
 - COURSE OF STUDY: _____
 - REGISTRAR NAME: _____
 - REGISTRAR CONTACT TELEPHONE NUMBER: _____

SECTION III: ESSAY

The Greek Orthodox Ladies Philoptochos Society, Inc. is the duly accredited women's philanthropic society of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America.

The mission of the Society shall be:

*To help the poor, the destitute, the hungry, the aged, the sick, the unemployed, the orphaned, the imprisoned, the widowed, the handicapped, the victims of disasters, to undertake the burial of impoverished persons and to offer assistance to anyone who may need the help of the Church through fund raising efforts; and

*To promote the charitable, benevolent, and philanthropic purposes of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America through instructional programs, presentations, lectures, seminars and other educational resources;

*To preserve and perpetuate Orthodox Christian concepts and the Christian Family, and through them, to promote the Greek Orthodox Faith and traditions, in accordance with its doctrines, canons, discipline, divine worship, usages and customs;

To promote participation in the activities of the Greek Orthodox community, With the cooperation of the Parish Priest.

The charitable work of the Society shall be performed with discretion, courtesy, and kindness.

Submit a short essay. 500 WORD Maximum

-MUST NOT EXCEED ONE PAGE WITH 1" MARGINS, DOUBLE SPACE, 12PT, TIMES ROMAN FONT.

YOUR ESSAY WILL BE EVALUATED FOR STYLE, ORGANIZATION, CONTENT, AND MECHANICS.

As Philoptochos has been doing philanthropic works for over 90 years now, consider the following:

Adhering to the ideals of Philoptochos, how will your education and life path promote its mission for the next 90 years?

SECTION IV: EDUCATION & EXTRACURRICULAR CREDENTIALS

1. GRADES: INCLUDE MOST RECENT OFFICIAL HIGH SCHOOL TRANSCRIPT; May be sent directly from school to Met.NJ.Philo.Scholarship@gmail.com

2. Activities you have been involved within your church community.

Activity Description Hours/years involved Knowledge gained from experience

3. Academic awards or honors that you have received or achieved.

Name/Description Year(s) Received

4. Extracurricular in which you have participated (those performed with school supervision/approval & community sponsored/supervised): (Include activities such as sports, music, clubs, and scouts, etc.)

Attach additional sheet if needed.

Description Responsibility (officer, captain, leadership role) Years Participating

5. **Citizenship or community involvement:** List and describe any volunteer activities through which you have helped others or the community at large. For each activity, estimate the number of hours devoted to this activity in the last 12 months. Attach additional sheet if needed.

Activity/Description Volunteer Hours Served

SECTION V: LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION

- ❖ (2) LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION:
 - ONE OF WHICH MUST BE FROM THE PARISH PRIEST – this letter is in addition to the Parish Priest’s letter confirming Orthodoxy and Stewardship for the applicant
 - THE OTHER FROM ANY OF THE FOLLOWING:
 - Teacher
 - Counselor
 - Advisor, Employer, Scout Leader
 - Non-Relative who can write about the applicant’s character and values

- ❖ Reference should include:
 - Name
 - Contact Information – Telephone, Email, Address
 - Years of involvement with the applicant
 - Relationship to applicant
 - Reason why the reference would recommend the applicant for the scholarship

- ❖ Letters should be addressed to the Scholarship Committee and emailed directly to:
 - ❖ Met.NJ.Philo.Scholarship@gmail.com