

2023 Metropolitan Iakovos Memorial Greek Language Scholarship Essay Contest



Are you a young writer interested in exploring
Greek immigrant experiences?

The St. Photios National Shrine has proudly announced its
annual essay contest and theme.

Most Americans treasure an immigrant story as it is a precious thread in the legacy of most families. There is a curiosity as to why the immigrant left their homeland, and we wonder what opportunity presented itself for a change. What did it feel like for our ancestors to leave their homeland? We want to know what was met upon arrival in the New World and what course their lives took.

Essay contest theme: In an essay of 950-1,050 words, compare and contrast the immigrant story of Ioannis Ioannopolis (Juan Genopoly), one of the Greek Colonists of 1768, with the immigrant story of a family member or a personal friend.

Participants must be between the ages of 13-19.

Maximum word count: 950-1050. Essay must be submitted in the Greek Language.

The winners will be selected by the committee; the winners will share the monetary prize of \$1,000.

- All participants will receive a certificate.
- All essays become the property of the St. Photios National Shrine and may be used for various publicity purposes, always with the byline of the author.
- Submit essays **NO LATER THAN March 3, 2023**, via email to: Poxeni Maouris Hillier, Executive Director of the St. Photios National Shrine at info@stphotios.com. Winners will be announced on Monday, March 19, 2023.