



*American Hellenic Educational Progressive Association*  
*AHEPA Chapter 90 – Danbury, CT*

## **Macricostas Scholarship Award**

### **Application for 2025**

Mr. Constantine Macricostas is a local entrepreneur whose great success is due to the importance placed on his education by his parents. In an era when most children were sent to work instead of school, young Constantine's father, uneducated himself, struggled to have his son educated and complete college in the United States. In establishing this scholarship, Mr. Macricostas wishes to help as many young people as possible. Our AHEPA Danbury Chapter has honored his initiative, in the last 20 years has awarded over \$200,000 to students in our church community, wishing they one day, will join our AHEPA family and continue helping others.

#### **1. ELIGIBILITY**

- 1.1. In order to apply and to be eligible for the scholarship award, the applicant must satisfy one of the following:
  - 1.1.1. The applicant is a member of AHEPA Chapter 90.
  - 1.1.2. The applicant is a child of an AHEPA Chapter 90 member.
  - 1.1.3. The applicant is a member of the Assumption Greek Orthodox Church of Danbury.
- 1.2. Further, the applicant must be a full-time student that is currently enrolled or has been accepted by an accredited educational institution into a program of undergraduate study leading toward a bachelor's or associate's degree during the current academic year.

#### **2. FILING**

- 2.1. The applicant must use this application.
- 2.2. The applicant must submit all documents and all sections must be completed. Incomplete application sections will receive no consideration for that section.
- 2.3. The completed scholarship application must be postmarked no later than **June 7, 2025** or handed to the Scholarship Committee Chairman by **June 7, 2025**. **Any applications not Postmarked or received by that date will NOT be accepted nor shall missing documents, sections or attachments. This shall be strictly enforced.**
- 2.4. The completed application package can be mailed or dropped off to:

**Chris Neofitidis**  
**Scholarship Committee Chairman**  
**51 Quaker Ridge Road**  
**Bethel, CT 06801**

#### **3. SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION**

- 3.1. All applicants must submit their most recent official transcript.
- 3.2. The applicants must provide proof of admission / enrollment on the academic institution's letterhead.
- 3.3. Six criteria are used to evaluate each applicant, one of which is financial need. Financial need is based upon the income of the applicant's household, as well as the number of children in college. If you wish to be considered for the maximum number of points possible, you must submit the most recent signed tax return of the person who claims you as a dependent.

**3.4.** The front and backside of the tax return should be submitted. Do NOT include any tax schedules or worksheets. Only the Committee Chairman will review this information. If you do not supply this information or you do not indicate the family income level, you **continue to BE ELIGIBLE** for a scholarship. The number of children attending college will still be taken into account regardless of family income.

**4. SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS**

Based on the academic year **2025-2026**, AHEPA Chapter 90 may award up to five (5) scholarships, in 4-\$1,000 scholarships and 2-\$500 scholarships provided that the applicant(s) meet the minimum standard requirements. Only one scholarship will be awarded per applicant.

**5. CONFIDENTIALITY**

**All the information reported on the scholarship application will be kept strictly confidential. Only the scholarship selection committee will review the information within the application. Applications are evaluated anonymously.**

**6. FINAL INSTRUCTIONS**

- 1. COMPLETE THE APPLICATION IN ITS ENTIRETY.**
- 2. INCLUDE ALL OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPTS.**
- 3. INCLUDE YOUR ESSAY.**
- 4. INCLUDE A COPY OF THE FRONT AND BACK SIDE OF THE MOST RECENT TAX RETURN. DO NOT INCLUDE ANY SCHEDULES. (See section 3.3)**
- 5. MAIL OR HAND-DELIVER THE APPLICATION BY THE DUE DATES.**

**7. ENDORSEMENT**

**I hereby certify that the information furnished in this application and the corresponding documents are true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I understand that making false statements will result in having my application rejected. The scholarship committee reserves the right to request additional documentation in support of my statements herein.**

**Applicant's Signature**

**Date**

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**FOR COMMITTEE USE ONLY****Application Code:** \_\_\_\_\_**Date Received:** \_\_\_\_\_**1. PERSONAL DATA**

<b>NAME</b>	_____
<b>PERMANENT ADDRESS</b>	_____ _____ _____
<b>TEMPORARY ADDRESS</b>	_____ _____ _____

**TELEPHONE** \_\_\_\_\_ **E-MAIL:** \_\_\_\_\_**ARE YOU A MEMBER OF AHEPA?** ☐ Yes ☐ No**IS / WAS ANY MEMBER OF YOUR IMMEDIATE FAMILY A MEMBER OF THE AHEPA, DAUGHTERS OF PENELOPE, SONS OF PERICLES, OR MAIDS OF ATHENA?****IF YES: PROVIDE WHO, WHEN AND RELATIONSHIP TO APPLICANT**  
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**2. EDUCATIONAL DATA****SCHOOL MOST RECENTLY ATTENDED**

<b>NAME OF SCHOOL</b>	<b>CITY AND STATE</b>	<b>DATES ATTENDED</b>	<b><u>YEAR COMPLETED</u></b>
			Degree Awarded _____ Year Completed: _____

NAME OF COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY YOU WILL/ARE ATTENDING \_\_\_\_\_

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**3. LIST ACTIVITIES, ACCOMPLISHMENTS, COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT AND SERVICE, AND CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS YOU BELONG TO:**

<b><u>FROM - TO</u></b>	<b><u>DESCRIPTION</u></b>

(Attach additional pages as required)

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**4. FAMILY'S FINANCIAL INFORMATION**

**4.1** If you wish to be considered for the maximum number of points possible, you must submit the most recent signed tax return of the person who claims you as a dependent. The front and backside of the tax return should be submitted. Do NOT include any tax schedules or worksheets. Only the Committee Chairman will review this information. If you do not supply this information or you do not indicate the family income level, you continue to BE ELIGIBLE for a scholarship. The number of children attending college will still be taken into account regardless of family income.

**4.2 FAMILY GROSS INCOME (CHECK ONE)**☐ Do not wish to supply☐ Less than \$50,000☐ Less than \$100,000☐ Less than \$200,000☐ Less than \$75,000☐ Less than \$150,000☐ More than \$200,000**4.3 PARENTS' PRESENT EMPLOYMENT STATUS**

	EMPLOYED	UNEMPLOYED	RETIRED
FATHER / GUARDIAN	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
MOTHER / GUARDIAN	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**4.4 DEPENDENTS (in family)****4.4.1 TOTAL NUMBER OF DEPENDENT CHILDREN**

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**4.4.2 DEPENDENT CHILDREN IN COLLEGE**

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(including applicant)

**5. OPTIONAL**

**ARE THERE ANY FAMILY HARDSHIP CIRCUMSTANCES YOU WOULD LIKE THE COMMITTEE TO CONSIDER.**

6. **ESSAY- *Students are expected to write their essays without the use of AI (Artificial Intelligence) scripts***  
ON A SEPARATE SHEET OF PAPER SUBMIT A TYPED ESSAY OF AT LEAST SEVEN HUNDRED (700) WORDS ON ONE OF THE TOPICS BELOW. THE ESSAY SHOULD NOT EXCEED ONE THOUSAND (1,000) WORDS.
1. **Greek Traditions and Values**-Identify one distinctive Hellenic (Greek) tradition, practice, and the values that has been passed down through your family and describe how it has significantly shaped your worldview and character. What makes this element uniquely Hellenic, and how do you see it influencing your approach to your college education and future contributions to our own Democratic society?
  2. **March 25, Greek Independence Day Celebrations**- On March 31st, our Assumption church community and its Greek school students along with many of our parishioners participated and marched in honor and celebration of our March 25, Greek Independence Parade in New York City. This is an experience that holds deep personal significance for many individuals.  
Reflect on your own experiences, and explore how it inspires you to participate in the future. Consider the historical, cultural, and emotional connections you have with Greece, and explain how these aspects shape your understanding of the importance of historical and current Greek Independence. In your essay, describe the sense of pride, unity, and patriotism you feel, and your perspective on heritage, freedom and national identity.
  3. **National Sovereignty**: We are witnessing yet another era of colonialism via modern warfare taking place where Ukraine a sovereign nation is attacked by Russia. What do you think is the future of National Sovereignty for all nations around the world? How would you make the case of National Sovereignty if you were provided an opportunity to lead a Global Nations gathering?
  4. **Hellenic Pillars of Democratic Ideals** -Explore the origins and development of democracy in ancient Hellas (Greece) comparing it to modern democratic ideals in the western world today.  
How do current western democratic societies compare to ancient Greece? List both similarities and differences in the freedoms of its citizens and how lack of these freedoms can impact the life of our citizens today. List the risks with respect to voting rights for government leaders and how democratic Judicial systems today have the power to protect the individual freedoms of its citizens.



