



ST. BARBARA'S CHAPTER #5019
PHILOPTOCHOS



Greek Orthodox Ladies Philoptochos Society

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St. Barbara's Philoptochos Society is proud to announce the opening of two scholarships for college students: The Sonya Carellas and Angie Vlahos Scholarship and The Peter and Marika Leopold Scholarship. These scholarships honor members, past and present, of our St. Paul's Greek Orthodox parish. We encourage all eligible students to apply.

Applications and supporting documents are to be submitted to the St. Barbara's Philoptochos Society Scholarship Committee electronically to stbarbscholarship@gmail.com by **March 5, 2023**.

Candidate interviews with the Scholarship Committee will be held after church services on a **date to be determined** in the Hellenic Center. All candidates will be interviewed.

Scholarship funds will be awarded and deposited in college accounts in early August. At that time, recipients will be invited to attend church for the formal presentation of the scholarships.

Should you have any questions regarding the scholarship application, please contact either Jamie Newman or Alyssa Danos.

St. Barbara's Philoptochos Society Scholarships - 2023

PETER AND MARIKA LEOPOLD SCHOLARSHIP

The Peter and Marika Leopold Scholarship was established in 2019 by Stratton and Mary Leopold. The scholarship honors the memories of Stratton's parents Peter and Marika Leopold who were dedicated stewards of St. Paul's Greek Orthodox Church and the surrounding Savannah community. Peter served numerous terms on the Parish Council and Marika was a lifelong member of Philoptochos. This scholarship reflects the love, support and dedication Peter and Marika gave to their church and community during their lifetime.

Requirements

This scholarship is awarded by St. Barbara's Philoptochos Society to full-time undergraduate students who have successfully completed the credits required for their freshman year. Candidates must be members of St. Paul's Greek Orthodox Church. In turn, their parents must be current members who have been in good standing for at least the last three consecutive years. Candidates will provide evidence of their current academic success and their involvement in their Orthodox faith. In addition, candidates will provide two letters of recommendation from college professors and or teaching assistants; one letter from a church leader; and will be interviewed by the scholarship committee.

This scholarship is awarded in August. No more than two scholarships of \$1,500 may be awarded each year. Funds will be deposited directly into the successful candidate(s) account at their school of record. Students may re-apply each year they are enrolled in undergraduate school.

SONYA CARELLAS AND ANGIE VLAHOS SCHOLARSHIP

The Sonya Carellas and Angie Vlahos Scholarship was established in 2019 by Teddy Carellas to honor his mother, Sonya Carellas and her best friend, Angie Vlahos. These two women through their efforts and actions instilled the value of stewardship for their church and community in their respective children. While Angie Vlahos was born in Greece and Sonya Carellas in Savannah, the two women became lifelong friends while serving both St. Paul's Greek Orthodox Church and St. Barbara's Philoptochos Society.

Requirements

This scholarship is awarded by St. Barbara's Philoptochos Society to full-time undergraduate students who are currently enrolled in college and have successfully completed the credits required for their freshman year. Candidates must be members of St. Paul's Greek Orthodox Church Orthodox. In turn, their parents must be current members who have been in good standing for at least the last three consecutive years. Candidates will provide evidence of their current academic success and their involvement in our Orthodox faith. In addition, candidates will provide two letters of recommendation from college professors and or teaching assistants; one letter from a church leader; and will be interviewed by the scholarship committee.

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****Please review the requirements listed above for the scholarship awards. The Scholarship Committee only accepts applications from candidates that meet all of the listed requirements.**

APPLICATION FORM

Personal Information

Name: _____
(First) (Last)

Permanent Address:

Street: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Email address: _____

Cell Phone: _____

Home Phone: _____

Years I have been a member of St. Paul's Greek Orthodox Church: _____

Parent(s) Information

Parent's Name Relation Phone number

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Parent(s)'s Address:

Street: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Years parent(s) a member of St. Paul's Greek Orthodox Church:

Parent's Name Amount of Years

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University Information

University Name: _____

Permanent Address:

Street: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Student ID Number: _____

Major: _____

GPA: _____ (Provide documentation)

List College Honors/ Awards, both academic and athletic, with dates and documentation:

Electronic Signature:

I pledge, to the fullest of my knowledge, that the information I have provided is accurate, the essay(s) that I have submitted is/are solely my work, and that I will attend the scholarship interview scheduled for date to be determined.

Applicant Signature: _____ Date: _____

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

The Scholarship Committee requests you provide the following documentation:

- Proof of your Fall 2023 registration
- A school certified copy of your current GPA
- All documentations proving your academic and athletic accomplishments
- Two letters of recommendation from university professors and/or teaching assistants. (use the electronic request form available on the church website)
- One letter of recommendation from a church official at St. Paul's Greek Orthodox Church; this would be either our St. Paul's priest or a Parish Council member. (use the electronic request form available on the church website)
- A letter from the church office stating that your parents have been a member in good standing of St. Paul's Greek Orthodox Church for at least three consecutive years including the current year. (use the electronic request form available on the church website)

All supporting forms for documentation can be found on the St. Paul's Greek Orthodox Church's website.

*All of the above-mentioned documents—excluding the letter from the church office—must be submitted electronically to stbarbscholarship@gmail.com by **March 15, 2023**.*

ESSAY PROMPTS

For each scholarship, respond to the prompt in an essay not to exceed 900 words. The essay must be typed in double space, in size 12 font style either Times New Roman or Calibri. Do NOT include your name in the document. When naming the file, use your first and last name along with the name of the appropriate scholarship.

Submit the essay(s) electronically in an editable document. PDFs are not acceptable.

You may write both essays thereby applying for both scholarships.

Peter and Marika Leopold Scholarship Essay Prompt

Describe a personal challenge you overcame during your college experience that required you to rely on your Orthodox faith and beliefs. Describe how you would advise other students to overcome similar challenges.

Sonya Carellas and Angie Vlahos Scholarship Essay Prompt

Suggest new ideas to bring young people together to become more involved in our Orthodox faith and become dedicated stewards, committed to the future of our church.

APPLICATION PROCEDURES AND REQUIREMENTS:

Please use the following checklist to ensure you have fully completed your scholarship application. Candidates that submit partial applications will be disqualified from receiving an award.

- _____ Fully completed and signed application
- _____ Proof of registration for the Fall 2023 semester
- _____ A school certified copy of your current GPA
- _____ All documentations proving your academic and athletic accomplishments
- _____ Two requested letters of recommendation from university professors and/or teaching assistants with the electronic form provided
- _____ One requested letter of recommendation from a church official with the electronic form provided
- _____ A requested letter, attn Jamie Newman, from the church office stating that your parents have been a member in good standing of St. Paul's Greek Orthodox Church for at least three consecutive years including the current year.
- _____ Electronic and editable document of your essay(s).

All documentations, applications, and essays must be submitted by **March 15, 2023**. Late applications will not be accepted. Candidates must appear for their scheduled interview on a date to be determined to qualify for the scholarships