



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 three scholarships for college students: The Sonya Carellas and Angie Vlahos Scholarship, The Peter and Marika Leopold Scholarship and The Mark and Helen Mamalakis 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](mailto:stbarbscholarship@gmail.com) by **March 15, 2023**.

The Scholarship Committee will conduct the required candidate interviews in the Hellenic Center, after church services, on a **date to be determined**.

In May, the scholarship recipients will be invited to attend a church service for the presentation of the scholarships. Funds awarded will be deposited into the success candidates' college account of record.

Please contact Jamie Newman if you have any questions regarding the scholarship application.

## 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 May. 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. Candidates will write an essay in response to a specific prompt.

### 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. Candidates will write an essay in response to a specific prompt.

This scholarship is awarded in May. 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 the school of record. Students may re-apply each year they are enrolled in undergraduate school.

### MARK AND HELEN MAMALAKIS SCHOLARSHIP

The Mark and Helen Mamalakis Scholarship was established in 2023 by Paul and Mark Mamalakis to honor the memory of their parents, Mark and Helen Mamalakis., who were dedicated stewards of St. Paul's Greek Orthodox Church and proactive members of the Savannah community. Mark was president of the Parish Council and a life-long member of the choir. Helen was a life-long member of Philoptochos, having served as president. This scholarship honors the dedication and love Mark and Helen had for their church and their community.

#### *Requirements*

This scholarship is awarded by St. Barbara's Philoptochos Society to full-time undergraduate students who have successfully completed 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 three consecutive years. Candidates will provide evidence of their academic success and 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. Candidates will write an essay in response to a specific prompt.

The Mark and Helen Mamalakis Scholarship is awarded in May. One scholarship of \$1500 may be awarded each year. Funds will be deposited directly into the successful candidate's account at the school of record. Students may re-apply each year if they are enrolled in undergraduate school.

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

\*\* Students may apply for more than one scholarship.

# 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 Name Relation Phone number

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

\_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Name  
University Information

Amount of Years

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:

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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 a 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](mailto: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 all essays thereby applying for all 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.

### Mark and Helen Mamalakis Scholarship Essay Prompt

How has your Orthodox faith inspired and informed your commitment to charitable service in your parish and in your other communities such as family, school, neighborhood, and city? What challenges and rewards have come from serving others? Please provide specific examples that illustrate the connections between faith and service.

## **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 **date to be determined** to qualify for the scholarships