



ST. BARBARA'S CHAPTER #5019  
**PHILOPTOCHOS**



*Greek Orthodox Ladies Philoptochos Society*

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*St. Paul's Greek Orthodox Church, 14 West Anderson Street, Savannah, Georgia 31401  
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St. Barbara's Philoptochos Society is proud to announce the 2020 scholarship for post-baccalaureate students: The Gabrielle Franklin and William J. Newman Scholarship. The scholarship honors the memory of Gabrielle Franklin, our beloved St Barbara's Philoptochos member, and William J. Neman, a firm supporter of St. Barbara's Philoptochos and its mission. We encourage all eligible students to apply.

Applications and supporting documents are to be submitted electronically to the official St. Barbara's Philoptochos scholarship email [stbarbscholarship@gmail.com](mailto:stbarbscholarship@gmail.com) by November 15, 2020.

Candidate interviews with the Scholarship Committee take place at the Hellenic Center. The Scholarship Committee will reach out to schedule a date for interview after the application deadline. All candidates will be interviewed.

Scholarship funds will be awarded and deposited in college accounts in early 2021. At that time, recipients will be invited to attend church for the formal presentation of the scholarships.

## St. Barbara's Philoptochos Society Scholarship - 2020

The St. Barbara's Philoptochos Society established the Gabrielle Franklin and William J. Newman Scholarship for Graduate Students in memory of Gabrielle Franklin, a beloved Society member, and William J. Newman (Bill), a firm supporter of the Philoptochos Society and its mission.

Gabrielle loved Philoptochos and worked tirelessly to support its mission in the St. Paul's Parish and the Savannah community. For many years, she was elected to the Philoptochos Board and served as its treasurer. Gabrielle dedicated her life to helping others. She acted as God tells us to, by showing kindness to others through good deeds. Gabrielle Franklin was a caring leader and a role model for the Savannah community.

Bill truly believed in and fully supported charitable, benevolent acts. Throughout his life, Bill was committed to various philanthropic causes, but none more so than those that positively affected the lives of children and young adults. Bill understood the importance of higher education, and he wholeheartedly supported all those who pursued knowledge.

This scholarship is eligible to students that: have completed an undergraduate degree, have been accepted into a university post-baccalaureate program, are currently enrolled in a formal course of study leading to a graduate degree, and have completed six hours of course work. Candidates or their parents must be members in good standing of St. Paul's Greek Orthodox Church for at least three consecutive years. Candidates must provide evidence of current academic success and their involvement in the Orthodox faith. In addition, candidates: will provide two letters of recommendation from graduate school professors; will provide one letter of recommendation from a church official; will write a response in essay format to the given prompt; and will sit for an interview with the scholarship committee.

This \$1500 scholarship will be awarded to the successful candidate in December 2020.

## APPLICATION FORM

### Personal Information

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Last 4 SSN: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_

Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Respond to one of the following

I have been a member in good standing of St. Paul's Greek Orthodox Church for \_\_\_\_\_ years.

OR

My parents have been a member in good standing of St. Paul's Greek Orthodox Church for \_\_\_\_\_ years.

The St. Paul's Greek Orthodox Church defines a member in good standing as a registered steward that has pledged for the current year and has paid their stewardship commitment in full from the previous year.

### Parent(s) Contact Information

Parent(s) Name(s):

Name	Relation
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Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_

Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

### School Information

Current College/University: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_

Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Student ID Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Graduate Program to which you are admitted: \_\_\_\_\_

Current GPA: \_\_\_\_\_ (documentation required)

Undergraduate Degree Information

College/University Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Degree Awarded: \_\_\_\_\_

Year Awarded: \_\_\_\_\_

Electronic Signature:

I pledge, to the fullest of my knowledge, that the information I have provided is accurate and factual. The essay that I have submitted is solely my work. I have followed the necessary procedures requested, as stated in this application, and I will attend the scholarship interview to be scheduled at a later date.

Applicant Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

APPLICATION PROCEDURES AND REQUIREMENTS:

Please check the following items to ensure that you have followed all the scholarship requirements.

- \_\_\_\_\_ Proof of Undergraduate Degree
- \_\_\_\_\_ Proof of admission graduate program
- \_\_\_\_\_ Proof of registration for the Fall 2020 semester
- \_\_\_\_\_ A school certified copy of your current GPA
- \_\_\_\_\_ Two letters of recommendation from university professors (see digital form on website)
- \_\_\_\_\_ One letter of recommendation from a church official, preferably our St. Paul's priest, but if not possible, a Parish Council member. (see digital form on website)
- \_\_\_\_\_ A letter from the church office stating that either you or your parent(s) have been members in good standing of St. Paul's Greek Orthodox church for at least three consecutive years including this year.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Noted the required interview with the Scholarship Committee at the Hellenic Center.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Responded to one of the given prompts in a detailed essay with supporting evidence.

All completed scholarship documents and the essay must be submitted electronically to [stbarbscholarship@gmail.com](mailto:stbarbscholarship@gmail.com)

## ESSAY PROMPT:

Respond to one of the following prompt in a detailed essay with supporting evidence for your statements. When citing from the bible, please use the following citation format (Book Chapter: Line).

The essay must be submitted electronically using your first and last name as the file name and the name of the scholarship.

### Prompt 1:

In the readings of the bible, we know that God has eternal love for humanity. This is a key teaching of Christianity. When the evangelists transcribed the stories of Jesus into Greek, they created a new word for God's love—*agape*. *Agape* has a much more distinct definition for love than that of the English language; it is described as a brotherly love or charity. *Agape* is often defined as the highest form of love. Why is that the case and how does God teach all of humanity to practice these forms of love? How have you exhibited *agape* in your life?

### Prompt 2:

In Paul's second letter to the Corinthians, he writes, "You will be enriched in every way to be generous in every way, which through us will produce thanksgiving to God." (2 Corinthians 9:11) In this quote, Paul illustrates the abundance of good that generosity provides to the needy and the righteous. Please give an example of generosity from the bible. How did the generous act impact the characters involved? What have you learned from this act?

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I, \_\_\_\_\_, request that you complete this recommendation form, a requirement for my application for scholarship support. I understand that by signing this form I waive my right to access this information.

\_\_\_\_\_  
ELECTRONIC SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT

\_\_\_\_\_  
DATE

\_\_\_\_\_  
*\*\*Please fill out the below section and forward the form to your instructor*

Name of Church leader providing recommendation: \_\_\_\_\_

Position in the Church: \_\_\_\_\_

RECOMMENDATION FORM

The above student has applied for a scholarship. The Scholarship Selection Committee wishes a frank appraisal of the applicant's qualifications. The student's demonstrated ability, faith, character and other pertinent facts are welcome evidence. This appraisal is confidential and will not be seen by the candidate. Please use both sides of this form and add sheets whenever needed. You may also submit a digital letter alongside this recommendation form. The recommendation form must be submitted via email to [stbarbscholarship@gmail.com](mailto:stbarbscholarship@gmail.com) on or before June 19, 2020.

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SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

*For the applicant:*

I, \_\_\_\_\_, request that you complete this member in good standing form, a requirement for my application for scholarship support. I understand that by signing this form I waive my right to access this information.

\_\_\_\_\_  
ELECTRONIC SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT

\_\_\_\_\_  
DATE

\_\_\_\_\_  
*\*\*The below section is to be filled out by the St. Paul's Greek Orthodox Church Secretary.*

Applicant's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant's Parent(s)'s Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant's Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

MEMBER IN GOOD STANDING REQUEST FORM

The above student has applied for a St. Barbara's Philoptochos Scholarship. The Scholarship Selection Committee requests an official letter from St. Paul's Greek Orthodox Church that either **confirms or denies** that the applicant or his/her parent(s) have been members in good standing of St. Paul's Greek Orthodox Church for **at least three consecutive years, including the current year (2018, 2019, 2020)**. The Committee reminds you that the St. Paul's Greek Orthodox Church defines a member in good standing as a registered steward that has pledged for the current year and has paid their stewardship commitment in full from the previous year. The Committee asks that the letter be approved and signed by the Stewardship Committee leaders, certified with the Church's seal, and enclose the letter in a sealed envelope addressed to the Scholarship Committee, attention Jamie Newman.

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\_\_\_\_\_  
ELECTRONIC SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT

\_\_\_\_\_  
DATE

\_\_\_\_\_  
*\*\*Please fill out the below section and forward the form to your instructor*

RECOMMENDATION FORM

Name of instructor providing recommendation: \_\_\_\_\_

Relation to student: \_\_\_\_\_

The above student has applied for a scholarship. The Scholarship Selection Committee wishes a frank appraisal of the applicant's qualifications. The student's demonstrated ability, scholarship, character and other pertinent facts are welcome evidence. This appraisal is confidential and will not be seen by the candidate. Please attach this form along with the recommendation letter in an email to [stbarbscholarship@gmail.com](mailto:stbarbscholarship@gmail.com) on or before November 15, 2020.