

Annunciation Endowment Fund (AEF)
Scholarship Program

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The Endowment Fund of the Greek Orthodox Church of the Annunciation has established a scholarship award program for qualified High School graduates who have been accepted to and will enroll in an accredited college or university, a community college, or an accredited/licensed vocational school. The award is intended for students entering one of these institutions for the first time. Up to three scholarships of \$2500 will be awarded this year.

PURPOSE:

Encourage active participation in church, school and civic activities and to foster an attitude of Christian love, responsibility and service to others.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:

Applicants must be of the Orthodox faith. Applicant and/or family must be members in good standing of any of the Greek Orthodox parishes in the greater Sacramento area. At present, this includes Annunciation in Sacramento, St. Katherine's in Elk Grove, and St. Anna's in Roseville.

The main requirements of successful candidates will be to demonstrate active participation in church worship and social activities, school extra-curricular activities and civic activities.

Applicants must have a high school GPA of at least 2.5 through the 1st term of their senior year.

SUBMISSION OF APPLICATION: THERE ARE NO EXCEPTIONS TO THE FOLLOWING REQUIREMENTS FOR SUBMISSION OF THE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

ALL REQUIRED DOCUMENTS MUST BE PLACED IN A SINGLE SEALED ENVELOPE

Address to:

Annunciation Endowment Fund Scholarship Committee
c/o Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church
616 Alhambra Blvd.
Sacramento, CA 95816

POSTMARK DEADLINE - JULY 1st or DATE STAMP DEADLINE BY ANNUNCIATION CHURCH OFFICE STAFF- JULY 1ST

SELECTION OF CANDIDATES:

The Scholarship Award Committee will consist of three people. The AEF Board will appoint two AEF representatives and each shall serve a two-year term. The first year, one AEF representative shall be appointed to a one-year term and one shall be appointed to a two-year term to provide continuity in future years. A third person shall be selected by the AEF Board from the greater Sacramento Community, and shall be asked to serve a two-year term.

One of the AEF representatives shall serve as the Administrator of the Selection Committee and shall not participate in the actual selection process. Only the Administrator shall know the applicants' names. Applicants' names shall not be revealed to the other members of the committee until after they have selected the recipients. The review and selection process, as well as the contents of the applications, will remain confidential.

Annunciation Endowment Fund Scholarship Application Procedures

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Items to be submitted:

- **Application:** A completed copy of this application, or a Computer printed facsimile of the form. A computer facsimile should use a size 12-point font with one-inch margins.
- **Official Transcript:** The applicant must submit an official high school transcript which includes grades through the 1st semester of the Senior year
- **Letters of Recommendation:** The applicant must include two letters of reference with the completed application. One letter must be from the Parish Priest and the other from a teacher, counselor, administrator or group leader of a service organization.
- **Personal Statement:** A letter of not more than 500 words describing the impact your church and civic involvement have had on your Christian life and your plans and goals. Include a wallet size photograph for publication.
- **Letter of Acceptance:** A copy of the letter of acceptance from the college or university the applicant plans to attend or an equivalent letter or admission from a community college or private institution.

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Basis of Selection:

- **First time Student:** The applicant is entering college or vocational school for the first time
- **GPA Requirement:** 2.5 or better through the 1st senior semester of high school.
- **Parish Activities:** The applicants' active participation in his/her parish's religious and social life will be given considerable weight. Character, citizenship, personality and extra-curricular school and civic activities will also be considered.

Deadline for Receipt of Application Packet:

All applications must be postmarked by July 1st, or date stamped by Annunciation Church office staff by July 1st

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Notification:

All recipients of scholarships will receive a letter of notification from the AEF Scholarship Committee by August 15th.

Scholarship Award:

Scholarship checks will be mailed to recipients only after the AEF Scholarship Committee receives official verification of enrollment and attendance for 12 units or more for the fall semester or quarter of the year of application.

**Annunciation Endowment Fund
Scholarship Application Form**
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A. Biographical & General Information

1. Applicant's Full Name: _____

Home Address: _____

Telephone: _____

2. Name of Parents/Guardian: _____

Home Address: _____

Telephone: _____

B. Academic Information:

1. Names and City of School District of High School:

Date of High School Graduation: _____

2. When do you expect to start college or vocational school? _____

3. Name & address of the Registrar or Financial Aid office of the institution you will be attending:

4. What vocation or field of study do you plan to pursue?

5. Please provide your cumulative Grade Point Average in High School: _____

E. School Activities and Awards (use additional pages if needed)

1. List any extracurricular activities you participated in and the length of time you participated in them, including but not limited to athletics, student government, scholastic clubs, music, drama and service groups.

2. List any honors, awards, or recognition you received for excellence in your extracurricular activities.

3. List awards, recognition or honors for excellence in your academic work.

F. Personal Statement

A statement of not more than 500 words describing the impact that church and civic involvement has had on your Christian life and your plans and goals. Use a size 12 point font with one-inch margins. Staple the personal statement to the back of the application form.

G. Certification

I certify that all information provided in this application is true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I also agree to provide proof to substantiate the information included in this application, if requested to do so by the Annunciation Endowment Fund Scholarship Committee.

Applicant's Signature

Date

- Enclosures: Personal Statement
 Letters of Recommendation (2)
 Letter of Acceptance
 Official High School Transcript