

# Annunciation Endowment Fund Scholarship Program

The Endowment Fund of the Annunciation Church of Sacramento has established a scholarship award program for qualified High School graduates who have been accepted to and will enroll in either 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 eight scholarships of \$1,000 each will be awarded this year.

## PURPOSE:

To 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.

Applicants must have a high school GPA of at least 2.5 through the 1<sup>st</sup> term of the Senior year. Scholarship recipients must maintain enrollment for a minimum of 12 units (adjusted for quarter units each term with a minimum GPA of 2.5 each academic term that scholarship funds remain available.

Successful candidates will demonstrate active participation in church worship and social activities, school extra-curricular activities, and civic activities.

## SELECTION OF CANDIDATES:

The Scholarship Award Committee will consist of four people. Three AEF representatives will be appointed by the AEF Board and shall each serve two year terms. The first year, one AEF representative shall be appointed to a one year term, and two shall be appointed to two year terms to provide continuity in future years. A fourth person shall be selected by the AEF 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.

PLEASE NOTE:

All information requested by the Scholarship Committee must be supplied in order for the application to be considered. Applications must be turned in to your parish priest no later than July 1st. Awards shall be announced on August 15.

# Instructions for Completing the Application Form

## **A: Items to be submitted:**

**1. Application:** A completed copy of this application, or a Computer printed facsimile of the form. A computer facsimile should use a size 12 font with one inch margins.

**2. Official Transcript:** The applicant must arrange for an official transcript from the High School from which you are graduating. You must inform the school to send the transcript directly to the Annunciation Endowment Fund Scholarship Committee, Church of the Annunciation, 3022 F Street, Sacramento, CA 95816

**3. 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.

**4. 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.

**5. Letter of Acceptance:** A copy of the letter of acceptance from the college or university the applicant plans to attend, or an equivalent letter of admission from a community college or private institution.

## **B: Basis of Selection:**

**1. First time Student:** The applicant is entering college or vocational school for the first time.

**2. Parish Activities:** The applicant's 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.

## **C: Deadlines:**

**The completed application and all other required documents must be submitted to the Parish Priest no later than July 1.**

**The Parish Priest should forward the completed application to the Scholarship Committee no later than July 15.**

**Awards shall be announced on August 15.**

# Annunciation Endowment Fund Scholarship Application Form

## A. Biographical and General Information

1. Applicant's Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

2. Name of Parents or Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

## B. Academic Information:

1. Name and City School District of High School: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Date of High School graduation: \_\_\_\_\_

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

3. Name and 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. \_\_\_\_\_



**D. Civic Activities and Awards**

(use additional pages if needed)

1. List any civic activities you participated in and the length of time you participated in them. Activities include, but are not limited to, service groups, neighborhood groups, scouting, sports programs, individual community service.

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

2. List any awards, honors, or recognition you received in connection with your civic activities.

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

**E. School Activities and Awards**

(use additional pages if needed)

1. List any school 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 your church and civic involvement have had on your Christian life, and your plans and goals. Use size 12 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 any 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

**ATTACHMENTS:**

- Personal Statement
- Letters of Recommendation
- Letter