

**SAINT SOPHIA
GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH
SCHOLARSHIP
2012**



APPLICATION
SPONSORED BY:
THE LADIES PHILOPTOCHOS OF SAINT SOPHIA
525 CHURCH ROAD
ELGIN, ILLINOIS 60123

SAINT SOPHIA GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

APPLICATION FOR SCHOLARSHIP AWARD DEADLINE MARCH 30, 2012

I. ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Applicant must be either a High School senior who will graduate at the end of the current school term, or a college student currently enrolled in an accredited institution, **pursuing an Associates or Bachelor degree**. Two scholarships will be awarded to the most worthy applicants. At least one parent/legal guardian of the applicant's family must be a steward of the Saint Sophia Greek Orthodox Church, Elgin, Illinois, and the applicant must be in good standing within the Orthodox Faith.

Applicant must have maintained a minimum B average, (3.0 on a 4.0 scale), during the entire High School or College course of study.

The applicant must complete a signed and dated application form.

In order for all applications to be considered the following must be completed:

- A certified transcript of grades from the high school or college of the applicant must be submitted.
- Three (3) complete recommendation forms must be submitted, one of which must be from Father Andrew. These forms are to be submitted separately by educators at the applicant's current school of attendance. It is the applicant's responsibility to assure that the selected educators submit the required forms prior to the deadline date. No exceptions will be made.
- A certified copy of the results of either the ACT or SAT test must be submitted if not noted on the official transcript.
- A photograph of the applicant, no larger than 2-1/2 x 3-1/2, must be submitted. The scholarship committee may use the photograph for publicity purposes.

Applicant is ineligible to receive the Scholarship more than once in a lifetime.

Upon awarding of the Scholarship, payment must be made to the school within twelve (12) months or the scholarship will be void.

A minimum score of 85 must be achieved to receive the scholarship award.

**All Applications, Forms and Correspondence
are to be mailed to:
Saint Sophia Scholarship Committee
525 Church Road
Elgin, Illinois 60123**

II. STUDENT INFORMATION

Name

Address

City, State, Zip

Phone

Name of Parents, Father

Mother

1. I am currently enrolled as a High School Senior
I am currently enrolled as a College Student
2. List the college most likely to attend.
3. Is your parent(s) a steward of the Saint Sophia Community: Yes No

III. ACADEMIC INFORMATION

To be Rated 10% of Total

High School or College Attended

City, State

Expected Graduation Date

GPA on 4.0 Scale

Either/Or:

ACT Comp

SAT Verbal

SAT Math

SAT Total

*****Attach Certified Academic Transcript to this Page*****

IV. SCHOLARHIP HONORS

Honor	School	Year
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V. SIGNIFICANT ACTIVITIES

To Be Rated 15% of Total

Church Activities and Involvement (5%):

(Note: Participation will be verified by Ministry Directors.)

High School or College Activities and Involvement (5%):

Community Activities and Involvement (5%):

VI. EDUCATIONAL OBJECTIVES/CAREER GOAL

To Be Rated 15% of Total

Please enlighten the Committee on how your education can best help you serve your Orthodox faith.

Please use the space below to explain

VII. ACCOUNT OF FAITH

To Be Rated 15% of Total

In the space provided below please give an account of a faith experience that has occurred within your life.

VIII. RECOMMENDATIONS

To be Rated 5% of Total

To be submitted by those who are selected by the Applicant.

One recommendation must be from Father Andrew.

These recommendations are to be sent directly by those writing the letters of recommendation.

IX. PERSONAL SPIRITUALITY

To Be Rated 25% of Total

In a personal statement of 400 words or less, write an essay to answer the following question. Our Faith encourages us to be Thankful to God for His presence in our lives and His abundant gifts to us. As Greek Orthodox Christians, this gratefulness to God is something we share with all God fearing people. Please share a faith experience that you are grateful to God for.

X. PERSONAL INTERVIEW

To Be Rated 15% of Total

I hereby acknowledge that I have read the eligibility requirements and state that I am eligible for consideration of a scholarship award. Further I acknowledge that the final decision rests with the scholarship committee of Saint Sophia Greek Orthodox Church, Elgin, Illinois. I understand that the Personal Interview will be conducted on Saturday, May 5, 2012 and that I will be available on this day. I acknowledge that, if I am selected as this year's recipient, I will be present on June 10, 2012 to receive this award. **I also acknowledge that if I am awarded the Scholarship, the Scholarship must be paid to the school within 12 months or the Scholarship will be voided.**

Signature of Applicant _____ Date _____

**SAINT SOPHIA GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH
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ELGIN, ILLINOIS 60123
847.888.2822**

Recommendation Form – Please respond before:

March 30, 2012

This recommendation form must be completed by an educator
at the applicant's school of attendance

The student below has applied for a scholarship. The scholarship selection committee wishes the frank appraisal of the applicant's qualifications. The student should demonstrate ability, scholarship, and character while in attendance at your school. In addition other pertinent information, which you consider important and enlightening, may be included. This letter of recommendation is confidential and will not be seen by the applicant. Please mail the appraisal no later than **MARCH 30, 2012** to:

Saint Sophia Scholarship Committee
525 Church Road
Elgin, Illinois 60123

For further information please contact
Janice Novick at 847.544.8984

Applicant's Name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Your Name _____

Title _____

Institution _____

Date _____

Dear Scholarship Applicant,

It is with great joy that our Ladies Philoptochos of Saint Sophia awards a scholarship to two qualified students from our parish. We recognize the hard work and dedication to your Orthodox faith and the value you place on your church involvement and academic studies, and it is for this reason that we, the Philoptochos Society and the church wish to acknowledge your efforts.

The Ladies Philoptochos of Saint Sophia has established two \$1000.00 scholarships, to be awarded to two worthy applicants whose family is a steward of our beloved Saint Sophia Greek Orthodox Church. You should feel comfortable in applying for this award. An important criterion for this scholarship is your commitment to Christ and His Church.

Our prayers and best wishes go to you as you apply for this scholarship.

May our Lord and Savior bring Faith, Hope and Love to you and yours.

In His Service,

Fr. Andrew G. Karamitos

In Christ,

The Scholarship Committee
Ladies Philoptochos of Saint Sophia