

Elpis Philoptochos Society 2017 Scholarship Application Annunciation Greek Church, Memphis, TN

I. Scholarship Program

The Elpis Philoptochos Society has established a scholarship to promote, encourage and advance education. This scholarship is limited to students who are members of the Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church in Memphis, Tennessee.

II. Eligibility

In order to apply and be eligible for the scholarship, the applicant must satisfy one of the following conditions:

- Be a graduating high school senior or high school graduate planning to attend an accredited college or university full time during the current calendar year. The student must have a minimum requirement ACT score of 18 in order to apply.
- Be a current college/university student, attending an accredited college/university, taking no less than 12 credit hours or course work and who will continue to attend college/university full time during the calendar year.

III. Application Procedures

- i. Applicants must use the current year application.
- ii. Applicants are responsible for completing all sections of the application correctly.
- iii. All application documents, including, transcripts, test documentation, recommendation letters, etc. **MUST** be received in the Church Office no later than 12:00 noon on April 28, 2017.
- iv. All information received will be kept confidential. No items will be returned.
Applications received after 12:00 noon, April 28, 2017 will not be considered for review. Incomplete applications will not be considered.
- v. Applications may be mailed or hand delivered. All application documentation must be submitted to:

Elpis Philoptochos Scholarship
c/o The Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church
573 North Highland
Memphis, TN 38122

- vi. In the event that no applicant has met the requirements of this scholarship, then no scholarship shall be awarded.

IV. Area of Consideration given for Scholarship

Applications will be reviewed and considered based on:

- i. Scholastic Achievement - worth 50 points out of a total 100 point evaluation scale
- ii. Three Recommendation Letters

a. One (1) recommendation letter must be provided for Church Involvement – worth 20 points out of an overall 100 point evaluation scale.

This recommendation letter must be written by a leader in the church - Priest (past or present), Pastor Emeritus, Sunday School teacher, Youth Director, etc. - that **can honestly** speak to your involvement in church affiliated service. Please see the attached Church Involvement Recommendation Form with additional directions.

b. Two (2) additional recommendation letters must be provided for Character Recommendation – each worth 15 points (a total of 30 points) out of an overall 100 point evaluation scale. These two (2) recommendation letters may be written by a teacher/faculty member, an employer, a school counselor, etc. that can honestly speak to your character, leadership, scholarship, responsibility, work ethic, etc. Please see the attached Teacher/Character Recommendation Form with additional directions.

V. Scholarship Award

One scholarship will be awarded in the amount of \$2,000. The recipient will be announced on Graduation Sunday.

Application for Scholarship

Directions: Please complete ALL sections in blue or black ink.

A. Please provide the appropriate copies of the following documentation:

1. High School Seniors **MUST** submit the **most recent official school transcript** and a copy of your **most recent ACT scores**. (If applicant intends on submitting most recent SAT scores, please contact the Elpis Scholarship Committee Chair for more information.)
2. College Students **MUST** submit the **most recent official college/university transcript**.
- All transcripts and test scores must be official and submitted with the application package.
3. Applicants must provide the name of the College/University to which they have been accepted, or which they are planning to attend or are currently attending.
4. Applicants must submit documentation supporting all honors, achievements, activities, Dean's List, Honor Society, etc.
5. Applicants must submit three (3) letters of recommendation as detailed on pp 1-2 of the Application Procedures. Please see the attached Forms for additional information. References may not be provided from someone related to the applicant. Recommendation letters **MUST** be submitted with the application package.

B. Personal Data

Legal Name _____

Permanent Home Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

If different from above, please provide a mailing address for all correspondence.

Mailing Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone Number (home) _____ (mobile) _____

Name of College/University you will be attending/currently attend

Possible Area of Academic Concentration/Major

Is a parent/guardian or are you a member of the Elpis Philoptochos Society at Annunciation Church, Memphis, TN? Yes () No ()

Name _____

School you currently attend _____

Address _____

City _____ **State** _____ **Zip** _____

***Provide a copy of most recent transcript with application package.**

Test Information

ACT Score

Last Date Taken _____

Overall Composite Score _____

***Provide a copy of most recent scores with application package.**

Academic Honors, Extracurricular Activities, Volunteer Activities

Please list. Your Recommendation Letters should provide detail on what you provide here. Attach additional sheet if necessary.

***Please remember to include the required three (3) recommendation letters. Additional information is attached.**

Signature/Endorsement

I hereby certify that I am a Greek Orthodox Christian and a member of The Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church in Memphis, TN and that the information contained in this application for scholarship and submitted documentation is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief and that I meet the eligibility requirements of this application.

Applicant's Signature _____

Date _____

Teacher / Character Reference Recommendation Form #1

Applicant's Name: _____

To the Applicant:

This recommendation form should be given to a teacher, community leader, employer, counselor or any other individual who can speak honestly about your character, leadership, scholarship, responsibility, work ethic, maturity, integrity, etc. Please give the person writing the recommendation ample time. Provide an envelope for the individual to return the recommendation form.

To the Evaluator:

This recommendation form and letter will serve as 15 points out of a possible 100 points on the evaluation scale for the Elpis Philoptochos Society Scholarship. Please answer all questions on this form as thoroughly as possible, and comment to the best of your ability on the applicant's character, leadership, scholarship, responsibility, work ethic, maturity, integrity, etc. Enclose both this form and the letter of recommendation in the envelope provided by the applicant and *return the envelope to the applicant* so that all forms can be submitted together.

Background Information

How long have you known this applicant and in what context?

Please list the first three words that come to mind when you think of this applicant.

Recommendation

Please write whatever you think is important about this applicant, including a description of academic and personal characteristics, as demonstrated to you. We welcome information that will help us to differentiate this student from others. (Feel free to attach an additional sheet or another reference you may have prepared on behalf of this student.)

Teacher / Character Reference Recommendation Form #2

Applicant's Name: _____

To the Applicant:

This recommendation form should be given to a teacher, community leader, employer, counselor or any other individual who can speak honestly about your character, leadership, scholarship, responsibility, work ethic, maturity, integrity, etc. Please give the person writing the recommendation ample time. Provide an envelope for the individual to return the recommendation form.

To the Evaluator:

This recommendation form and letter will serve as 15 points out of a possible 100 points on the evaluation scale for the Elpis Philoptochos Society Scholarship. Please answer all questions on this form as thoroughly as possible, and comment to the best of your ability on the applicant's character, leadership, scholarship, responsibility, work ethic, maturity, integrity, etc. Enclose both this form and the letter of recommendation in the envelope provided by the applicant and *return the envelope to the applicant* so that all forms can be submitted together.

Background Information

How long have you known this applicant and in what context?

Please list the first three words that come to mind when you think of this applicant.

Recommendation

Please write whatever you think is important about this applicant, including a description of academic and personal characteristics, as demonstrated to you. We welcome information that will help us to differentiate this student from others. (Feel free to attach an additional sheet or another reference you may have prepared on behalf of this student.)

Church Involvement Recommendation Form

Applicant's Name: _____

To the Applicant:

This recommendation form should be given to a church leader – Priest (past or present), Sunday School Teacher, Youth Director, Organization President, etc. – that can speak honestly about your involvement in the Church and your service to the Church community. Please give the person writing the recommendation ample time. Provide an envelope for the Church leader to return the recommendation form.

To the Church leader:

This recommendation form and letter will serve as 20 points out of a possible 100 points on the evaluation scale for the Elpis Philoptochos Society Scholarship. Please answer all questions on this form as thoroughly as possible, and comment to the best of your ability on the applicant's involvement in Church activities and service to the Church community. Enclose both this form and the letter of recommendation in the envelope provided by the applicant and *return the envelope to the applicant* so that all forms can be submitted together.

Background Information

How long have you known this applicant and in what context?

Please list the first three words that come to mind when you think of this applicant.

List any honors or activities (Oratorical festival, GOYA leadership, etc.) that would distinguish this applicant from the others.

Recommendation

Please write whatever you think is important about this applicant, including a description of Church involvement and personal characteristics, as demonstrated in the Church community. We welcome information that will help us to differentiate this student from others. (Feel free to attach an additional sheet or another reference you may have prepared on behalf of this student.)

