



PANHELLENIC SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION

Application 2016/17



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Building a better America through Education and Hellenism

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Greetings,

Thank you for applying for a PanHellenic Scholarship Award.

The PanHellenic Scholarship Foundation recognizes outstanding undergraduates of Hellenic descent who have demonstrated exceptional academic achievement. Receiving a scholarship award is a great honor, and recipients join the ranks of the "best and brightest" young Greek Americans across the country when they are inducted into the PanHellenic Honors Society. This special group will be forever connected with each other through the newly-established Alumni Board.

As of June 2016, the PanHellenic Scholarship Foundation has supported 366 Greek American students by distributing \$2.5 million in scholarships. Through the awards, the Foundation hopes to encourage its scholars to pursue their academic and career dreams, so that they may one day become influential leaders in our society and continue to succeed throughout their lives.

In the following documents, you will find important information regarding the 2016/17 scholarship application. Please read the instructions carefully and complete the application form as required.

Thank you, again, for applying. We wish you all the best.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Robert A. Buhler", is written over a white background.

Robert A. Buhler
Chairman



ARE YOU ELIGIBLE TO APPLY FOR THIS SCHOLARSHIP?

You must answer "YES" to all of the following questions in order to apply:

1. Are you a U.S. citizen or U.S. permanent resident?
2. Are you of Hellenic descent?
3. Have you graduated high school?
4. Are you a full-time undergraduate student at an accredited four-year college/university?
5. Do you meet the cumulative GPA requirement of 3.5?

**Please complete this entire application form.
Incomplete applications will be disqualified.**

**We encourage you to apply early should we
need to communicate with you regarding your application.**

All information provided by the applicants is strictly confidential.

PANHELLENIC SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION 2016/17 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

PART A: SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

I am applying for the (select ONLY one): \$10,000 Award *
 \$2,500 Award

Have you previously applied to the PanHellenic Scholarship Foundation? Yes No

If yes, please list the year(s) when application was submitted: _____

* If you are applying for a \$10,000 Award (see Qualification Criteria, Requirements and Guidelines to ensure you qualify):

- State your Family Size (including yourself): _____
- State Annual Adjusted Gross Income for Year 2014: _____
- State Annual Adjusted Gross Income for Year 2015: _____
- Submit copies of your family/household IRS Form 1040 (pages 1 and 2) for the years 2014 and 2015.
- Submit a signed copy of form 4506T (Request for Tax Transcript form available on our website for verification of income).

PART B: APPLICANT'S INFORMATION

Full Name: _____
First Middle Last

Permanent Address: _____
Street

City State Zip

Contact: _____
Home Phone Cell Phone Fax

Personal E-mail School E-mail

Place of Birth: _____
City State Zip Country

Date of Birth: _____
Month Day Year

Gender: Male Female

Citizenship Status (please check one):

U.S. Citizen Permanent Resident: Number _____

State line of Greek descent:

PART C: LIVING SITUATION AND PARENT / GUARDIAN INFORMATION

What is your current living situation?

- Live with parent(s) Live at a dormitory Live with relatives
- Other (please specify): _____

Female Parent/Guardian:

- Mother Stepmother Relative who is not foster parent
- State-licensed foster mother No female parent in household Other: _____

Name: _____

Marital Status: Single Married Divorced or Separated Widowed

Place of Birth: _____
City *State* *Zip* *Country*

Address (if different from yours): _____

City *State* *Zip* *Country*

Employer Name: _____

Position: _____

Male Parent/Guardian:

- Father Stepfather Relative who is not foster parent
- State-licensed foster father No male parent in household Other: _____

Name: _____

Marital Status: Single Married Divorced or Separated Widowed

Place of Birth: _____
City *State* *Zip* *Country*

Address (if different from yours): _____

City *State* *Zip* *Country*

Employer Name: _____

Position: _____

PART D: APPLICANT'S ACADEMIC HISTORY

High School: _____
_____ *City* _____ *State*

Final Unweighted Cumulative High School GPA (on a scale of 4.0): _____

ACT Score: _____ and/or SAT Score: _____

Rank in high school graduating class: # _____ out of _____ (if available)

University/College: _____
_____ *City* _____ *State*

In Fall 2016, I am attending college as a (select one):

- Freshman Sophomore Junior Senior

University/College credits completed through Fall 2016: _____

University/College Cumulative Grade Point Average through Fall 2016: _____

Intended Major: _____

List any Greek education received (this may include Greek school, college courses, private lessons, etc):

PART E: PERSONAL ACHIEVEMENTS & DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES

List any academic distinctions, honors and awards you have received.

Describe your aspirations and career goals.

List any job (including summer employment) you have held during the last three years.

PART E: PERSONAL ACHIEVEMENTS & DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES *(continued)*

List your principal extracurricular and community activities, including those related to your Hellenic heritage.

If there is any additional information you would like to share, please do so below.

PART F: ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR MUSIC AND ARTS MAJORS

If you are a music or arts major applying for either the \$10,000 or \$2,500 scholarship awards, you are **required** to submit samples of your artwork or musical performance, in addition to the scholarship requirements. Please follow these guidelines to submit samples of your work.

Music Submission

Please submit a CD/DVD of your solo performance together with your application. The entire recording should not exceed ten minutes in length. Also submit program notes from a concert or performance.

Art Submission

Please submit a CD/DVD with a digital portfolio of your artwork together with your application. Also submit announcements of exhibitions in which you have participated.

Submission Notes

- Pre-recorded solo performances, such as recitals, concerts, or competitions, are acceptable to submit.
- If you are submitting a musical performance, it is preferred to submit recordings which include the accompaniment, if required by the piece.
- Submissions must have been created or made within the last two years, and work should be your own.
- Label each image or recording in the following manner:
 - The title of the work, if any.
 - The approximate dimensions (artwork).
 - The approximate date the work was created.
 - The media used to create the work.
 - A brief description of the work, possibly your motivation or reason for creating the work or performing the piece.

Academic Letter of Recommendation

Please have a music or art instructor acquainted with your work complete at least one of your two required academic letters of recommendation.

Please list any accomplishments in music or the arts:

PART G: SUBMIT THE FOLLOWING

Refer to Qualification Criteria, Requirements and Guidelines for detailed instructions regarding each item listed below.

- **Essay Prompt**

"How has your Hellenic heritage influenced your life and contributed to your understanding of the world around you?"

Submit a typed essay between 1,000 – 1,250 words. The essay must be submitted in Microsoft Word format via email to aclayman@panhellenicsf.org. Please cite your sources using MLA, APA, Chicago Style, or any other standard citation format. **Plagiarism will result in immediate disqualification.**

- **Two (2) Academic Letters of Recommendation**

Submit two academic letters of recommendation accompanied by the cover form (available on our website). Letters must be prepared by educators, professors, or instructors. Recommenders must prepare a recommendation letter which specifically addresses your scholastic performance. Letters must be mailed or emailed to aclayman@panhellenicsf.org.

- **Two (2) Personal Letters of Reference**

Submit two personal reference letters accompanied by the cover form (available on our website). Letters must be written by individuals who can provide insight into the applicant's personality and overall character. Such individuals may include priests, current or previous employers, or other members of the community or professional organizations. Letters must be mailed or emailed to aclayman@panhellenicsf.org.

- **Transcripts**

Official transcripts must be sent directly to the Foundation from the issuing academic institution in a sealed envelope and postmarked no later than the deadline. Electronic delivery of official transcripts is preferred and may be sent via email directly from the school to aclayman@panhellenicsf.org.

All college freshmen and sophomores must submit high school transcripts as well as university transcripts. Students must meet the minimum cumulative 3.5 GPA requirement for both high school and university, as both will be taken into consideration.

- **Proof of Registration**

Submit your **Spring 2017** course registration via email to aclayman@panhellenicsf.org as soon as it becomes available. A copy of your Spring 2017 class schedule/registration will suffice.

- **Short Biography**

Submit a short biography up to 60 words in Microsoft Word format. Biographies must be sent via email to aclayman@panhellenicsf.org. Include your major, career goals, special interests, achievements, and any scholastic honors or distinctions received.

- **Photograph**

Send a high resolution, color portrait photograph via email to aclayman@panhellenicsf.org in jpeg format. Please do not email photographs with other persons in the picture.

PART H: PLEDGE OF AUTHENTICITY, AGREEMENT, AND CONSENT

If you are under the age of 18 at the time of this application, you must have a parent/guardian sign the statement below.

By my/our signature on this form I/we pledge that:

- The statements made and circumstances represented throughout the entire PanHellenic Scholarship Foundation application are truthful to the best of my/our knowledge.
- The essay accompanying this application is the applicant's own work, although it may have been reviewed by parents, teachers or other advocates. Plagiarism will result in immediate disqualification.
- All of the financial information I/we have provided is complete and accurate.

By my/our signature on this form we understand and agree that:

- The information submitted in this application will be reviewed by the independent Academic Selection Committee of the PanHellenic Scholarship Foundation for the purposes of selection.
- During the selection process, the PanHellenic Scholarship Foundation staff may contact school officials to confirm information provided by the applicant.
- All financial information is subject to verification by the PanHellenic Scholarship Foundation staff. If requested, additional information and other documents will be provided.
- It is my responsibility to ensure that all required documentation that is sent directly to the PanHellenic Scholarship Foundation, such as academic recommendation letters, personal reference letters, and transcripts, have been received by the PanHellenic Scholarship Foundation.
- If the PanHellenic Scholarship Foundation finds information provided in this application to be false or inaccurate, it is sufficient cause for disqualification.
- The PanHellenic Scholarship Application, including but not limited to eligibility requirements and obligations, is subject to change at the discretion of the PanHellenic Scholarship Foundation.
- The PanHellenic Scholarship Foundation may demand return of the scholarship award in the event the funds are not used for educational purposes as stated in this document or the student discontinues his/her undergraduate studies at an accredited university in the U.S.
- Selection of the award recipients is made by the PanHellenic Scholarship Foundation's independent Academic Selection Committee and its decision is final.
- We have the right to make changes and update any information in the PanHellenic Scholarship Application without prior notice.
- Availability of scholarship funds is subject to change at the sole discretion of the PanHellenic Scholarship Foundation.

By my/our signature on this form:

- I, the undersigned student, irrevocably give the PanHellenic Scholarship Foundation the right to (1) share all personal and scholastic achievements that I have provided with this application and (2) use my name, bio, essay, and photograph for any program or PanHellenic Scholarship Foundation purpose. The above shall be subject to public dissemination by any media or other form of release.
- I hereby authorize access to, and release of, information to the PanHellenic Scholarship Foundation regarding my application, such as academic records and/or financial records necessary to verify my eligibility for scholarship consideration.
- If I am selected as a PanHellenic Award Recipient, I will, upon the PanHellenic Scholarship Foundation's request, sign additional releases in form and substance acceptable to PanHellenic Scholarship Foundation.
- If I am selected as a PanHellenic Award Recipient, I will be inducted in the PanHellenic Honors Society and, in this capacity, I promise to conduct myself honorably and in a manner befitting the dignity and ethics of the Foundation. As a recipient, I further promise to offer my support to the Foundation to achieve its goals through volunteer work as may be requested of me from time to time.
- **If selected to receive a PanHellenic Award, I am aware that I must be present at the Awards Ceremony to receive the award.**

APPLICANT NAME

PARENT/GUARDIAN NAME

APPLICANT SIGNATURE

DATE

PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE

DATE

CHECKLIST
(Applicant's use only)

Please review and check each item before you submit your application:

- I read the Qualification Criteria, Requirements and Guidelines and I am eligible to apply.
- My scholarship application is completed and signed by applicant and/or parent/guardian.
- I requested academic letters of recommendation from two (2) instructors.
- I have requested personal reference letters from two (2) persons.
- I emailed my Essay and Short Biography (Microsoft Word format) and my Portrait Photograph (high resolution jpeg format) to aclyman@panhellenicsf.org.
- I have ordered my official transcripts from my school.
- I have emailed my proof of registration for Spring 2017 to aclyman@panhellenicsf.org.
- I have submitted my family/household IRS Form 1040 for 2014 & 2015 (only if applying for the \$10,000 Award).
- I have submitted a signed copy of form 4506T (only if applying for the \$10,000 Award).
- I have submitted my CD/DVD and additional requirements of my work (only if your major is in music or the arts).