

# PANHELLENIC SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION

Application 2015/16



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## Building a better America through Education and Hellenism

September 22, 2015

Dear Applicant,

Thank you for your interest in applying for a PanHellenic Scholarship Award.

This scholarship award recognizes your remarkable academic achievements and identifies you as a gifted and determined leader in the Greek-American community. The award represents an honor that will distinguish you for the rest of your life, and upon receiving the scholarship, recipients are automatically inducted into the PanHellenic Honors Society.

Since its establishment in 1998, the PanHellenic Scholarship Foundation has supported 324 Greek American students by distributing \$2.3 million through our scholarship awards and educational programs. Each year 40 students are selected to receive a scholarship.

On the following pages, you will find important information regarding the 2015/16 scholarship application. Please read the instructions carefully and complete the application as required.

Once again, thank you for applying for this special award. We wish you the best of luck.

Warm regards,

Chris P. Tomaras

Founder & Chairman

# PANHELLENIC SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS QUALIFICATION CRITERIA, REQUIREMENTS AND GUIDELINES (updated 10/07/2015)

#### **PANHELLENIC SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS**

The PanHellenic Scholarship Awards ("Awards") are offered to recognize and honor Greek American students of high scholastic achievement and reward all recipients with monetary awards.

The PanHellenic Scholarship Foundation ("Foundation") will offer a total of \$250,000 to forty (40) recipients selected by the Academic Selection Committee as follows:

- Twenty (20) Awards of \$10,000 each based on academic achievement and financial need.
- Twenty (20) Awards of \$2,500 each based solely on academic achievement.

All applicants must meet the Eligibility Requirements and submit a complete PanHellenic Scholarship Application ("Application") to the Foundation.

#### WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO APPLY

**University/College Students:** Full time undergraduate students who currently attend an accredited university/college in the U.S. and are pursuing a four-year bachelor degree. Applicants must be 25 years of age or younger at the time of application.

- Applicants must be U.S. Citizens or U.S. Permanent Residents and living in the U.S.
- Applicants must be of Hellenic descent. Applicants must have at least one great grandparent with Hellenic roots.
- Applicants must have a minimum cumulative Grade Point Average ("GPA") of 3.5 on a 4.0 grade scale. No exceptions will be
  made.

High school students that graduated in **Spring 2015** from a state certified high school, or equivalent, and who are enrolled at an accredited university/college in the U.S. in **Fall 2015** as full time students and are pursuing a four-year bachelor degree, are also eligible to apply.

Students who have graduated from a <u>non U.S. high school</u> must have completed 24 credit hours at an accredited university/college in the U.S. in order to apply.

#### **ELIGIBILITY LIMITATIONS**

- High school senior students with a projected graduation date in 2016 are not eligible to apply.
- Undergraduate students graduating in Fall 2015 are not eligible to apply.
- Students with a cumulative GPA of less than 3.5 are not eligible to apply.
- The Awards are not available to home school study applicants, unless they have completed 24 or more college hours.
- The Awards are <u>not</u> available to graduate or post-graduate students.
- Directors, officers, employees of the Foundation and their immediate families are not eligible to apply for an Award.

#### **FINANCIAL CRITERIA**

To qualify as a financial-need applicant for the \$10,000 Award, the applicant must meet the following income criteria:

Family Size	Annual Adjusted Gross Income (less than)
1	\$36,000
2	\$48,000
3	\$60,000
4	\$73,000
5	\$86,000
6	\$100,000
7	\$114,000
8	\$128,000
Each additional	\$14,000

# PANHELLENIC SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS QUALIFICATION CRITERIA, REQUIREMENTS, AND GUIDELINES (continued)

Complete copies of the family/household tax returns for the years 2013 and 2014 must accompany the application. **The average adjusted gross income of these two years will apply.** Additional financial information may be requested, if needed. All financial information remains confidential.

Interested applicants who do not meet the above financial income criteria, may apply for the \$2,500 Award which is based solely on merit.

### **ACADEMIC LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION**

Two letters of recommendation are required for all applicants. Letters must be prepared by educators, professors, or instructors. Recommenders must prepare a recommendation letter which specifically addresses your scholastic performance. Each letter <u>must</u> be accompanied by the letter of recommendation form (pages 12 & 13) and must be mailed by the recommender directly to the Foundation. Letters may be postmarked no later than the deadline. All recommendation letters must be submitted on departmental or school stationery in direct reference to the PanHellenic Scholarship Foundation, and be dated within the last six months of the application deadline. Please DO NOT send more than 2 Recommendation Letters.

College freshmen may obtain one of the two letters of recommendation from a high school teacher if necessary.

All recommendation letters must be prepared by educators who are in the position to provide an informed evaluation of your academic performance. Recommendation letters prepared by any other individual such as guidance counselors, academic advisors, principals, etc., will not be accepted and the application will be disqualified.

### PERSONAL LETTERS OF REFERENCE

Two personal reference letters are required for all applicants. Two individuals such as priests, current or previous employers, or other members in your community must each prepare a personal reference letter. Each letter <u>must</u> be accompanied by the personal letter of reference form (pages 14 & 15). Letters may be mailed by the referee directly to the Foundation and postmarked no later than the deadline. All letters must be dated within the last six months of the application deadline. Please DO NOT send more than 2 Personal References.

Personal references prepared by relatives will not be accepted and the application will be disqualified.

#### **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 <a href="mailto:info@panhellenicscholarships.org">info@panhellenicscholarships.org</a>.

- Applicants that have completed more than 24 credit hours must submit official university transcripts (including Fall 2015).
- Applicants that have completed <u>24 or less</u> credit hours must submit both official university transcripts (including Fall 2015) and
  official high school transcripts. These students must meet the minimum cumulative 3.5 GPA requirement for both high school
  and university, as both will be taken into consideration.

Transcripts issued on a 5.0 grade scale must be accompanied by a conversion to a 4.0 grade scale, issued by the academic institution. Both documents must be sent by the issuing academic institution directly to the Foundation via mail or email no later than the deadline.

#### **ESSAY**

Applicants must submit a typed essay between 1,000 – 1,250 words on the following essay topic. The essay must be submitted with your completed application and also sent via email to <a href="mailto:info@panhellenicscholarships.org">info@panhellenicscholarships.org</a> in Microsoft Word format. Please cite your sources using MLA, APA, Chicago Style, or any other standard citation format. Plagiarism will result in immediate disqualification.

Describe the life, education, and what you believe to be the most important contributions of National Poet Dionysios Solomos to Modern Greece. Include a bibliography or references used in the essay.

# PANHELLENIC SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS QUALIFICATION CRITERIA, REQUIREMENTS AND GUIDELINES (continued)

#### **ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS**

#### **Proof of Registration**

Applicants must submit their **Spring 2016** course registration as soon as it becomes available. This may be submitted separately after the deadline. *Proof of registration does not have to be an official document; a copy of your Spring 2016 class schedule/registration will suffice.* 

#### **Short Biography**

Submit a short biography in paragraph format up to 75 words. Biographies must be sent via email to <a href="mailto:info@panhellenicscholarships.org">info@panhellenicscholarships.org</a> in Microsoft word format only please. Include your major, career goals, special interests, achievements, and any scholastic honors or distinctions received. This text will be used in our program book and on our website if you are selected.

#### **Photograph**

Send a high resolution, color portrait photograph via email to <a href="mailto:info@panhellenicscholarships.org">info@panhellenicscholarships.org</a> in jpeg format. Please do not email photographs with other persons in the picture. This photograph will be used in our program book and on our website if you are selected.

Please refer to our website or the "Frequently Asked Questions" section of this application for biography and photograph examples.

#### SUBMISSION AND APPLICATION DEADLINE

The application must be postmarked by the deadline of Monday, February 1, 2016 and mailed to:

PanHellenic Scholarship Foundation 17 North Wabash Avenue, Suite 600 Chicago, Illinois 60602

Failure to have the application and required documentation postmarked or emailed by the deadline will disqualify the application.

#### **AWARDS DISTRIBUTION**

Awards will be given to the recipients in June 2016 at the Foundation's Awards Ceremony and Gala in Chicago (date to be announced). In order to collect the award, recipients <u>must</u> attend the Awards Ceremony in person. Exceptions will be considered on a case by case basis.

The awards are granted regardless of other scholarships the applicant may have received from other institutions. The same student may not be granted an award more than once by the Foundation.

# **AUTHORIZED USE OF SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS**

The monetary award received by the recipient shall be used solely to cover the cost of tuition, fees, books, room and board, computers, health insurance, study abroad, or other college related expenses.

The PanHellenic Scholarship Foundation may demand return of the scholarship award in the event the funds are not used for educational purposes or the student discontinues his/her undergraduate studies at an accredited university in the U.S.

#### **CONTACT INFORMATION**

PanHellenic Scholarship Foundation 17 North Wabash Avenue, Suite 600 Chicago, Illinois 60602

Phone: (312) 357-6432 Fax: (312) 357-0527

Email: info@panhellenicscholarships.org Website: www.panhellenicscholarships.org



# ARE YOU ELIGIBLE TO APPLY FOR THIS SCHOLARSHIP? YOU MUST ANSWER "YES" TO ALL OF THE FOLLOWING STATEMENTS IN ORDER TO APPLY:

- 1. I am a U.S. citizen or U.S. permanent resident under the age of 25.
- 2. I am of Hellenic descent.
- 3. I have graduated high school.
- 4. I am a full-time undergraduate student at an accredited 4-year College/University.
- 5. I meet the cumulative GPA requirement of 3.5.

Please read this entire application carefully. 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 2015/16 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Complete this form neatly using black or blue ink only.

Answer all of the questions or mark N/A for "not applicable."

Submit pages 5-11.

PART A: SCHOL	ARSHIP AWARDS				
I am applying for the	(select ONLY one):	☐ \$10,000 Award * ☐ \$2,500 Award			
Have you previously a	pplied to the PanHelle	enic Scholarship Foundation: 🗆 Yes	s □ No		
If yes, please list the y	ear(s) when application	on was submitted:			
If your major is in mus	sic or the arts, also cor	mplete Part E.			
<ul><li>State your Fam</li><li>State Annual A</li><li>State Annual A</li><li>Submit copies</li></ul>	ily Size (including you djusted Gross Income djusted Gross Income	for Year 2013: for Year 2014: Fax Returns for the years 2013 and 2	2014 with your app	olication.	
Full Name:	First	Middle	Last		
Permanent Address:	Street				
Contact:	City	State	Zip		
Comaca	Home Phone	Cell Phone	Fax		
	Personal E-mail	School E	-mail		
Place of Birth:	City	State	Zip	Country	
Date of Birth:	// Month Day	Year Year			
Gender:	☐ Male ☐ Fen	nale			
Citizenship Status (ple	ease check one):				
☐ U.S. Citizen	☐ Permanent Resi	dent: Number			
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# **PART B: APPLICANT'S INFORMATION** (continued) Are you or your family a member of a Greek Orthodox Parish? ☐ Yes ☐ No If yes, please state: \_ City Church Name State Your answer will not affect your eligibility for an award. PART C: APPLICANT'S ACADEMIC HISTORY High School: 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: In Fall 2015, I am attending college as a (select one): ☐ Freshman ☐ Sophomore ☐ Junior ☐ Senior University/College credits completed through Fall 2015: \_\_\_\_\_ University/College Cumulative Grade Point Average through Fall 2015: Intended Major: Please detail any Greek education received (this may include Greek school, college courses, private lessons, etc):

# PART D: PERSONAL ACHIEVEMENTS & DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES

Honors and Awards: List any academic distinctions and awards you have received.
Aspirations and Career Goals: Describe how your academic coursework will help you achieve your aspirations and career goals.
<u>Extracurricular, Personal and Volunteer Activities</u> : List your principal extracurricular and community activities. Include any major accomplishments and/or leadership positions.

# PART D: PERSONAL ACHIEVEMENTS & DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES (continued)

aid Work Experience: List any job (including summer employment) you have held during the last three years.
tudent Income: Do you contribute to your family's household expenses?   Yes   No   If yes, please explain:
ote from the Applicant: If there is any additional information you would like to share, please do so below.

#### PART E: 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.

#### **Letter of Recommendation**

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

## Note

The PanHellenic Scholarship Foundation reserves the right to consider applications from students in music and arts majors with GPA lower than the 3.5 requirement.

Please list any accomplishments in music or the arts:

# PART F: LIVING SITUATION AND PARENT / GUARDIAN INFORMATION

What is your current	living situation?				
☐ Live with pare	ent(s)		Live at a dormitory		$\Box$ Live with relatives
$\square$ Other (please	☐ Other (please specify):				
FEMALE Parent/Guar	dian:				
☐ Mother		☐ Stepmothe	er	□ Re	lative who is not foster parent
☐ State-licensed	d foster mother	☐ No female	parent in household	□ Ot	her:
Name:					
Marital Status:	☐ Single	☐ Married	☐ Divorced or Sepa	arated	☐ Widowed
Place of Birth:	City		State	Zip	Country
Address (if diffe	erent from yours)				
	City		State	Zip	Country
Employer Name	:				
Position:					
MALE Parent/Guardi	an:				
☐ Father		☐ Stepfather		□ Rela	tive who is not foster parent
☐ State-licensed	d foster father	□ No male p	arent in household	☐ Othe	er:
Name:					
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Employer Name	:				
Position:					

#### PART G: 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 personal reference letters, recommendation 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.

•	f selected to receive a PanHellenic Awa	d, I am aware th	nat I must	be present at t	he Awards	Ceremony t	o collect t	he Award	ı.
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APPLICANT NAME (PLEASE PRINT)		PARENT/GUARDIAN NAME (PLEASE PRINT)		
APPLICANT SIGNATURE	DATE	PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE	DATE	

### **Letter of Recommendation Form #1**

#### This form must accompany your letter of recommendation.

Please complete this form and send with your signed letter directly to the PanHellenic Scholarship Foundation no later than **February 1, 2016**.

Please be advised that all recommendation letters must be prepared by instructors that have had the opportunity to evaluate the applicant as a student. Recommendation letters prepared by any other individual such as guidance counselors, academic advisors, principals, etc., will not be accepted by the Foundation.

Your recommendation letter must be submitted on departmental or school stationery and be in direct reference to the PanHellenic Scholarship Foundation. The letter must also be dated within the last six months of the application deadline.

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full Name (Person writing the letter):
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Office Address:
City, State, Zip:
Phone:
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**Send via mail to:** PanHellenic Scholarship Foundation

17 North Wabash Avenue, Suite 600

#### **Letter of Recommendation Form #2**

#### This form must accompany your letter of recommendation.

Please complete this form and send with your signed letter directly to the PanHellenic Scholarship Foundation no later than **February 1, 2016**.

Please be advised that all recommendation letters must be prepared by instructors that have had the opportunity to evaluate the applicant as a student. Recommendation letters prepared by any other individual such as guidance counselors, academic advisors, principals, etc., will not be accepted by the Foundation.

Your recommendation letter must be submitted on departmental or school stationery and be in direct reference to the PanHellenic Scholarship Foundation. The letter must also be dated within the last six months of the application deadline.

Letter provided for (Applicant's full name):
Full Name (Person writing the letter):
Title:
School:
Office Address:
City, State, Zip:
Phone:
E-mail:

**Send via mail to:** PanHellenic Scholarship Foundation

17 North Wabash Avenue, Suite 600

# Personal Letter of Reference Form #1

# This form must accompany your personal letter of reference.

Please complete this form and send with your signed letter directly to the PanHellenic Scholarship Foundation no later than **February 1, 2016**. Your letter must be dated within the last six months of the application deadline.

Please be advised that all personal reference letters must be prepared by individuals such as priests, current or previous employers or other members of the community. Personal references prepared by relatives will not be accepted by the Foundation.

Letter provided for (Applicant's full name):
Full Name (Person writing the letter):
Address:
City, State, Zip:
Phone:
E-mail:
Relationship to Applicant:

**Send via mail to:** PanHellenic Scholarship Foundation

17 North Wabash Avenue, Suite 600

## Personal Letter of Reference Form #2

# This form must accompany your personal letter of reference.

Please complete this form and send with your signed letter directly to the PanHellenic Scholarship Foundation no later than **February 1, 2016**. Your letter must be dated within the last six months of the application deadline.

Please be advised that all personal reference letters must be prepared by individuals such as priests, current or previous employers or other members of the community. Personal references prepared by relatives will not be accepted by the Foundation.

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**Send via mail to:** PanHellenic Scholarship Foundation

17 North Wabash Avenue, Suite 600

## **FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS**

#### • What is considered a complete application?

A complete application will include:

- Scholarship application completed and signed by applicant and/or parent/guardian
- 2013 & 2014 Income tax returns (if applying for a \$10,000 Award)
- Essay (also sent via email)
- Proof of registration for Spring 2016 (may be submitted separately)
- Short biography (also sent via email)
- Photograph (sent via email only)
- Two personal reference letters including cover forms (sent directly by the referee via mail)
- Two letters of recommendation including cover forms (sent directly by the recommender via mail)
- Official transcripts (sent directly from the school via mail or email)
- CD/DVD of music or art submission (ONLY if you are a music or arts major)

# • I have received a PanHellenic Scholarship Award (\$10,000 or \$2,500) in the past. Can I apply again? No. A student cannot be awarded a PanHellenic Scholarship Award more than once.

#### What is a family of one/two/three?

- A family of one is one child with no parents.
- A family of two is one parent and one child.
- A family of three is one parent and two children or two parents and one child.

#### My GPA is 3.5. Am I eligible to apply as a financial need candidate?

All applicants with a minimum Cumulative GPA of 3.5 that meet the Financial Criteria (page 1) are eligible to apply for the \$10,000 Award.

 My GPA is 3.5. but I do not qualify as a financial need candidate. Am I still eligible to apply for a PanHellenic Award?

All applicants with a minimum Cumulative GPA of 3.5 that do not qualify to apply for a \$10,000 Award are eligible to apply for a \$2,500 Award.

#### I am a high school senior. Am I eligible to apply?

High schools students that graduated in **Spring 2015** and who are enrolled as full time students in **Fall 2015** at an accredited university/college in the U.S. pursuing a four-year bachelor degree are eligible to apply for the 2015/16 Awards. High school students graduating in **Spring 2016** or later <u>are not</u> eligible to apply at this time.

 I graduated from a non-U.S. high school and I will attend an accredited university in the U.S. Am I eligible to apply?

You must be a U.S Citizen or U.S. Permanent Resident and you must first have completed 24 credit hours at an accredited university in the U.S. in order to apply.

• I am U.S. Citizen or U.S. Permanent Resident. I am applying as a financial need candidate. My parents do not live in the U.S. but in another country. How do they report their income?

Copies of original Income Tax Returns for 2013 and 2014 must be submitted accompanied by conversion to an equivalent U.S. Income Tax Return prepared by a U.S. tax accountant. Additional financial information may be requested, if needed.

#### How do I prove my Greek descent?

Describe in some detail your family line of Greek descent. No specific documentation is required at this time. If further proof is required you will be notified.

# **FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS** (continued)

#### • Where do I submit my application?

Mail to:

PanHellenic Scholarship Foundation 17 North Wabash Avenue, Suite 600 Chicago, Illinois 60602

### Who grades my application and how is it graded?

All applications are evaluated by an independent Academic Selection Committee. The Committee has assigned points to each section of the application, and all applicants receive a final score. This grading system is strictly confidential and the Committee's decision is final.

## When will I be notified?

All applicants will be notified by April 30, 2016.

#### If I am selected as a recipient do I have to attend the Awards Ceremony?

Yes. If you are selected to receive an award, you must attend the awards ceremony in person to collect your award. Exceptions will be considered on a case by case basis.

### If I am selected as a recipient and I attend the Awards Ceremony, who covers my expenses?

Your attendance at the ceremony and gala dinner is complimentary but all of your other expenses, such as airfare and hotel, are your responsibility. Family and friends of recipients must purchase their own gala tickets.

# • What is an example of an acceptable biography and photograph?

The following is a brief biography and photo of a scholarship award recipient, which appears on the website and in the gala program book.



George Thomas Anagnostopoulos - George is a freshman at the University of Redlands double majoring in Global Business and Political Science. He graduated high school with high honors having been Mock Trial Captain, Varsity Track athlete, Yearbook Managing Editor, GOYA President and competitive Greek Folk Dancer. He has been awarded the Faith Scholarship for Academic Excellence and the Malta Scholarship for his dedication to service, academia and Hellenism.

## • What is your contact information?

Phone: (312) 357-6432 Fax: (312) 357-0527

Email: info@panhellenicscholarships.org Website: www.panhellenicscholarships.org

# CHECKLIST (Applicant's use only)

Please review and check each item before you submit your application: I read the eligibility criteria and limitations and I am eligible to apply. **Scholarship application** is completed and signed by applicant and/or parent/guardian and submitted timely via mail. - I completed Part A through F of the application. - I signed and dated Part G: Pledge of Authenticity, Agreement and Consent. - I included a copy of my Essay. - I included a copy of my Short Biography. Academic letters of recommendation requested from two (2) instructors and I have given them the cover form. Personal reference letters requested from two (2) persons and I have given them the cover form. I emailed my **Essay** and **Short Biography** (Microsoft Word format) and my **Portrait** Photograph (high resolution jpeg format) to info@panhellenicscholarships.org. Send one email that includes the three attachments please. **Official transcripts** ordered from my school. **Proof of registration** for Spring 2016 emailed to info@panhellenicscholarships.org. Family/household tax returns for 2013 & 2014 submitted (only if applying for the \$10,000 Award). CD/DVD and additional requirements of your work submitted (only if your major is in music or the arts).