



## **Florence G. Stefanou Memorial Philoptochos Scholarship**

The funding for this scholarship is provided by the generosity of the Stefanou family. Mrs. Florence Stefanou, past Metropolis Philoptochos President, was a devoted Philoptochos sister in her local chapter, the Metropolis Board and the National Philoptochos Board. She served with dignity and grace.

This scholarship is to provide financial assistance to qualifying high school seniors entering or undergraduate college students (Freshman, Sophomore or Junior) attending an accredited college, university, or trade school. The scholarship will be awarded to one student in the amount of \$1,000. All information herein is strictly confidential, and the identity will not be disclosed to the selection committee.

### **INSTRUCTIONAL & APPLICATION INFORMATION**

Dear Applicant:

Please read through the entire set of instructions and application form before completing.

Answer each question to the best of your knowledge. Applicants (male or female) must be a member of the Greek Orthodox Church and related to a Philoptochos member. Ignoring instructions may disqualify your application.

1. Complete the entire application. Available on the Metropolis website, [www.detroit.goarch.org](http://www.detroit.goarch.org).
2. Include a letter of recommendation from a non-relative who will write of your character, ideals and values. It may be a priest, teacher or anyone who knows you very well and can address these aspects of your character. It is recommended that you limit the letter to a page in length.
3. Statement of Orthodoxy indicating that the applicant is a practicing Orthodox Christian and a US Resident.
4. Statement of Stewardship from the parish priest certifying that the applicant or the applicant's family are Stewards in good standing in a Metropolis of Detroit- area parish.
5. Include all supporting documents required of the application.

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FULL NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

HOME ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

STREET: \_\_\_\_\_

TOWN/CITY/STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP CODE \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE OF BIRTH \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

NAME OF HIGH SCHOOL: \_\_\_\_\_

NAME OF SCHOOL/COLLEGE YOU ARE ATTENDING NOW: \_\_\_\_\_

NAME OF PARISH: \_\_\_\_\_ CITY/STATE: \_\_\_\_\_

NAME OF PARISH PRIEST: \_\_\_\_\_

PHILOPTOCHOS RELATIONSHIP: \_\_\_\_\_

(Mother, Grandmother, Aunt, Sister, Godmother)

PHILOPTOCHOS CHAPTER NAME & CHAPTER NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby affirm that all the information provided in this application is accurate to the best of my knowledge. I authorize the Scholarship Committee to verify information submitted. I further acknowledge that any intentional material misrepresentation will disqualify my application.

SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please do not enter your name on the remainder of this application or the essay. Completed and signed application (including this signed sheet) must be mailed by CERTIFIED MAIL to:**

Theone Dickos  
10596 Huntersfield Drive  
Carmel, IN 46032

*NOTE:* The Florence A. Stefanou Scholarship winner will be announced to the community through the Metropolis of Detroit website, the Metropolis of Detroit Philoptochos Facebook page and at the Metropolis of Detroit Clergy Laity/ Philoptochos Conference.

**Packet Checklist:**

1. Remember to attach ALL pieces of the information packet including any separate sheets that provide additional information for some sections
2. Submit most current **OFFICIAL** High School or college transcript
3. Essay
4. Letter of recommendation
5. Statement of Orthodoxy
6. Statement of Stewardship
7. **SIGN AND DATE** this page of the packet

**IMPORTANT!**

**Applications must be received by April 24, 2026**

# SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

## **SECTION I: ELIGIBILITY**

1. Date or anticipated date of graduation from High School. \_\_\_\_\_
2. Will you be registered as a full-time college student in the Fall semester this year? \_\_\_\_\_
3. Name of College or University you will attend in the fall for Undergraduate Studies:  
\_\_\_\_\_

City

State

## **SECTION II: CREDENTIALS & SUPPLEMENTAL APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS**

1. Credentials Required:

High School Senior:

Official High School Transcript, GPA, Class Rank

College Undergraduate:

Most Current College Transcript

2. Submit a short essay. 400 words or less (**MUST NOT EXCEED ONE PAGE WITH 1" MARGINS, DOUBLE SPACE, 12PT, TIMES ROMAN FONT**) **YOUR ESSAY WILL EVALUATED FOR STYLE, ORGANIZATION, CONTENT, AND MECHANICS ON THE FOLLOWING SUBJECT.**  
Review the following statement to help guide you in writing the Essay.

*Adhering to the ideals of Philoptochos, how will your education and life path promote its mission.* (See Philoptochos Mission Statement on the back page. For more information, visit [www.philoptochos.org](http://www.philoptochos.org).)

## **SECTION III: CHURCH, COMMUNITY & EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES**

1. Enumerate your activities in:

Church

Responsibility

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_

Please explain what your involvement in Church activities has taught you: \_\_\_\_\_

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**2. Citizenship or community involvement:** List and describe any volunteer activities through which you have helped others or the community at large. Please include a description of activity and your responsibility. For each activity, estimate the number of hours devoted to this activity in the last 12 months.

Attach additional sheet if needed.

<b>Activity</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Years Involved/Current Hours</b>
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**3. Academic awards or honors that you have received or achieved.** Attach additional sheet if needed.

<b>Award/Honor Name</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Year Received</b>
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**4. Extracurricular (those performed with school supervision/approval) in which you have participated:** Include activities such as sports, music, dance, clubs, art, etc. Indicate number of years you participated in each, the level (JV/Varsity, Junior/Senior, etc), and your role (President, Leader, Member, Captain, etc). Please be specific and please do not use abbreviations or acronyms. Attach additional sheet if needed.

<b>Activity/Group</b>	<b>Level</b>	<b>Role</b>	<b>Years Involved</b>
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## **PHILOPTIOCHOS MISSION STATEMENT**

**The Greek Orthodox Ladies Philoptochos Society, Inc. is the duly accredited women's philanthropic society of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America. The mission of the Society shall be:**

\* To help the poor, the destitute, the hungry, the aged, the sick, the unemployed, the orphaned, the imprisoned, the widowed, the handicapped, the victims of disasters, to undertake the burial of impoverished persons and to offer assistance to anyone who may need the help of the Church through fund raising efforts; and

\* To promote the charitable, benevolent, and philanthropic purposes of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America through instructional programs, presentations, lectures, seminars and other educational resources:

\* To preserve and perpetuate Orthodox Christian concepts and the Christian Family, and through them, to promote the Greek Orthodox Faith and traditions, in accordance with its doctrines, canons, discipline, divine worship, usages and customs:

\* To promote participation in the activities of the Greek Orthodox community, with the cooperation of the Parish Priest and the Parish Council.

The charitable work of the Society shall be performed with discretion, courtesy and kindness.