**** The Northern New Jersey

 Greek Orthodox Youth Commission

**SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION 2025**

 *(Must be typed)*

**ELIGIBILITY AND QUALIFICATIONS**

1. Applicants must be registered GOYAns in good standing within a Northern New Jersey Youth Commission parish. Eligibility is further limited to graduating 12th grade students who have spent a minimum of 3 years in GOYA.
2. Applicants will be considered first and foremost on their meaningful involvement and participation in GOYA and parish activities.
3. Applicants will also be considered based on their participation in school and community activities that reflect Orthodox teachings. Academic achievement will also reflect positively on the applicant.
4. Applicant must demonstrate a true appreciation of the values of Greek Orthodox Christianity and leadership. The student should adhere to the **Purposes of GOYA** as set forth:
	1. To become a worthy servant of our Lord Jesus Christ within the Orthodox Christian Faith, and always reflect the Christian Faith in fellowship with peers in religious, social, athletic and cultural activities.
	2. To abide by and observe the rules and regulations of GOYA and to set a good example for their peers.
	3. To faithfully attend Church services, religious conferences and retreats, and successfully have completed Sunday School.
5. Applicants must provide an acceptance letter from an accredited college, university or trade school which they will be attending.
6. Applications are to be filed with the Scholarship Committee by **May 15th** of this year and be endorsed by the respective Church Pastor and GOYA Advisor. **Incomplete applications or applications received after this date will not be considered.**

Applicant Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Parish Name/City: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Applicant email: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Applicant cell #: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Name of Parent/Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Parent Email and cell #: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

High School Name/Address: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Name and Address of college, university or trade school you plan to attend (include letter of acceptance): \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**APPLICATION**

I have been an active GOYAn for \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ years.

I have attended Sunday Church School for \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ years.

Name/contact info of Sunday School teacher for verification: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

I have successfully completed/graduated from Sunday Church School.\* □ Yes □ No

 I attend church: \_\_\_\_ once a month \_\_\_\_ twice a month \_\_\_\_ three times or more per month

1. List activities and honors along with participating year at your **local Parish** (GOYA, Sunday School, Oratorical Festival, Charitable Activities, Volunteering, Greek School, Altar Boy, Choir, and others).
2. List activities and honors received in high school and within your community including dates.
3. \*\*Briefly discuss the role GOYA has played in your life and how it helped your formation as a Christian. **Must be between 150-200 words**.
4. \*\*Describe your educational, professional and service goals for the next five years including your intended area of study and career objectives. **Must be between 250-300 words**.

**\*\* Essay portions will be judged heavily. Applicants should be thorough in their response.**

**Applications must include:**

1. Completed Application signed and dated by the applicant, parent, parish priest, and GOYA Advisor.
2. Academic Record (official transcript, with school seal, of grades nine through twelve).
3. Recommendation from your parish priest.
4. Two additional letters of recommendation – one must be from your high school teacher/staff and the other from a Religious Education teacher or community leader with whom applicant has worked.
5. Acceptance letter from the accredited college, university or trade school applicant will be attending.

**I certify that all statements on this application are true.**

Applicant Name (print) Applicant Signature Date

Parent Name (print) Parent Signature Date

Parish Priest Name (print) Parish Priest Signature Date

GOYA Advisor Name (print) GOYA Advisor Signature Date

**Deadline for response is May 15, 2025.**

Please submit via certified mail or with delivery confirmation to:

**Northern New Jersey Greek Orthodox Youth Commission**

**Attn: GOYA Scholarship Committee**

**Saint Andrew Greek Orthodox Church**

**1447 Sussex Turnpike, Randolph, NJ 07869**

**NOTE:**

**The Scholarship Committee reserves the right to seek verification of all information contained on this application and has the right to call any applicant for a personal interview. Any false information entered on this application will cause immediate disqualification for scholarship consideration of this scholarship. In order to be considered for the scholarship, complete applications must be received by the deadline specified. Do not attempt to email or fax your application only hard copies of the application will be accepted.**

**Winners will be notified by July 1st via the email listed on their application and must respond by August 1st. Awards will be presented in October at the GOYA Pageant and Scholarship Awards Banquet.**