



ST. GEORGE GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH
1033 WEST PARK AVENUE, OCEAN, NJ 07712



**2026 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FOR
UNDERGRADUATE AND GRADUATE STUDIES**

St. George offers a diverse selection of higher education scholarships that are sponsored by generous donors to college students for continuing their education on the undergraduate or graduate level.

In order to be considered, it is required that the applicant's family be members in good standing of St. George Greek Orthodox Church of Ocean Township, NJ. Submissions must be fully complete with all required documents, transcripts, test results (if applicable), letters of recommendation (if applicable), and essays. Applications must be submitted to the St. George Church Office no later than **Friday, May 1, 2026**. An awards ceremony will immediately follow Divine Liturgy on Sunday, June 28, 2026. Please make every effort to attend.

Scholastic Awards and Scholarships are offered every year to eligible students. There are three levels of awards and scholarships, including: 1) graduating high school seniors; 2) undergraduate students; and 3) graduate level students. Please note that students may only apply **one time** per academic level. Multiple submissions at the same level will be ineligible.

Incomplete applications that do not adhere to the requirements will be deemed ineligible. Please note the following requirements and regulations below:

- 1. The deadline for all applications is firm. Incomplete applications and supporting documents will not be considered if received after the deadline.*
- 2. Applicants will only be considered for the scholarship that is indicated by a checkmark on this application, and for which there is a corresponding essay. Please note the scholarship name at the top of each essay.*
- 3. All information presented and included with each application shall be kept confidential and shared among the scholarship committee members during the selection process.*
- 4. To ensure a fair consideration process, the names of the applicants are redacted, and each application is reviewed blindly by the committee and scored on a rubric scale. Committee members do not know the identity of the applicant prior to and during the reviewing and scoring process. Applicants are asked to refrain from placing their names anywhere other than where indicated in this application.*
- 5. Please note that there may be specific criteria for each scholarship listed. Please ensure that you meet those criteria before choosing to apply. Please refer to the descriptions under each scholarship heading for reference.*
- 6. Submitted applications must use this application form. Modification of this application will result in ineligibility.*
- 7. Digital applications will not be accepted. Applications in their entirety can either be mailed or dropped off at the Church Office.*



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COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS 2026

Please indicate the Scholarship for which you wish to apply by checking the appropriate box. Please refer to the descriptions under the various Scholarship headings to review the specific criteria for each, and apply to only those that relate to you and/or your field of study. Attach the corresponding essay(s) of 250-300 words maximum; remember to write the Scholarship name at the top of each essay.

- Constantine and Fotina Pascal Tinios Memorial Continuing Education Scholarship**
Amount: \$1000
Criteria: Undergraduate studies.
Essay: What prompted you to study your field, and to follow this path of learning?
- Reverend Spyros Mourikis Memorial Scholarship**
Amount: \$500
Criteria: For students attending Hellenic College/Holy Cross School of Theology and declaring Seminarian status, or a graduate degree in theology at any university.
Essay: Explain why you have decided to become a Seminarian, or share something insightful regarding your present experience as a Seminarian.
- Spiro and Helen Michals and John and Helen Morris Memorial Scholarship**
Amount: \$1000
Criteria: Undergraduate studies.
Essay: These founding members of our St. George Community were dedicated and committed to making our community what it is today. Describe how the St. George Community has influenced your life, and how you plan on giving back to the Community.
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- Into the Light Community Scholarship**
Amount: \$500
Criteria: None.
Essay: Please describe how mental health has affected your life or someone you know, and how can you help make a difference?
- Michael Halkias Memorial Scholarship**
Amount: \$500
Criteria: The applicant will be applying to or enrolled in a graduate program at an accredited university in the United States.
Essay: Please describe your reasons for your chosen field of study and why you merit this scholarship. Please explain the role of faith in your life.



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Philoptochos Graduate Memorial Scholarship

Amount: \$500

Criteria: *This scholarship is specifically for students at the graduate (Master or Doctoral) level.* The applicant's mother and/or grandmother must be a current active member of Philoptochos in good standing for at least the past two years. In addition, the applicant **MUST** have graduated college and is entering the first year of graduate school pursuing a master's degree, or has obtained a master's degree and is entering the first year of a doctoral level program. This scholarship will be awarded based on financial need and academic merit as well.

Essay: Please describe what the meaning of philanthropy is in your life.



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APPLICANT DEMOGRAPHICS

Name: _____

Home Address: _____

Phone: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Names of Parents/Guardians: _____

COLLEGE INFORMATION

1. Please list the colleges/universities that you have attended, along with the dates of attendance and graduation (if applicable or anticipated).

<u>College/University</u>	<u>City/State</u>	<u>Dates of Attendance</u>	<u>Graduation</u>
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_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
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2. What is your academic major? _____

3. What is your academic minor (if applicable)? _____

4. What profession are you endeavoring to pursue? _____

5. What are your career/professional plans after college?



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CHURCH INFORMATION

1. While at school, where do you attend church?

2. List all church organizations and activities in which you have participated while at school (e.g., Acolyte, Choir, Festival/Fundraising, YAL, etc.). Include titles held (if applicable), awards or special recognition, and dates.

<u>Activity</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Award/Recognition</u>	<u>Date</u>
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TRANSCRIPTS AND TEST SCORES

1. Please make arrangements to have all official transcripts sent from your college(s) before the application due date to the church office, or enclose the official transcript in your application package.

2. Please indicate if you have taken the GRE, GMAT, LSAT, or other graduate standardized test, the date, and the score that you received. Please enclose a copy of your results with your application package.

<u>Test</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Score</u>
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3. What is your GPA and class rank (if known)? _____



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FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

1. What are your anticipated yearly college costs?

Tuition: _____ *Room and Board:* _____
Transportation: _____ *Misc./Other:* _____

2. How do you plan to finance your education? Please be specific and complete.

3. Please list any financial hardships that should be taken into consideration by the Committee.

4. Please list the names and ages of other children in the family and the school that they attend along with tuition amounts (if applicable).

<u>Name</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Tuition Amount</u>
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
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RECOMMENDATIONS

Please list the names and information of any individuals who will be providing your recommendation letters. This is not a requirement, although it may be submitted as an additional source of information that you believe will help in the decision process. Extra points will be earned for received recommendation letters (max 3). Parents may not be references. You must attach the full written recommendations, or have them sent directly to the church office by the application deadline.

1. *Name:* _____ *Position/Relationship:* _____

Email: _____ *Phone:* _____

2. *Name:* _____ *Position/Relationship:* _____

Email: _____ *Phone:* _____

3. *Name:* _____ *Position/Relationship:* _____

Email: _____ *Phone:* _____

STUDENT CHECKLIST

Please make certain that all of the following items are included in your submission.

- Completed student application form
- Essays
- Letters of recommendation (if applicable)
- School transcripts
- GRE/GMAT/LSAT/Test results (if applicable)



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PERSONAL ATTESTATION

I hereby submit that the content and statements provided on this application in its entirety are true and accurate.

Applicants Signature: _____ *Date:* _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ *Date:* _____

In order to be considered, this application and all requested documents must be received by the St. George Greek Orthodox Church office by Sunday, May 1, 2026.

Saint George Greek Orthodox Church
1033 West Park Avenue
Ocean, NJ 07712
Attention: St. George Scholarship Application, College

*If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the church office at
732-775-2777.*