

# Philoptochos Scholarship 2024

## High School Application

The St. Helen's Women's Philoptochos Society of Saints Constantine and Helen Greek Orthodox Church of Palos Hills, IL is offering two (2) \$1500.00 scholarships to two High School graduates.

This is a competitive scholarship based on merit and requirements of the Scholarship. The award winners will be selected upon recommendation by the Scholarship Committee. Applicants must be accepted into an accredited college, university or vocational program OR currently attending an accredited college, university, or vocational program.

**Application and ALL REQUIRED INFORMATION MUST BE EMAILED by May 19th, 2024, to [sthelenscholarship1@gmail.com](mailto:sthelenscholarship1@gmail.com)**

Requirements for Scholarship:

- High School Graduating Seniors students are eligible to apply.
- Applicant must be a son/daughter of a steward of Saints Constantine and Helen Greek Orthodox Church of Palos Hills, IL for at least two years.
- An official transcript with the school's official seal- e-transcripts are acceptable.
- Two letters of recommendation:
  - 1) A teacher, advisor, counselor, dean, or coach on the school's letterhead.
  - 2) Applicant's choice from an individual who will provide character, dedication, and accomplishments
- A list of activities and organizations you are currently or have previously been involved with in your school. (Sports, club memberships, volunteer work, band, drama, student council, National Honor Society, etc.)
- A list of activities and/or positions you have held in your parish, Saints Constantine and Helen Greek Orthodox Church, Palos Hills, IL. Include the number of months or years associated and duties.

Include Altar Service	Choir
Greek School	GOYA
Athletics	Volunteering at Church Festival
Volunteering at Junior Olympics	Volunteering for church/parish/Philoptochos Events
Sunday Church School	Oratorical Festival
Handmaidens	Other church/ministries/programs

- A list of other extracurricular or community activities/services. Include any work experience.
- List of officer positions held, awards, special honors, special achievements both in school, at church, or in your community.
- Personal Statement (300 words or less):

**Our St. Helen Women's Philoptochos Chapter is "dedicated to philanthropy" and serves our Saints Constantine and Helen Greek Orthodox Church, Palos Hills, IL parish in many ways. We are always ready to assist our parish with our time, talents, and hard work. But our good works go much further. The name "Philoptochos" means friends to the poor. We come to the aid of the needy, the poor and elderly, not only within our parish, but also in our local community, nationally and even to Orthodox Christians throughout the world. As a student now and then later in your future, how do you see yourself serving to help those less fortunate?**

The St. Helen Women's Philoptochos reserves the right to award more than one scholarship in the same academic year, based on required qualifications, grades, and service projects of the applicant.

## Student Information

Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of High School: \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Major Field of Study: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Accredited College/University/Vocational Program: \_\_\_\_\_

I understand and certify that this application is complete and accurate. I have included a transcript with an official school seal stamped and in a sealed envelope sent directly from the school.

Signature of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

All applications must be emailed no later than **May 19, 2024**. Incomplete applications or those postmarked after this date will not be processed. All information received from applicants will be treated as confidential.

- Scholarship winners will be notified by **June 9, 2024**.
- Email to [sthelenscholarship1@gmail.com](mailto:sthelenscholarship1@gmail.com)

### Your Checklist:

\_\_\_\_ Official Grade Transcripts

\_\_\_\_ 2 Letters of Recommendation

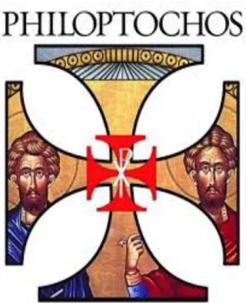
\_\_\_\_ Letter of Acceptance to College/University

\_\_\_\_ Completed Essay

\_\_\_\_ List of School, Church, and Community Service Activities

\_\_\_\_ List of Honors, Awards, and Offices held.

## Evaluation Rubric: High School

	<b>Exceptional (9-10 points)</b>	<b>Proficient (7-8 points)</b>	<b>Adequate (5-6 points)</b>
Scholastic Activities	Candidate is actively involved in a wide range of academic activities at school and demonstrates exceptional leadership in at least one activity.	Candidate is somewhat involved in academic community at school and may demonstrate some leadership	Candidate is not involved or minimally involved in their academic community at school.
Parish Activities	Candidate demonstrates exceptional involvement in several parish-related activities (more than 5) and has assumed leadership role(s)	Candidate demonstrates some involvement in parish-related activities (fewer than 5).	Candidate demonstrates minimal involvement in parish-related activities.
Community Activities/ Service	Candidate has been actively involved in numerous extracurricular or community activities that benefit others and has a leadership role in one or more activities.	Candidate has participated in some extra-curricular and community activities.	Minimal extra-curricular activities mentioned in application.
Scholastic Achievement	The candidate demonstrates exceptional academic skills. Weighted GPA is 3.8 or higher	The candidate demonstrates adequate academic skills. Weighted GPA is 3.0-3.5	The candidate demonstrates some academic skills. Weighted GPA is lower than a 3.5
Personal Statement	The personal statement is well written and clearly reflects the core values of the Philoptochos. The candidate persuasively demonstrates insights on current and future philanthropic efforts on a local, national, or global level.	The personal statement is adequately written and may reflect the core values of the Philoptochos. The candidate may demonstrate insights on current and future philanthropic efforts on a local, national, or global level.	The personal statement is minimal and does not demonstrate insights on current and future philanthropic efforts on a local, national, or global level

Recommendations	The recommendations provided by the candidate demonstrate a high familiarity with the quality of the student's work, excellent, highly detailed examples of student promise from personal experience, and several positive comments showing comprehensive praise for the student.	The recommendations provided by the candidate demonstrate clear familiarity with the quality of the student's work, several detailed examples of student promise from personal experience, and a few positive comments showing extensive praise for the student.	The recommendations provided by the candidate demonstrate some familiarity with the quality of the student's work, a few examples of student promise from personal experience, and minimal positive comments
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