

## **DELTA DISTRICT SIXTEEN SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM (REV. June 2018)**

The availability of the Delta District Sixteen Scholarships should be made known to all members of each chapter of the Order of AHEPA, Daughters of Penelope, Maids of Athens, and the Son of Pericles of the District. Applicants should be solicited from qualified students by the Chapters of the Order of AHEPA and Daughters of Penelope. The scholarships of this Program are awarded to qualified applicants of the District by the District Scholarship Board. A successful applicant for a given academic year is entitled to a scholarship only for that academic year; however, he or she may compete for scholarships for subsequent years provided he or she is qualified and submits the required application and related information as stated below.

### **Qualifications of Applicant for Scholarship**

- a. Applicant must be from District Sixteen and either:
  - (i) a member in good standing of the Sons of Pericles or Maids of Athena; or
  - (ii) a first line descendant or a legally adopted son or daughter of a member in good standing of the AHEPA or the Daughters of Penelope; or
  - (iii) a member in good standing of AHEPA or the Daughters of Penelope.
- b. Applicant must be a college or university student with a minimum of two full semesters, or three full quarters, completed prior to the convention, or a full time graduate student. The minimum number of hours per completed semester shall be twelve (12), or eight (8) hours per quarter for an undergraduate student, or hours necessary to complete a graduate degree if a graduate student.
- c. The scholarships will be based on character and all round ability and the applicant must have a grade point average of B or better. Grade point averages will be determined by the District Scholarship Board and shall be based on the grades of the immediate past two semesters or immediate past three quarters from the college or university the applicant is attending.

**Requirements for Filing Applications:** Applicants shall submit to their local AHEPA or Daughters of Penelope Chapters the following items on or before the announced due date:

- a. A completed application that is to be signed by the Chapter President and Secretary, and the completed application to be received by the District Scholarship Board no later than three (3) weeks prior to the start of the District Convention.
- b. A letter by the applicant stating that he or she wishes to apply for a scholarship and asking for endorsement from the chapter. The applicant must briefly discuss what his or her career goals may be and how the scholarship will benefit in achieving those goals. In the event the applicant is applying for the financial need category, he or she should elaborate with enough personal data and reasons for financial assistance to facilitate the District Scholarship Board in making its judgments. Any endorsements from the local priest, community President or similar organizational head also may be included to support the financial need aspect.
- c. Transcripts of grades for the immediate past two semesters, or immediate past three quarters. Junior college attendance is not acceptable, unless all the grades are transferred to a four year college or university that grants at least bachelor degrees.

### **Duties of the Chapter Receiving the Application**

- a. The Chapter shall verify the application for accuracy of information, completeness, and grade qualifications. The Chapter shall also confirm that the member in good standing requirements. If the application is not accurate or complete and does not meet the requirements for filing an application, the Chapter shall not sign the application and shall so notify the applicant.
- b. If all the qualifications and requirements are verified, the Chapter President and Secretary shall sign the application and submit it to the District Scholarship Board to be received by the Board no later than three (3) weeks prior to the start of the District Convention. In the event that the transcript is not available, the application and the applicant's letter will be forwarded to the District Scholarship board no later than three (3) weeks prior to the start of the District Convention, with the transcript to be submitted to the District Scholarship Board no later than the start of the District Convention.
- c. Chapters may submit as many applications as may be qualified.

**Number and Amount of Scholarships:** The District Scholarship Board may award up to eight (8) district scholarships annually of \$1000 each to qualified applicants, in addition to awarding scholarships provided by individuals who have donated sufficient funds to create an annual scholarship that is \$1000 each year. A qualified applicant cannot be awarded a district scholarship, the national AHEPA Educational Foundation scholarship, or an individually donated scholarship in the same academic year.

**Scholarship Recipients MUST become Members:** Scholarship recipients who are not already members of the Sons of Pericles, Maids of Athena, Ahepa or Daughters of Penelope MUST submit a membership application and fees before their scholarship check is provided to them.