



Grainfield District # 14 AHEPA & Daughters of Penelope Educational Foundation

(Iowa, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota)



2024

Instructions for Filing Undergraduate Scholarship Application

Read and follow the instructions carefully. Incomplete applications will not be considered.

A. Eligibility Qualifications

Applicant must be an **undergraduate** student, with a parent or themselves a member in a District 14 AHEPA family organization. **The student may apply multiple years and must submit new application each year.**

B. Submission Dates of the Application and ALL supporting material

The Foundation Board is not responsible for any material postmarked after the dates listed below and will not consider, for the awarding of points, any material postmarked beyond the dates listed below:

1. The **Application** along with items **B, C, and D** must be submitted to the address given in Item G below by **CERTIFIED MAIL, RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED** and postmarked by **April 15, 2024**. (Item **B**, Membership Verification Form, along with page 1 of Federal Income Tax Form, may be mailed separately, if student is at college away from home.)
2. Item **E**, Transcript: An **official** transcript, on the letterhead of the school, must be mailed or emailed from the proper administrative office directly to the address given in Item G below and postmarked by **April 15, 2024**. (**An un-official transcript will not be accepted.**)
3. Item **F**, Letters of Recommendation: Must be mailed by the educators directly to the address given in Item G below and postmarked by **April 15, 2024**.

C. Membership Verification Form

Each applicant **must submit** the Membership Verification Form for themselves and their parents or guardians. **This form must be signed by chapter officer(s) to be eligible for the scholarship. (In place of signature, attach a letter or email from a chapter officer verifying membership in good standing.)**

For consideration of Financial Need points, please fill in the bottom portion of this form and attach Page 1 of your 2023 Federal Income Tax Form.

D. Letter of Acceptance

All applicants entering Post-High School education **for the first time** must submit a letter of acceptance from accredited college, university, or technical school.

E. Essay

Each applicant **must submit** an **original** essay on one of the five following topics:

1. My goals and philosophy of life.
2. The goals and projects of AHEPA or the Daughters of Penelope.
3. Contributions of the Hellenic civilization to our society.
4. A person who had a significant influence on my life.
5. Profound personal life changing experience.

F. Transcript

1. For high school seniors, submit the latest **official transcript** (in a sealed envelope from high school) of grades attained in high school. (**An email transcript may also be submitted.**)

OR

2. For current undergraduate students, submit the latest **official transcript** (in a sealed envelope from college) of grades attained in the college or university you attended. (**An email transcript may also be submitted.**)

G. Letters of Recommendation

Submit two (2) Recommendation Forms: For each Recommendation Form, the student must provide to the person writing the recommendation a stamped envelope addressed to the address given in Item G below. You may email the Form to the professors and have the professor email the Form to the Educational Foundation president.

1. High school students: The two Recommendation Forms must be filled out by two of your High School teachers.
2. College, university or technical school students: The two Recommendation Forms must be filled out by two of your professors. If you are a junior or senior in a college or university, at least one of the Forms must be written by a professor from your major field of study.

H. All materials must be mailed or emailed to:

Elaine Koutsoukos, President
5691 126th Street West,
Apple Valley, MN 55124
ekoutsoukos@yahoo.com

Scholarships will be granted on the basis of the following criteria:

	<u>Maximum Points</u>
a. Financial need (from Membership Verification Form)	8
b. Academic Record, Item E	8
c. Student essay, Item D	5
d. Letters of recommendation, Item F	4
e. Other Extra-Curricular Activities	3
f. Personal membership in AHEPA, Daughters of Penelope, Maids of Athena or Sons of Pericles (from Membership Verification Form)	1
g. Father's membership in AHEPA (If deceased, a member at time of his death)	1
h. Mother's membership in the Daughters of Penelope (If deceased, a member at time of her death)	1
i. Membership of the applicant's spouse in AHEPA or Daughters of Penelope	1

All forms and information submitted are confidential and non-returnable.

Items A, B, and D must be postmarked by April 15, 2024. Any postmark after April 15 will result in disqualification of the applicant from scholarship consideration.

Items E and F must be postmarked (or emailed) by April 15, 2024. Any postmark after April 15 will result in "no points" awarded for that late postmarked item.

If you are awarded a scholarship, you will be required to submit proof of enrollment, via a fee statement, when requesting funds. All documentation must be submitted by December 1, 2024.

If you have any questions, please contact:

Foundation President, Elaine Koutsoukos, at ekoutsoukos@yahoo.com or (612) 876-5055.
Foundation Secretary, Peggy Sperides, at pegs1028@gmail.com or (952) 829-8855.