Christina Mourikes Spiratos "Make a Difference" Scholarship

The Christina Mourikes Spiratos "Make a Difference" Scholarship is awarded to recognize and honor a student who has made a difference in service to others in need.

> **One award of $5,000 is based upon a student having made a significant difference in service to others in need together with a demonstrated financial need.**

Who is Eligible to Apply

University/College Students for the 2020-2021 School Year: Students who will be enrolled full time as undergraduate students at an accredited university/college in the United States and are pursuing a four-year bachelor degree.

- The applicant's family must be members in good standing at Saints Peter and Paul Greek Orthodox Church in Glenview, IL, or any other Greek Orthodox Church in Illinois.
- Applicants must be U.S. Citizens or U.S. Permanent Residents, living in the U.S.
- Applicants must have a minimum cumulative **GPA of 3.0, or have graduated in the top half of their high school class.**
- Applicants must be enrolled at an accredited university/college in the U.S. for **Fall 2020** as full time students in pursuit of a four-year bachelor degree.
- Students who have graduated from a non-U.S. high school are only eligible to apply after completing 24 credit hours at an accredited university/college in the U.S.
- This scholarship is not available to graduate or post-graduate students.
- Students pursuing degrees online are not eligible.
- **Students must demonstrate financial need as set forth in the Demonstrating Financial Need section.**
- After all completed applications are submitted, the Christina Mourikes Spiratos Scholarship Committee reviews them and selects the finalists. The finalists may then be interviewed by the Committee for a final decision.
- The Scholarship Award will be presented at Saints Peter and Paul Greek Orthodox Church on **Graduate Recognition Sunday on June 21st, 2020. The Christina Mourikes "Make a Difference" Scholarship recipient must be in attendance on this Sunday to receive the award.**

Church Membership

- Applicants must have their parish priest send a letter directly to the scholarship committee stating that the applicant and/or applicant's family are members in good standing at Saints Peter and Paul Greek Orthodox Church in Glenview, IL or any other Greek Orthodox Church.

Personal Reference

One personal reference form is required for each applicant. The individual writing the reference must be in a leadership/supervisory capacity in the organization/project that has benefitted from the applicant's contributions. The personal reference must be mailed directly to the scholarship committee by the personal reference and postmarked no later than the deadline, Friday, May 15, 2020. All references must be dated within four months prior to the application deadline.

Any reference forms prepared by relatives will not be accepted, and the application will be disqualified.

Personal Statement

- Applicants must submit a completed **Personal Statement** essay. This essay should describe how the applicant's contribution has made a significant difference and benefitted others in need**.** Please provide specific examples. Maximum length two pages.

The Personal Statement Form must be submitted with the completed application by Friday, May 15, 2020.

Demonstrating Financial Need

To demonstrate financial need for this scholarship program, the applicant must meet the suggested criteria:

Family Size	Annual Adjusted Gross Income (less than)
2	$70,000
3	$82,000
4	$95,000
5	$108,000
6	$122,000
7	$136,000
8	$150,000
Each additional	$14,000

The applicant must provide a portion of the applicant's and/or applicant's parents/guardian's 2019 Federal Tax return consisting of the first two pages of parent/guardian's individual federal tax return(1040, 1040A, 1040 EZ or 1099 SSA) to demonstrate financial need. Please note that if the applicant has filed an income tax return for 2019, the applicant must submit the first two pages of the applicant's income tax return with the first two pages of applicant's parents'/guardian's 2019 income tax returns.

Transcripts

- Official transcripts must be sent directly to the Christina Mourikes Spiratos Scholarship Committee from the issuing academic institution in a sealed envelope and postmarked no later than the deadline. (Please use attached form)
- All high school seniors and current university freshmen must submit official high school transcripts as well as official university transcripts. Students must meet the minimum cumulative 3.0 GPA requirement for both high school and university, as both will be taken into consideration.
- **College sophomores and juniors need only submit official university transcripts**.

Submission and Application Deadline

The application and all required documents must be postmarked by the application deadline of Friday, May 15, 2020. Failure to have the application and required documentation postmarked by the deadline will disqualify the application.

Authorized Use of Scholarship Funds

The monetary award received by the recipient shall be used solely to cover the cost of tuition, fees, books, room and board, computers, health insurance, study abroad, or other pre-approved acceptable college-related expenses.

The Christina Mourikes Spiratos Scholarship Foundation may demand return of the scholarship award in the event that the funds are not used for educational purposes or the student discontinues his/her undergraduate studies at an accredited university/college in the United States.

Completed applications must be postmarked on or before May 15, 2020.
Please use this checklist and make certain all necessary forms are submitted.

- ☐ Complete Application form and send to SS. Peter and Paul Greek Orthodox Church Ladies Philoptochos Society
- ☐ Letter of membership in good standing from applicant's parish priest submitted to SS Peter and Paul Ladies Philoptochos Society
- ☐ Complete Personal Reference Form and have reference sent directly to SS. Peter and Paul Ladies Philoptochos Society
- ☐ Complete Personal Statement and submit to SS. Peter and Paul Ladies Philoptochos Society
- ☐ High School Academic Profile form/ copy of spring 2020 course registration if a current university student.
- ☐ Copy of 2019 Federal Tax return consisting of the first two pages of applicant's and/or parent/guardian's individual federal tax return (1040, 1040A, 1040 EZ or 1099 SSA-Social Security Tax Form) or tax transcript.
- ☐ Official High school and/or University Transcripts

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SS. Peter and Paul Greek Orthodox Church
Ladies Philoptochos Society
1401 Wagner Road
Glenview, IL 60025

Attn: Christina Mourikes Spiratos "Make a Difference" Scholarship Committee

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The Ladies Philoptochos Society

Application Form

Please print or type all information

Full Name_____
Last **First** **Middle**

Home Address_____
Street

_____
City **State** **Zip**

Phone _____
Cell Phone _____
Email Address _____

Date and Place of Birth_____

Father's Name_____

Mother's Name (include maiden name) _____

Names, Ages, and School Status of any Brothers and Sisters_____
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Name and address of high school_____
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List any scholastic honors or distinctions received in high school

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List extra-curricular school activities, year(s) of participation and any special recognition received

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List Church community activities and any special recognitions received

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Work Experience (List type of job, employer, and dates of employment)

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When do you expect to enter college? _____
If already accepted, name institution: _____
If you are already in college, please provide college's name and current level
_____
What is your intended major? _____
What are your career plans? _____

Have you applied for any other scholarships or grants for the 2017-18 school year? Yes__No__
If yes, please list and state if you have received confirmation:

Source		**Yes**	**No**
Scholarships	_____	__	__
	_____	__	__
Grants	_____	__	__
	_____	__	__

Please compose and attach to this application a Personal Statement essay explaining how you have made a significant difference in service to others in need. Provide specific examples of how you have accomplished this. (maximum two-page double-spaced typed)

In addition, please provide one personal reference from an individual who is in a leadership/supervisory capacity in the organization mentioned in your essay. Also, a letter must be submitted from your parish priest supporting your family's membership in good standing. The personal reference form is included and must be filled out and mailed separately by your reference. **All materials must be postmarked on or before Friday, May 15, 2020**

Please Note: Complete the application in its entirety. When not applicable, please state so. Incomplete and/or late applications will be penalized or disqualified.

COMPLETED APPLICATIONS ARE TO BE RETURNED TO THE CHURCH OFFICE
ATTN: Christina Mourikes Spiratos Scholarship Committee
NO LATER THAN May 15, 2020.

All information contained in this application will be held in strict confidence.

I attest to the best of my knowledge, that all the information I have given is truthful and accurate. By accepting this scholarship, I affirm that I plan to attend the college listed. In the event that I do not attend within a year, I agree to repay the Ladies Philoptochos Society of SS. Peter and Paul Greek Orthodox Church for any scholarship award that I receive.

_____ _____
Signature **Date**

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The Ladies Philoptochos Society
(847) 729-2235

High School Academic Profile

Student Name_____

High School Name and Address_____
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The following is to be filled in and signed by a high school official:

1. Date of Graduation_____
2. Class Rank_____
3. Class Size_____
4. Grade Point Average_____
5. Attach official grade transcript, including first semester of senior year.
6. Attach SAT and Achievement Test results to the applicant's grade transcript.

Completed by school official_____
Signature and Title

Date_____

<u>THIS COMPLETED FORM MUST BE RETURNED POSTMARKED ON OR BEFORE</u>
MAY 15, 2020 To

SS. Peter and Paul Greek Orthodox Church
The Ladies Philoptochos Society
ATTN: Christina Mourikes Spiratos Scholarship Committee
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Glenview, IL 60025