

THE PRESBYTERA KATHRYN TUNTAS CONSTANTINIDES SCHOLARSHIP

APPLICATION GUIDELINES

INSTRUCTIONS: Parents and guardians, please read the following and indicate that you completely understand each section of these Application Guidelines by signing and dating where indicated on page 3.

BACKGROUND: Presbytera Kathryn Tuntas Constantinides was the Presbytera of the Rev. Phaethon Constantinides who served the Charlotte community for many years. She was a supporter of education and had a special place in her heart for young women. Her family donated the funds that make this scholarship possible and asked the Charlotte Agia Elpis Chapter of Philoptochos to oversee the scholarship process.

THE SCHOLARSHIP: For high school seniors graduating in Spring, 2022, the scholarship shall be \$5,000.00, awarded to one deserving female student whose parent or guardian is a member in good standing of the Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Cathedral of Charlotte, North Carolina.

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE: The Executive Board of the Agia Elpis Philoptochos Society of Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Cathedral in Charlotte, North Carolina (Board) has appointed a Scholarship Committee (Committee) to receive, evaluate, and conduct deliberations, pursuant to the recommendations of the Constantinides family. The decision of the Committee shall be final and not subject to the review of any other authority. No applicant shall attempt to influence this process by any means.

ELIGIBILITY – The Applicant must be:

- Female who is (or whose parent or guardian is) a parishioner in good standing of Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Cathedral of Charlotte, NC. “Parishioner in good standing” is defined in the Uniform Parish Regulations (UPRs) as a parishioner who has properly complied with his stewardship obligation and (in short) abides by the UPRs and local parish by-laws and cooperates toward the welfare and well-being of the parish. The Priest shall certify in each case whether the applicant’s parent or guardian is a parishioner in good standing as of December 31 of the year preceding submission of the application.
- The minimum GPA of any applicant must be 3.00 (unweighted).
- Applied to (and ultimately accepted and enrolled prior to fund disbursement) an accredited community college, undergraduate degree program, or other program of higher learning (subject to the judgment and discretion of the Board).

APPLICATION PROCESS

- The Parish administration will advertise the Scholarship in Parish publications beginning in early February via the Parish bulletin (via e-mail) and the Parish website.
- Applications shall be accepted March 15 – 31, 2022. Any application received after close of business on the last day shall be cancelled and denied. No exceptions.
- Applicant shall submit a completed application along with supporting documents, which shall include:
 1. Documentation in the form of transcripts of the applicant's courses and Grade Point Average (GPA) from the three (3) completed most recent high school semesters, including itemization of courses taken and calculation of the GPA.
 2. Documentation of ACCEPTANCE into an accredited or approved educational program (if already received).
- Applications shall be mailed or hand delivered in an envelope to the following address:

The Presbytera Kathryn Tuntas Constantinides Scholarship
Agia Elpis Philoptochos
Attention: Georgia Andrews
600 East Blvd.
Charlotte NC 28203
- Applications shall be evaluated, and the Scholarship Recipient shall be determined by April 30, 2022.
- All documents and materials submitted in the application process will be destroyed ninety (90) days after the date of the award of the scholarship.
- Any questions which are not already addressed by these Guidelines shall be directed to Georgia Andrews (Cell: 704-617-4302).

AWARD OF SCHOLARSHIP

- Each year, one Scholarship may be awarded.
- For a given year, the Committee shall have the discretion to not award a Scholarship and instead allocate the funds for saving and/or investment for a future year.
- This is primarily an academic Scholarship. Approximately 80% of points shall be awarded based on academics. The other 20% is awarded based on student activities (school, church, and other civic activities).
- The student who is awarded the highest number of points shall be awarded the Scholarship. In the event there is a tie, then the total Scholarship shall be split evenly between the tied students.
- Announcement of the Scholarship Recipient shall be scheduled for the first (1st) Sunday in May at Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Cathedral.
- Scholarship Funds shall be disbursed as follows:
 1. Recipient provides documentation of tuition and fees for the academic year of the award.

2. Recipient provides documentation of the appropriate office and contact person at the educational institution who will receive and apply the funds awarded to the recipient.
3. The Board will confirm the account at educational institution for Recipient.
4. Philoptochos Treasurer will draw and issue check from the appropriate Philoptochos bank account and transfer to the educational institution.
5. In the event that the required documentation described above has not been provided within three (3) months of the date of award, Scholarship may be rescinded.
6. In the event Recipient ceases to attend the school at which the funds have been deposited, any remaining funds shall be refunded to the Scholarship Fund, and Recipient shall cooperate in any and all manners (by execution of paperwork or otherwise) to effect such refund.

CHANGE OF CRITERIA

- The Committee may, in its complete discretion, make adjustments to the evaluation criteria in keeping with the mission of the Scholarship, such changes to take effect for a *subsequent* scholarship cycle.
- The Board may, as it deems appropriate, waive criteria for the current Scholarship cycle, in keeping with the mission of the Scholarship.

I, Applicant, do hereby say that I have read, understand, and agree to these Application Guidelines for the Presbytera Kathryn Tuntas Constantinides Scholarship.

SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

I, Parent or Guardian of Applicant, do hereby say that I have read, understand, and agree to these Application Guidelines for the the Presbytera Kathryn Tuntas Constantinides Scholarship.

SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

PLEASE CONTINUE TO APPLICATION