

THE POPI HAGELIOS MEMORIAL PHILANTHROPY AWARD OF THE PHILOPTOCHOS SOCIETY OF HOLY CROSS GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

PURPOSE OF THE AWARD

The Popi Hagelios Memorial Philanthropy Award of the Philoptochos Society of Holy Cross Greek Orthodox Church will be awarded to a deserving high school senior graduating in the school year of 2026-2027. The senior **MUST** be a 2027 **PLEDGED FAMILY** member of Holy Cross Greek Orthodox Church. The purpose of the award is to recognize a personal philanthropic experience a student has been actively involved in during his/her time in high school. This award is named in honor of a dedicated Holy Cross Philoptochos member who gave so unselfishly of her time.

AMOUNT OF AWARD

One thousand five hundred dollars - \$1,500

AWARD CRITERIA

The Popi Hagelios Memorial Philanthropy Award of the Philoptochos Society of Holy Cross Greek Orthodox Church is based on criteria that recognizes and qualifies the candidate's time and talent in volunteerism.

The candidate must plan to attend a college, university, junior or community college or trade school.

The candidate must have a GPA of at least 2.5 (weighted) or higher as a high school senior.

THE COMPLETE APPLICATION CHECKLIST:

1. A completed application form.
2. A high school transcript, including the first semester of your senior year.
3. A list of community service, hobbies and interests, extra-curricular activities and honors.
4. Two letters of recommendation. One letter must be from the philanthropic organization in which you volunteered.
5. A one-page essay that explains the candidate's philanthropic involvement.
 - a. The first part of the essay must explain the candidate's definition of philanthropy.
 - b. The second part is to write about the most meaningful philanthropic activity you were involved with in high school and how that affected you.

- c. The third part, how will you carry that experience forward in future philanthropic endeavors?
- d. Finally, how will your Orthodox Christian faith continue to guide you?

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Application Form

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Parent or Guardian: _____

GPA – Weighted: _____

Institutions of Higher Learning to which you have applied or been accepted.

Community Service - You may supply details on a separate sheet.

Hobbies and Interests – You may supply details on a separate sheet.

Extracurricular Activities – You may supply details on a separate sheet.

Honors - Please state any special recognition you have received for outstanding school and/or community work, prizes or scholarships.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Please list the names of those who have provided your letters of recommendation in this application:

Name: _____ Phone Number: _____

Name: _____ Phone Number: _____

This completed application must be submitted to the four Philanthropy Award committee members electronically:

Elaine Sofis, esofis@comcast.net Dena Yamalis, dyamalis@comcast.net Denise Sokos, dsokos@mac.com and Rene Koett, rjkoett@yahoo.com OR Elaine Sofis 121 Woodhaven Drive Pittsburgh, PA 15228 by:

DEADLINE, 8pm, MARCH 28, 2027

I certify that all the information provided to The Popi Hagelios Memorial Philanthropy Award Committee of the Philoptochos Society of Holy Cross Greek Orthodox Church is accurate.

_____ Date: _____

Signature of Candidate