

MARY VAMVORAS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP
DAUGHTERS OF PENELOPE - HECABE CHAPTER 185
SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS

SELECTION OF RECIPIENT

The Mary Vamvoras Scholarship of \$1,000.00 shall be awarded to qualified applicant(s) by the Daughters of Penelope, Hecabe Chapter #185, San Antonio, Texas for one academic year. More than one scholarship may be awarded if sufficient funds are available and applicant is approved by the Scholarship committee. Awarding of the scholarship is a competitive process.

QUALIFICATIONS OF APPLICANT

Open to any interested individual who meets the following application requirements:

- (a) **HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS:** Must be a 2017 high school graduate with a GPA of a B (or better) and has been accepted into a community college, college or university.
- (b) **FIRST TIME AND SUBSEQUENT (RE-APPLYING) UNDERGRADUATE COLLEGE STUDENTS:** Must be a continuing student for the 2017-18 academic year. Applicant must have **cumulative GPA of 3.0** (B or better) from their **current school** as reflected on official, sealed transcripts for the 2016-17 school year. The applicant must have been a **full-time student** (completed 15 semester hours for the fall semester 2016 and the spring semester 2017).

CRITERIA

Academic: High school average grades of a B or better on the final high school transcript. College grade point average (GPA) of B or better (3.0 GPA or better) as recorded on the 2017 year college transcripts.

Leadership: Exemplifies involvement or engagement in activities or clubs.

Character: Demonstrates a high level of commitment and ownership to society.

Citizenship: Contributions to one's environment or community.

Bonus points: Applicant and/or their immediate family are:

- 1) Active members of St. Sophia Greek Orthodox Church in San Antonio for two or more years, including current year.
- 2) Members of AHEPA Chapter #311 and/or The Daughters of Penelope, Hecabe Chapter #185 at St. Sophia Greek Orthodox Church in San Antonio, Texas.

Immediate family meaning the applicant is the daughter/son, grand-daughter/son or sister/brother to the member.

SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS

Half of the scholarship will be paid for the first semester to the recipient upon submission of proof of registration of at least fifteen semester hours in the college or university the recipient will be attending. The other half of the scholarship for the second semester shall be paid to the recipient upon submission of proof of registration of at least fifteen semester hours for the Spring Semester of 2018 and shall have a GPA of at least a B (3.0) or better in the Fall Semester of 2017.

INFORMATION REQUIRED WITH THIS APPLICATION

- (1) A letter signed and dated by the applicant in no more than 500 words stating the history of the applicant, academic achievements, activities, career goals, and reasons for requesting the scholarship.
- (2) Three non-family letters of recommendation, original letter with signature.
- (3) Small photo of applicant (photo not returnable). **Required for first time applicants only.**
- (4) A completed application. **INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED.**
- (5) A final, sealed official-transcript that reflects receipt of a diploma of graduations and the student's grade point average (GPA) of a B or better for all four years in high school. **(HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS ONLY).**
- (6) Copy of letter from the college or university who has accepted the applicant as a full time student **(HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS ONLY).**
- (7) An official-transcript from the college or university attended as a full time student with a cumulative GPA of at least a B (3.0 GPA or better) for the 2016-17 school year. **(UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS ONLY).**

ADDRESS AND DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTING A COMPLETED APPLICATION PACKAGE

Application **must be postmarked no later than June 30, 2017** to:
St. Sophia Greek Orthodox Church
ATTN: Daughters of Penelope, Scholarship Chairman
2504 N. St. Mary's Street
San Antonio, TX 78212

(Certified Mail is recommended)

HAND DELIVERED APPLICATION PACKAGES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED

NO EXCEPTIONS TO THE DEADLINE REQUIREMENTS