

***Updated Application for 2026 with new essay topic.**



ORDER OF AHEPA
THERMOPYLAE CHAPTER 445
DELAWARE COUNTY
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Dear Applicant,

I welcome you to the application process for scholarship consideration offered by AHEPA "Thermopylae" Chapter 445.

The instructions are in the body of the application. **Please adhere to the dates and submission guidelines. High school seniors should have most recent transcript submitted which would be as of Spring 2026, since deadline of September 15th, 2026 is after your graduation. Undergraduate students should have your institution submit transcript through Spring 2026; there should be ample time.**

Scholarship applications are due **September 15th, 2026**

Essay submission should be typed and legible.

Thank you for your interest.

Sincerely,

Demetrios Patterson
Scholarship Chairman
AHEPA Chapter 445
jcrazywind66@gmail.com



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Delaware County, Pennsylvania

Scholarship and Scholastic Achievement Program
2026 Scholarship Application

History

Since 1974, Thermopylae has awarded scholarships to deserving students enrolled at or entering institutions of higher learning. Initial awards were in the names of our founders- George Zanthopoulos and Louis Morkides. Subsequently, over the years Thermopylae has awarded additional scholarships in the names of our departed brothers Chris Masters, C. Dean Polites, Theophilos Constantinidis, Dr. Chris Patterson, Danny Kathopoulis, Anna and Vasilis Karavasilis, Gregory Vlassopoulos, James and Thelma Tanos and Despina Lewis. To date, the chapter has awarded over \$100,000 in scholarships. Our goal is to continuously increase the awards. In recent years, there has been increased interest in the scholarship program and in some academic years the awards were divided among the participants. Since 2010 the chapter has decided not to split the various named scholarships which allows for a greater monetary award. However, this change will produce fewer awards provided to individuals and therefore competition could be keen. Good luck!

Rules and Regulations Governing Awards

1. Applicant must be a member of the Thermopylae AHEPA family, Daughters of Penelope, Pandora, Maids of Athena, Sons of Pericles, **or** be sponsored by a member in good standing.
2. Applicants for scholarship will be selected from high school graduates who have been accepted by an accredited college or university **or** from students already enrolled in undergraduate studies in college or university or trade school.
3. The applicant should not be a recipient of an AHEPA Chapter 445 Scholarship the year prior to the application.
4. The scholarship award process will be based on scholastic achievement, extracurricular, and philanthropic activities. Applicants for scholarship awards will be required to complete the following:
 - a. A personal history signed by applicant and a sponsoring chapter member with clear relationship noted.
 - b. An essay, which may be up to two **typewritten** pages, on the subject provided with the application. **Handwritten submissions will be rejected.** Please email with complete application to jcrazywind66@gmail.com or mail with application.
 - c. Scholastic history with academic institution **transcripts**, certified by applicant's High School, University or College.
 - d. The school should send transcripts directly to email (jcrazywind66@gmail.com) or mailed to **AHEPA Thermopylae #445 Attn: Scholarship Chairman, PO Box 446, Broomall, PA 19008.**
 - e. Attach **resume** or **CV** with activities and honors, if applicable.
 - f. Optional financial statement, which will become a criterion when a choice must be made between applicants of equal standing. How will your education be funded? You will be notified via email if you need to complete this requirement.
5. **Applications for scholarship must be received as follows:**
 - Completed application may be scanned and electronically received via email by **September 15th, 2026** in order to be considered eligible for evaluation. Email to **Demetrios Patterson** at jcrazywind66@gmail.com.
 - *When sending email, please write "AHEPA SCHOLARSHIP APPL (Your Last Name) 2026 in subject header and attach ALL documents needed. Do not send multiple emails with different documents—just send one.
 - If using mail, Mailed application hard copies and official academic transcripts must be **postmarked no later than September 15th, 2026.**
 - Mail all completed documents to:
**AHEPA Thermopylae #445
Scholarship Chairman**

PO Box 446, Broomall, PA 19008

- Again, applications with supporting documents may be scanned and emailed to **Demetrios Patterson** at jcrazywind66@gmail.com

6. **All information requested must be provided. Incomplete applications will be rejected.**
7. The scholarship award will be made payable to the student.
8. The scholarship award will be distributed as a deserving gift with no financial obligation imposed. However, the recipient is encouraged to volunteer by helping with the chapter programs and fund raising functions.

Application

All completed applications will be considered, evaluated, and graded by the Scholarship Committee, based on the Thermopylae Chapter 445 Scholarship Committee By-Laws.

a. Applicant Personal History (please type or print)

THIS PART IS TO BE COMPLETED BY SPONSORING CHAPTER MEMBER

CHAPTER NAME: _____

DATE: _____ / _____ / 2026

NAME OF SPONSORING MEMBER: _____

Relationship: _____

THIS PART IS TO BE COMPLETED BY THE APPLICANT (expand fields as required)

Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Permanent mailing address: _____

E-mail address: _____

Name and Address of High School: _____

Level of Study (circle): Academic / College prep / Honors / AP

Date you will receive diploma: _____ Grade Point Average (**on 4.0 scale!**): _____

Class Rank: _____

*If not enough space for **Academic Honors** and/or **Activities**, you may attach a resume or CV to your application for this section.

Honors or Awards received: _____

Extracurricular activities: _____

Philanthropic and community activities: _____

Name and Address of **College or University**: _____

Date of entry: _____ **Major** selected: _____

How are you funding your education:

References: (name, address, phone number & email)

1. _____

2. _____

Name of parent or guardian: _____

Is your family member a member of Thermopylae Chapter 445? ☐ Y ☐ N

Is your family member a member of any other Order of AHEPA chapter? ☐ Y ☐ N

If so, which chapter? _____

Date: _____ Signature of Applicant: _____

b. **Applicant Essay Prompt** (typed, up to two pages)

COMPLETED DOCUMENT MUST BE RETURNED with APPLICATION BY SEPTEMBER 15TH.

Topic:

It is widely known that ancient Greek civilization, especially Athenian democracy, was a major influence on the founding of the United States of America. However, it is also true that the American revolution in 1776 played a role in inspiring the Greek revolution in 1821. Now, 250 years later, discuss the influence of the American revolution in inspiring the Greek revolution in 1821 and the role that the young United States played in supporting the Greek cause for independence.

Please answer all parts of essay prompt. There is no right or wrong response.

*Complete essay in a *typed* format either printed out and attached to physical application packet for mail or emailed as word document or pdf file to jcrazywind66@gmail.com along with digital application (in same email).

- ☐ Electronic submittal via email (jcrazywind66@gmail.com) must be by September 15th
- ☐ Signed copies must be postmarked by September 15th.

Mail to:

**AHEPA THERMOPYLAE Chapter 445
Attn: Scholarship Committee Chairman
PO Box 446
Broomall, PA 19008**

c. **Scholastic History and Academic Institution Transcripts** (please type or print)

Name of Applicant: _____

Address: _____

Date Graduated or will graduate: _____

Grade Average (**GPA on 4.0 scale**): _____

Class Rank:

_____ [If GPA is not on a 4.0 scale, please convert it.]

School Name and Address:

Academic Major:

***Please enclose a certified/official transcript of the applicant's record from the institution they are attending.**

Signed Academic Institution Transcripts and History must be postmarked by September 15th, 2026.

Email Current Academic Transcript to the Scholarship Chairman, Demetrios Patterson at jcrazywind66@gmail.com.

OR

Mail to:

AHEPA THERMOPYLAE Chapter 445

Attn: Scholarship Committee Chairman

PO BOX 446

BROOMALL, PA 19008

d. Optional Financial Statement (please type or print)

IF ELECTED TO SUBMIT, completed document will be emailed to the Scholarship Chairman, Demetrios Patterson, at jcrazywind66@gmail.com

Optional statement will ONLY become a criterion when a choice must be made between applicants of equal standing. You will be notified via email if you are required to do this.

How will your education be funded?

Applicant's

Name _____ Date _____

