St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church



Application For Academic Scholarship

Every year, the St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church Community awards up to five scholarships to qualifying high school graduates and current university/college/vocational school students. Potential **maximum** scholarship in a given year is $4,500, with no more than $1,500 distributed to a single recipient from any individual scholarship fund.

In order to qualify for a scholarship, the applicant must be:

* An Orthodox Christian and member in good standing (current steward) of the St. Nicholas Community.
* A graduate or graduate-to-be of an accredited high school, or enrolled or about to be enrolled in a community college, college, university, or vocational school.

The following must also be submitted with this application form:

* Cover letter
* Signed Application Form
* Official academic transcript
* Church Attendance Form
* Orthodox Outreach/Parish Service/Youth Activity Attendance Form
* Essay
* Activity and Service Forms

All persons who qualify and wish to apply for this scholarship must submit this **completed application form and all supporting documents** to the St. Nicholas Scholarship Committee c/o St. Nicholas Family Life Center, 12550 S Forty Dr., St. Louis, MO 63141, **no later than May 15 of the current year.** Or, you may e-mail to stnicholas@sngoc.org. **Applications submitted after this date cannot be considered for awards in the current year. All components of the application must be received by 11:59 pm on the deadline date.**

**Incomplete applications will be immediately and summarily disqualified for the current scholarship year.** Scholarship recipients are usually notified of their award within 60 days of the application deadline. Completion of this application does not guarantee a scholarship award.

# Scholarship distribution guidelines

All applicants for St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church academic scholarships should be familiar with the following criteria and weightings used by the Scholarship Committee in the selection of award recipients.

# St. Nicholas Orthodox Church

# Scholarship Selection Criteria

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| 1  | Orthodox Christian in good standing – stewardship (member of St. Nicholas); Orthodox life [as assessed by the clergy]  | Yes/No  |
| 2  | Orthodox Life. 50% (approx. 16 weeks) church attendance in Sunday School required.  | 20%  |
| 3  | Orthodox Outreach (80 hours total)* Focus
* Project Mexico
* Prison Ministry (Christmas Activities)
* OCMC
* Philoptochos Spotlight Charities
* Colton’s Cause
* Cure SMA
* Scholarship Foundation
* The Covering House
* Home Sweet Home
* Evelyn’s House
* Ranken Jordan
* The Literacy Roundtable
* Haven of Grace
* Central Institute for the Deaf
* Gene Slay Boys and Girls Club
* Joshua Chamberlain Society
 | 20%  |
| 4  | Parish Service* Prison Ministry (Christmas Activities)
* Vacation Bible School Counselor
* Hellenic Culture Camp Counselor
 | 20% |
| 5  | Orthodox Youth Groups Meeting Attendance | 20%  |
| 6  | Essay or Video (Choose one. 300 words or less.)* Share memories from St. Nicholas that have influenced your personal growth and/or goals for the future.
* Write/talk about a St. Nicholas event that has impacted your faith.
* Share how you see the Orthodox faith influencing you-decisions about family, service to others, school, commitments, future plans, etc.
* Write/talk about a time when you worked in a volunteer capacity; how it influenced you and how you see it having an impact on your future.
 | 10% |
| 7 | Community Service (outside of church related community service) | 5% |
| 8 | Academic Record | 5% |
| 9  | Application completes at deadline.  | Yes/No |



**ST. NICHOLAS ORTHODOX CHURCH**

 **APPLICATION**

Note: Please type or print CLEARLY. If necessary, use additional pages.

 **I. PERSONAL AND FAMILY INFORMATION**

Insert picture of applicant above

**Full Name (Include maiden name, if applicable)** Click or tap here to enter text.

**Sex** Click or tap here to enter text. **Age** Click or tap here to enter text.

**Date of Birth** Click or tap here to enter text. **Place of Birth**Click or tap here to enter text.

**Home Address, city, zip code** Click or tap here to enter text.

**Applicant’s Cell Phone** Click or tap here to enter text.

**Father’s (or guardian’s) full name** Click or tap here to enter text.

**Mother’s full name** Click or tap here to enter text.

**II. EDUCATIONAL INFORMATION**

**High School/College/University/Vocational School you currently attend** Click or tap here to enter text.

**Address** Click or tap here to enter text.

**Years Enrolled** Click or tap here to enter text. **Expected Graduation Date** Click or tap here to enter text. **Cumulative GPA** Click or tap here to enter text.

**If transferring from your current University/College to a new school, list here.** Click or tap here to enter text.

**Transfer School Name**Click or tap here to enter text.

**School location** Click or tap here to enter text. **Have you been accepted?** [ ] Yes [ ] No

**What is your current or expected major area of study?** Click or tap here to enter text.

**III. SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION**

In order for your application to be considered, the following information must be completed. **All information is held in strict confidence and limited to the Scholarship Committee only.**

* Indicate known awarded scholarships and grants. **$**Click or tap here to enter text.

**ANTICIPATED EXPENSES**

* Tuition and Incidental fees **$**Click or tap here to enter text.
* Room and Board **$**Click or tap here to enter text.
* Do you plan to live at home [ ] Yes [ ] No
* Books **$**Click or tap here to enter text.

 **IV. ACTIVITIES**

1. Orthodox Life (attach form)
2. Orthodox Outreach (attach form)
3. Parish Service (attach form)
4. Orthodox Youth Group Meeting Attendance (attach form)
5. Essay or Video (attach essay or send video to stnicholas@sngoc.org with ‘Scholarship Video and your name in the subject line.)
6. Community activities (other than church; including the dates in which you participated**)**

Click or tap here to enter text.

1. List any distinctions, awards, or honors received **(including dates)**

Click or tap here to enter text.

1. List any special interests or talents (**hobbies, music, sports, etc**.)

Click or tap here to enter text.

**V. APPLICATION CHECKLIST** (Be sure to include all items listed below.)

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* Academic transcript
* Church Attendance Form
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**I hereby certify that all of the information provided in this application is true to the best of my knowledge.**

Signature of Applicant \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**(Print and sign. Failure to include the Applicant’s signature invalidates the application)**