

Pontian Society "PONTOS" of Norwalk, CT



Presents the *Achilleas Tsilfides & Peter Handrinos Memorial Scholarship*

2025 High School Graduate SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Our intent is to recognize two high school graduating students of Greek descent who have demonstrated high academic achievement and community involvement.

Eligibility requirements:

- High school seniors of Greek descent accepted to an accredited college or university
- And one of the following:
 - o Resident of the greater Norwalk area
 - o Member of St. George Greek Orthodox Church of Norwalk, CT
 - o Member of Pontian Society "PONTOS" of Norwalk, CT

Scholarship will be awarded to two (2) successful applicants in the amount of **\$2,000.00** each. The scholarship will be presented directly to the recipient. This is a one-time scholarship.

Deadline: Completed application must be received on or before September 30th.

Winners will be notified by mail by the end of October 2025.

Official announcement of winner and presentation will be made at the Annual Dance of the Pontian Society, "PONTOS" of Norwalk in November.

Mail completed application to:

Achilleas Tsilfides & Peter Handrinos Memorial Scholarship
c/o Pontian Society "PONTOS"
1 Nelson Avenue
Norwalk, CT 06851

Pontian Society "PONTOS"

Achilleas Tsilfides & Peter Handrinis Memorial Scholarship Application

The Pontian Society "PONTOS" of Norwalk, CT is awarding two (2) scholarships in Memory of Achilleas Tsilfides and Peter Handrinis, in the amount of \$2,000.00 each. The scholarships will be awarded to high school seniors working toward a two- or four-year degree at an accredited college/university. Winners of the scholarship are only eligible to win once.

Eligibility requirements:

1. High school seniors accepted to an accredited college or university
2. High School Graduate of Greek Descent
3. One of the following:
 - a. Resident of Norwalk, CT
 - b. or Member of Pontian Society "PONTOS" of Norwalk, CT
 - c. or Member of St. George Greek Orthodox Church Norwalk, CT
4. Provide copies of SAT scores and high school transcripts
5. Extracurricular activities and community involvement
6. Participation in church-related activities
7. Essay
Please write on the following topic for your essay:

- ***The evolution of the Pontian dialect and it's connection to Ancient Greek.***

Essay may be written in English or Greek. Essay must be at least 1,000 words or more in length, type-written and double-space.

All applicant names and essays will remain anonymous to the scholarship committee until after winner is selected. All information requested on the application must be completed and will be confidential.

DEADLINE: All applications must be postmarked on or before **September 30, 2025**.

Applications postmarked after **September 30, 2025**, will not be accepted.

All essays should be sent to:

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SECTION I: PERSONAL INFORMATION

_____ LAST NAME	_____ FIRST NAME	_____ MIDDLE NAME			
_____ MAILING ADDRESS: STREET AND NUMBER	_____ APT	_____ TOWN/CITY	_____ STATE	_____ ZIP CODE	_____ COUNTRY
(_____)_____	(_____)_____				
_____ HOME TEL. NO.	_____ MOBILE TEL. NO.	_____ EMAIL			
_____ DATE OF BIRTH (MONTH, DAY, YEAR)	_____ NUMBER OF CHILDREN IN FAMILY UNDER 18	_____ NUMBER OF CHILDREN IN FAMILY ATTENDING COLLEGE			
_____ FATHER'S LAST NAME	_____ FATHER'S FIRST NAME	_____ FATHER IS LIVING (YES OR NO)			
_____ MOTHER'S LAST NAME	_____ MOTHER'S FIRST NAME	_____ MOTHER IS LIVING (YES OR NO)			

SECTION II: HIGH SCHOOL INFORMATION

_____ HIGH SCHOOL NAME	_____ TOWN/CITY	_____ STATE/ZIP	
<input type="checkbox"/> I am attending	_____ LEVEL (YEAR)	_____ CLASS RANK	_____ EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE
_____ CURRENT GPA	_____ AS OF (MONTH/YEAR)	_____ SAT SCORES	

SECTION III: COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY INFORMATION

_____ COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY NAME	_____ TOWN/CITY	_____ STATE/COUNTRY
<input type="checkbox"/> I have been accepted	_____ DEGREE PURSUING	_____ MAJOR

IMPORTANT NOTICE

WITH THIS APPLICATION, PLEASE INCLUDE AN ORIGINAL COPY OF YOUR MOST RECENT HIGH SCHOOL TRANSCRIPT AND AN OFFICIAL LETTER OF ACCEPTANCE FROM A COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY.

- I, THE UNDERSIGNED, AFFIRM THAT ALL OF THE INFORMATION IN THIS APPLICATION IS TRUE.

FULL NAME (FIRST, MIDDLE, LAST NAME)

SIGNATURE

DATE

The scholarship committee puts great emphasis on the following information and academic achievement.
Please provide as much detail about your activities as possible.

School Extracurricular Activities (Athletics, etc.) _____

Clubs (Number of years- office held) _____

Student Government (Number of years-office held) _____

Community Work

Volunteer (Hospital, etc.) _____

Organizations (Scouts, Pontian Society, GOYA, etc.) _____

Church

What church do you attend? _____

What activities have you been involved in? _____

Greek Heritage

Describe your Greek Ancestry _____

Why do you think you should be awarded this scholarship over another applicant?

Essay

In your own words, please write an essay of at least 1,000 words or more on the following topic. Essays should be type-written and double-space. The essay may be written in Greek or English. Please attach the essay to your application.

- ***The evolution of the Pontian dialect and it's connection to Ancient Greek.***

I hereby apply for the Achilleas Tsilfides & Peter Handrinos Memorial Scholarship for the upcoming college academic school year beginning in **Fall 2025** to be paid in my behalf (if I am accepted to the school of my choice). I affirm that all the information presented in this application is accurate and honest.

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT

DATE

SIGNATURE OF PARENT/GUARDIAN

DATE

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