

Saint Elias Antiochian Orthodox Church

The Arthur and Theodore Jabour Scholarship Fund

Information and Application

SCHOLARSHIPS

Awarded to graduating high school seniors and college students of the Orthodox Christian faith for the purpose of providing financial aid and encouragement in attending the college of their choice. The amount of available scholarship funds, as well as the dollar amount and number of scholarships to be awarded, will be determined by the Saint Elias Scholarship Committee (pending approval by the parish council) by May 1st of each year.

REQUIREMENTS

1. Applicant must be a baptized and practicing Orthodox Christian in good canonical standing (verified in writing by an Orthodox Christian priest or bishop).
2. Scholastic record of not less than a 2.5 average on a 4.0 system. Transcript of most recently completed college semester or high school transcript must accompany application.
3. Applicants' course of study choices will not be limited. Degree plan and/or course outline must accompany application.

JUDGING

Decisions of the Scholarship Committee will be based on the following: academic record, church and community involvement and character. Financial need may be taken into account only when all other criteria being equal between candidates. Only one scholarship will be awarded per individual. Preference will be given to applicants who reside in, and/or are members of an Orthodox parish or mission, in the Greater Austin, TX area. Unsuccessful applicants are encouraged to re-apply, providing that the criteria are met.

ENDORSEMENTS

A letter from an Orthodox priest or bishop who is closely familiar with the applicant is required. Letters of endorsement from at least two teachers or professors and/or school administrators in support of the application are also required. Also, letters from past and/or current employers (if applicable) should be included, as well as letters from anyone who is familiar with the applicant's qualifications.

APPLICATION DEADLINE

Applications with ALL SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS must be received by May 1st. The recommendation of the Scholarship Committee will be made to the Saint Elias Parish Council regular May meeting. Winning candidates will be notified in writing by May 31st.

THE FOLLOWING MUST ACCOMPANY EACH APPLICATION

1. Complete Scholarship Application
2. Official transcript of grades, including the last grading period.
3. Letter from priest or bishop.
4. Letters of endorsement.
5. Resume and/or curriculum vitae.

All applications are considered confidential and will become the property of Saint Elias

Scholarship Committee.

Scholarship Application

IDENTIFYING INFORMATION

1. Applicant
2. Home Address
Street or P.O. Box City/State/Zip
3. Telephone No. () Fax No. () and email address
4. Date of Birth
5. Name of Parents or Guardian
6. Home Address of #5
7. Name of home parish and pastor.
Pastor's Day Phone #

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND, OBJECTIVES, PLANS:

8. Name and address of High School
9. Date of High School/College/GRE Graduation GPA:
10. Degrees Currently Held (if applicable)
11. SAT/ACT/GRE Score (Please circle one)
12. College or University you plan to attend
13. Degree Being Sought
14. Status of College/University Application
15. Field of Study (college students only)
16. Reasons for selecting this field (college students only)
17. Describe what you have done and/or will do to finance your college education
18. Are you eligible for or receiving a PELL Grant? Yes/No/Unknown.
19. Describe any unusual financial circumstances you are facing
20. Summarize your interest and experience in church involvement.
21. Professional/employment goals after your degree plan is completed.

SCHOLARSHIP ESSAY: Please state why you believe you are deserving of this scholarship and other supporting evidence that you may wish the committee to consider.

Please mail completed application and required information no later than May 1st to:

Saint Elias Orthodox Church
Att: Scholarship Committee
12731 Research Blvd., Ste A110
Austin, TX 78759