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**STEPHEN & CHRYSSA AYTON SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION**

Deadline: 18 May 2024 All Saints Feast Day: June 30, 2024

Checklist:

* Paid family/individual membership in 2023 & 2024
* Limit up to three awarded scholarships
* Photograph of candidate
* Current academic transcript
* Communication with Priest
* Reference letters mandatory for high school applicants; character reference letter for others
* Academic proof of acceptance or current enrolment

APPLICATION MAY BE SUBMITTED IN PERSON OR BY EMAIL Attn. DAFNI KOSTIS: **info@allsaintstoronto.ca**

All students pursuing a post-secondary education (college or university) or an accredited trade program in 2024 are invited to apply for the Stephen & Chryssa Ayton Scholarship. Completed applications should be addressed to the **Stephen & Chryssa Ayton Scholarship Committee** and delivered or mailed to the church office (see address above). The scholarship is open to all members of All Saints Greek Orthodox Church.

A little background about the scholarship: Stephen and Chryssa were part of the visionary faithful to raise All Saints Greek Orthodox Church from the ground on Bayview Ave. in 1964. In the years that followed they played a big part in the Church community and their love for their faith was immeasurable. It was also clear their Christianity had a profound impact on their own lives, and that the future of the parish rested in the youth which meant so much to them in their souls. So much so they left an endowment to the Church in 1992 that has left the parish with a special legacy in mind. It was clear they want to instill hope, to take some of the financial burden off our parish youth so that they can pursue their own dreams and trust this future generation would one day return their gratitude in their own time and place, ideally to All Saints Greek parish.

As you complete this scholarship application, the Committee hopes your love and faith in God remains and serves you throughout your life.

Please read and complete the application carefully! Incomplete applications will be rejected.

Good luck!

**A/ GENERAL INFORMATION**

**NAME**: Last, First

**ADDRESS:** (include city, province, postal code)

**PHONE:** (area)-number

**E-MAIL:**

**DOB:** YYYY/MM/DD

**PLACE:**

**CITIZENSHIP:** Canadian? Landed immigrant? Other?

**SIN:** *(government requirement)*

**B/ EDUCATION & ACTIVITIES**

EDUCATION TO DATE:

(Please include names of institutions, years attended, and any degrees earned)

WHAT DO YOU PLAN TO STUDY IN 2024/2025?

(Please include field of study, institution, and intended degree)

HONOURS AND AWARDS:

PARISH AND OTHER EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES:

**C/ QUESTIONS:**

(To be answered on separate pages)

**First-time applicants:**

1. Explain why you should be a recipient of the Stephen and Chryssa Ayton scholarship? How would a scholarship help you (and your family) as you work towards your post-secondary degree?

2. How do you plan to help your parish, local community, and/or Canadian society at large upon completion of your studies?

3. How has your absence or presence of your faith helped shape your spiritual life.

1. High School reference letter: one academic letter of reference mandatory.

**Repeat applicants:**

1. What insight have you personally gained as you reflect on your prior application to the Ayton Scholarship? How has the scholarship shaped your outlook?

CONSIDER: How have you grown over the course of the last year and what personal reflections and insight can you make in relation to your prior Ayton Scholarship application?

2. What words of wisdom would you share with someone applying for the scholarship?

3. How has the absence or presence of a spiritual life helped shape your thinking?

4. Describe your current participation with the local church community (i.e. Church name) and with the local Christian community, if attending and living out of town for school.

**D/ ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:**

(To be included with application)

1. Growing up at All Saints Church what ministries did you participate in?

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| q Sunday School | q Altar Boy |
| q Bible Study | q Volunteer |
| q Greek Dancing | q Other \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |

1. Please ensure each page submitted is typed and references your full name.
2. A transcript of the applicant’s academic achievement from the last institution attended.
3. ALL applicants - one academic letter of reference – mandatory for ALL high school students: preferred for post-secondary students.
4. One letter of recommendation from ALL application showing his/her involvement in their parish, their community, assisting those in need and/or socially oriented volunteer activities.

6. Evidence of acceptance by, or enrolment in, the institution of proposed studies.

7. One recent photograph, ideally a 2 x 3 candidate photo.

8. The applicant and/or his parents must be and meet the membership requirements of the All Saints Toronto Greek Orthodox Church.

9. The committee reserves the right to request additional information.

10. All awards are taxable income to the student. A tax slip will be mailed by April 2025.

11. If you are successfully awarded a scholarship would you be willing to support future student(s) applicants in the application process? YES NO

**SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**The application and the attached documents and letters of references and photos become the property of the Stephen & Chryssa Ayton Scholarship Committee. The information provided is private and confidential and any attachments are intended only for the use of the Ayton Scholarship Committee and the Trustees of the Estate. No unauthorized dissemination, distribution or copying of this communication or any part thereof beyond the Committee or its Trustees, in any form whatsoever is strictly prohibited.**