

The Antiochian Orthodox Archdiocese of North America

Francis Maria Meritorious Scholarship Application 2025

Awards of \$2,000 each

Email completed application to:

Kh. Kathleen Purpura, Director

Scholarships@OrthodoxYouth.com



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The Francis Maria Meritorious Service Scholarship offers up to five awards annually, each valued at \$2,000, contingent upon participation in your home parish community, and financial need.

Eligibility Requirements: Applicants must be active members in a parish of the Antiochian Orthodox Archdiocese of North America and citizens of the United States, or Canada, or to have permanent residency. Applicants should be between the ages of 17 and 30 and currently enrolled in an accredited college or graduate program. All application materials must be received by June 1, 2025. E-mail your completed application to:

Kh. Kathleen Purpura, Scholarships@OrthodoxYouth.com.

Instructions: Complete Forms A and B, and submit Form C, the Pastor’s Evaluation, to your Priest. Incomplete applications will be disqualified. Resumes, photographs, or letters of recommendation should not be included; only the specified pages are to be used. The accompanying **Checklist** is for the applicant’s reference only and should not be submitted.

CHECKLIST

☐ **Student and Parent Information Form (Form A):** The applicant’s section is to be completed solely by the student, who should also direct any inquiries. Parents are required to fill out only the financial section, which should reflect the total income of both parents.

☐ **Personal Statement and Activity List (Form B1 and B2):** Write a brief personal statement on Form B1 and list your church service involvement and community activities on Form B2.

☐ **Pastor’s Evaluation Form (Form C):** The Pastor’s Form is required to be signed and submitted directly by the Pastor of your parish within the Antiochian Orthodox Archdiocese. If you are the child of the Pastor, please ensure that Form C is completed by your Father Confessor or another Orthodox Priest.

Inquiries regarding the final selection of winning applications are not permitted. **Only** the award recipients will be notified of the judges’ decisions in July 2025.

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Type Applicant's Name: _____

STUDENT INFORMATION (Form A)

▼ To be completed by the applicant ▼

Applicant's Name:		☐ Male ☐ Female
Date of Birth:	Country of Birth:	
If Applicable, Year of Immigration to USA or Canada:		
Applicant's Phone Number:		
Applicant's E-Mail address:		
Home Address - Street:		
City:	State/Province:	
Country:	Zip/Postal Code:	
Citizenship: ☐ USA ☐ Canada	Permanent Residency Status of:	
Father's Name:	Occupation:	
Mother's Name:	Occupation:	

- Specify the name of the college or university you plan to attend: _____
- For undergraduate students, which year of college will you be entering this fall?
☐ Freshman • ☐ Sophomore • ☐ Junior • ☐ Senior
- For graduate students in a program lasting _____ years, which year will you be entering this fall? _____
- What academic degree program and major are you currently pursuing? _____

To be completed by the applicant's Parents or Guardians ▼

This confidential Financial Summary must be filled out by a Parent or Guardian. It is essential to record the total combined salaries of both parents before any tax deductions when selecting the relevant category below. Please refer to the "total income" line instead of the "adjusted income" line from your Federal Tax Forms.

Total Combined Gross Income for both Parents				
☐ Less than \$39,999	☐ \$40,000 - \$69,999	☐ \$70,000 - \$119,999	☐ \$120,000 - \$199,999	☐ Over \$200,000

I attest that all the information contained in Form A is accurate and true:

Mother's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Father's Signature: _____ Date: _____

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Personal Statement (Form B1)

Parish Community Activity (Form B2)

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Pastor's Evaluation (Form C)

▼ To be filled out by the Pastor ▼

Dear Father,

The Francis Maria Scholarship Committee appreciates your efforts in filling out the Pastor's Evaluation Form for the **new** Francis Maria Meritorious Service Scholarship. This scholarship provides up to five awards each year, with each award valued at \$2,000, based on the student's involvement in their home parish community and their financial need. This form must be submitted **by the Pastor** to Kh. Kathleen Purpura, Scholarships@OrthodoxYouth.com and received by **June 1, 2025**.

Pastor's Evaluation

Rating of applicant's overall service and dedication:

Recommend with Reservation • Recommend • Highly Recommend • Very Highly Recommend

The applicant is a member of _____ Antiochian Orthodox Church.

Church City: _____ Church State/Province: _____

Pastor's Name: _____