

**Scholarships for Scouts**

**Eastern Orthodox Committee on Scouting**

The EOCS will give up to **two national scholarships of $1000 each** to Scouts who best meet the qualifications for the award, listed below. Applications to the EOCS must be submitted no later than **May 1**. Send applications along with all required information to Dr. M. E. Kotsonis, EOCS Scholarship Chairman, *by e-mail, following the instruction checklist below*. Scholarship awards will be announced by June 1. Awardees are expected to submit a picture of themselves and a signed photo release for non-commercial use. Scholarships are contingent upon acceptance to an accredited four-year college or university.

To be eligible, you must:

1. Be a registered active member of an EOCS-recognized Scouting program: Scouts BSA (Boy Scouts of America), Exploring, Girl Scouts of the USA, Trail Life USA, American Heritage Girls, and Camp Fire.
2. Have earned the Eagle Scout Award, the Gold Award, or highest award of another EOCS-recognized Scouting program. (Note: Exploring does not have its own capstone award.)
3. Be a communicant member of an Eastern Orthodox Christian Church recognized by the Assembly of Canonical Orthodox Bishops of the USA and have earned the EOCS Alpha Omega Religious Award.
4. Demonstrate love of God and the Orthodox Christian Faith through service, scholarship, leadership, and practical citizenship in your church, school, scouting unit, and community.
5. Be enrolled in the final year of an accredited high school. Homeschooled students should contact the Scholarship Chairman for guidance in completing the application.

Instructions:

**Applicant Inputs:** Email all your items to [mekotsonis@gmail.com](mailto:mekotsonis@gmail.com) in one or more mailings. Each subject line should contain: “[*Applicant Name*] – EOCS Scholarship.” Recommenders should email their own letters (see last point, below). **All your inputs and four recommendations are due May 1.**

1. Completed scholarship application (fill out downloaded form and email back as DOCX or PDF file).
2. Scanned copy of official 7-semester transcript of high school grades, showing coursework for 8th term. If available, transcript should show cumulative unweighted GPA, weighted GPA, and class rank/size.
3. Scanned copy of official SAT and/or ACT score report:
   1. For SAT, report includes: date of test, total score and the two section scores
   2. For ACT, report includes: date of test, Composite score, and the four section scores

**Four Letters of Recommendation:** Your priest, guidance counselor, Scouting leader, and a community leader should each write a letter of recommendation on their official letterhead. By May 1, they are requested to email scans or PDFs of the letters to [mekotsonis@gmail.com](mailto:mekotsonis@gmail.com), with “[*Applicant Name]* – EOCS Scholarship” on the subject line.

**SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION   
*(For additional space to complete any answer, use Section 7 on page 6)***

1. **BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

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| Your Name: Click here to enter text. | Date of birth: Click here to enter text. |
| Full address: Click here to enter text. | |
| Your preferred phone and email: Click here to enter text. | |
| Parent/guardian name: Click here to enter text. | |
| Parent/guardian preferred phone and email: Click here to enter text. | |

1. **SCHOOL RECORD**

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| Name and full address of your school: Click here to enter text. |
| Phone number of your school: Click here to enter text. |
| Name of your guidance counselor: Click here to enter text. |
| Academic honors and distinctions; include dates: Click here to enter text. |
| Key activities, organizations, teams, leadership positions; include start/end dates: Click here to enter text. |

1. **RELIGIOUS RECORD**

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| Name, address, and phone number of your parish church: Click here to enter text. |
| Name of presiding priest of your church: Click here to enter text. |
| Orthodox jurisdiction (Antiochian, OCA, Greek, Ukrainian, etc.): Click here to enter text. |
| Key honors, activities, organizations, teams, leadership positions; include start/end dates: Click here to enter text. |
| Date you received Alpha Omega Award: Click here to enter text. |
| Name, address, and phone of church where Alpha Omega was earned (if different from above): Click here to enter text. |
| Name of presiding priest of *this prior* church (if applicable): Click here to enter text. |

1. **SCOUTING RECORD**

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| Your current Scout organization name: Boy Scouts/Scouting BSA Girl Scouts Exploring  Camp Fire Trail Life USA American Heritage Girls |
| Current unit #: Click here to enter text. |
| Name, full address, and phone of organization sponsoring your unit: Click here to enter text. |
| Name and phone of your Scout unit leader: Click here to enter text. |

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| List all Scout units enrolled in during your Scouting career, with ranks as applicable: Click here to enter text. |
| Name of highest Scout award received (e.g., Eagle, Gold): Click here to enter text. |
| Date this award was received: Click here to enter text. |
| Unit # when award received: Click here to enter text. |
| Name & address of Scout unit sponsor where this award was earned (if different from above): Click here to enter text. |
| List leadership and other positions as a member of a Scout unit, with dates: Click here to enter text. |
| List all awards received in Scouting, other than individual badges, with dates: Click here to enter text. |
| List all other key Scouting activities or experiences: Click here to enter text. |

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| Briefly describe your Eagle or Gold Award project [or equivalent for other groups] and the role you played: Click here to enter text. |

1. **COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION RECORD**

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| List and describe activities outside of church, school, and Scouting, with dates (e.g. work experiences, participation in the arts, volunteerism, sports teams, etc.): Click here to enter text. |
| You selected someone from your community to write a recommendation. Why did you choose this person? Click here to enter text. |

1. **SHORT personal statement (one page or less)**

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| How do you try to make your life reflect your love of God and your Orthodox Faith? Click here to enter text. |

1. **OPTIONAL: OTHER COMMENTS/CONTINUATIONS FROM EARLIER SECTIONS *(include Section Number)***

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1. **REQUIRED: SIGNATURES (Typed names here are considered your digital signatures)**

**On my honor as a Scout, all information and statements in this application are true and correct.**

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Date Signature of Applicant

***For parents/guardians of applicants under the age of 18:*   
I have reviewed this scholarship application, and it has my approval.**

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Date Signature of Parent/Guardian