



AHEPA Family Scholarship
5575 Santa Rosa Road
Camarillo, CA 93012



February 9, 2026

Dear Counselor:

The AHEPA Family of Ventura County is pleased to announce the twenty-first annual competition for the Lena Simitzi Memorial Scholarship for qualified women and the eighteenth annual competition for the Bill Gatsios Memorial Scholarship for qualified men. A scholarship of \$500 for Gatsios and \$1,000 for the Simitzi will be awarded in Spring 2026 to qualified residents of Ventura County who will be enrolled in a program of postsecondary education during the 2026-2027 academic year.

AHEPA (American Hellenic Educational and Progressive Association) is the largest non-partisan, non-denominational Greek-American association in the world with chapters in the United States, Canada, Greece, and Cyprus, and sister chapters in Australia. It was established in 1922 by visionary Greek-Americans to protect Hellenes from prejudice originating from the KKK, and in its history, AHEPA has joined with the NAACP and B'nai B'rith to fight discrimination. The mission of the AHEPA Family is to promote the ideals of Hellenism, education, philanthropy, civic responsibility, family and individual excellence. The AHEPA family consists of four organizations: Order of AHEPA, Daughters of Penelope, Sons of Pericles, and Maids of Athena.

The application deadline is May 1, 2026. Recipients will be notified by May 31, 2026.

Applicant requirements are:

- Residency in Ventura County for at least one year prior to application
- Academic transcript
- U.S. citizenship
- Greek descent or related to a member of the Order of AHEPA or the Daughters of Penelope
- Full-time student (12 units or more)

Selection of the recipient(s) will be based on the following criteria:

- Completed application form
- Essay and personal statement
- Transcript
- Instructor recommendations

The Scholarship Committee asks that you bring the attached information and application form to the attention of qualified applicants. Please feel free to make photocopies of the application form if necessary.

Thank you for your assistance and please let us know if you have any questions!

Sincerely,

Jane and Mary
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For more information about the AHEPA Family:

[AHEPS- American Hellenic Educational Progressive Association](#)
[DOP-Daughters of Penelope](#)