



SAINT SARKIS ARMENIAN APOSTOLIC CHURCH

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Archpriest Fr. Nareg Terterian, Pastor

St Sarkis Armenian Apostolic Church

Karl Alajajian Scholarship

2025 Application Form

Our Mission

Thanks to the generosity of Mr. Karl Alajajian, St. Sarkis Armenian Apostolic Church has created a scholarship program that is now in its third year. Our mission is promoting scholastic excellence within our community. To achieve this end, we seek to assist our youth in obtaining the education they desire and deserve, as well as preparing the next generation of our church's leaders.

Two scholarships of \$2,500.00 each will be awarded to two chosen candidates. Applications will be evaluated on academic achievements, financial needs and engagement/service to St. Sarkis Church as well as to the Armenian and non-Armenian communities.

Applicant Eligibility and Criteria

- Must be 17 to 25 years of age and of Armenian descent.
- Must be currently matriculated in, or accepted to, an undergraduate program at an accredited US college/university.
- Applicant and/or parent must be a member of St. Sarkis church as of **April 30, 2025**.
- Must complete and provide the Application Form on the last 2 pages of this document.
- Must provide an official high school or college academic transcript.
- Must submit an essay (500-1000 words) reflecting on your education, career goals and challenges you may have overcome and connection with your Armenian heritage and faith.
- Must provide a letter of recommendation from a teacher, employer, volunteer or work supervisor. Please note that no member of the St. Sarkis Church Board of Trustees or the Pastor are eligible for providing such letters.
- Prior year awardees are not eligible to re-apply to this scholarship, but may submit an application to the Mary Arslanian Memorial Scholarship.

All applications must be submitted (postmarked) in full by **April 30th, 2025**. The award decision will be announced by June 1, 2025. Awardees will be invited to participate in our **Sunday, June 8, 2025** Celebration of Graduates event to receive their award.

Awardee and parents (if under 18) must consent to having their photo taken as well as to a press release.

Award funds must be used toward tuition and/or books. The award may be provided to the individual or directly to the school. If to the school, please provide the school's Bursar's office contact information.

Please mail completed application to the following address, with a postmark no later than **April 30, 2025**:

St. Sarkis Armenian Apostolic Church
Attention: Scholarship Committee
38-65 234th Street
Douglaston, NY 11363

Please contact Dr. Annita Nerses at chair@stsarksichurch.net or the Church Main Office at office@stsarkischurch.net or at 718-224-2275 with any questions related to this scholarship application..

Note:

A four-member Scholarship Committee of St. Sarkis Church will review all applications and announce the award decision. Should a relative of awardee be on said committee, he/she will recuse himself/herself from the review and an alternate will be placed in his or her stead. The Scholarship Committee will clearly document the evaluation and judging process and present it to the Board of Trustees of St Sarkis Church. All decisions of the Board are final.

Scholarship applications will be evaluated based upon the following criteria: academic performance, financial need, extracurricular activities, and personal statement, with a priority given to youth who are active and members within the St. Sarkis Church.

Application Form

Date of Application: _____

Applicant Information:

First Name _____ Last Name _____

Address _____

City _____ ST _____ Zip Code _____

Phone number _____ Email address _____

Date of Birth _____

If applicant is under 18, please provide the following

Parent/Guardian First and Last Name _____

Parents/Guardian Home Address _____

Parents/Guardian Phone number _____

Parents/Guardian Email Address _____

What year of undergraduate studies are you entering in the Fall of this year?

Which school are you applying to for undergraduate education?

Have you filled out the college Financial Aid Application and were you deemed eligible for Financial Aid?

Are you or anyone in your immediate family a current member of St. Sarkis Church?

What events have you participated in at St. Sarkis Church?

Which auxiliary organization do you belong to at St. Sarkis Church?

What is your engagement in the Armenian, Non-Armenian, and scholastic communities?

Which languages do you speak and what is your speaking, reading, writing proficiency level?