



# SAINT SARKIS ARMENIAN APOSTOLIC CHURCH

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Archpriest Fr. Nareg Terterian, Pastor

## St Sarkis Armenian Apostolic Church Mary Arslanian Memorial Scholarship 2025 Application Form

### Our Mission

Thanks to the generosity of Mrs. Mary Arslanian and her family, St. Sarkis Armenian Apostolic Church has created a new scholarship program. 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, of Armenian descent and a graduate of the Suzanne and Hovsep Hagopian Saturday School where Mrs. Arslanian taught for many years.
- 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 how your Armenian heritage, including attendance at the Hagopian Saturday School and St. Sarkis Church, contributed to your higher education and career aspirations.
- 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.

All applications must be submitted (postmarked) in full by **April 30<sup>th</sup>, 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.

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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  
38-65 234<sup>th</sup> Street  
Douglaston, NY 11363

Please contact Dr. Annita Nerses at [chair@stsarksichurch.net](mailto:chair@stsarksichurch.net) or the Church Main Office at [office@stsarkischurch.net](mailto:office@stsarkischurch.net) ,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.

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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?

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Which school are you applying to for undergraduate education?

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

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

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What years did you attend Suzanne and Hovsep Hagopian Armenian Saturday School and what date did you graduate?

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

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