

**The Madeline Speer Knava Memorial Scholarship
of
The Greek Orthodox Church of St. Luke**

Madeline Speer Knava (1924 – 2014) was a Steward at The Greek Orthodox Church of St. Luke. A life-long resident of Stafford Springs, Connecticut, she was educated in the town's school system and was Valedictorian of her class at Stafford High School.

Madeline furthered her education at the University of Connecticut where she received her Bachelor's degree Cum Laude, as well as her Master's degree, in French. She was elected to several scholastic societies, including Phi Beta Kappa.

Madeline taught French and Spanish at her alma mater, Stafford High School and was an active member in many of the town's civic associations.

Madeline was an active member of our parish and was enthusiastic and supportive of parish activities. Upon her death, she bequeathed a substantial gift to our Endowment Fund, which supports the Ministries of St. Luke that perpetuate the Greek heritage and teachings of the Greek Orthodox Church.

It is in her memory that this scholarship was created in 2017.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR FILING APPLICATION

- All information requested must be provided.
- The following materials must accompany the application:
- An **OFFICIAL** transcript with a school seal in a separate sealed envelope
- **For HS students:** A letter of Acceptance from the institution of higher learning where student has enrolled or
- **For Undergraduate/Graduate students:** A letter from the institution of higher learning to show student has enrolled for the fall
- It is the responsibility of the applicant to submit requested material before May 20th. Please submit by mail or in person all information in a sealed envelope addressed to:
 - **The Madeline Speer Knava Memorial Scholarship**
c/o Susan Metzidakis, Chair
400 Prospect Street - PO Box 381
East Longmeadow, MA 01028

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- If applicable, the applicant, or applicant's parent or guardian, must be a member in good standing of the Greek Orthodox Church of St. Luke at the time of application, and for a minimum of three (3) years prior to the time of application.
- The applicant:
 - must have been actively involved in the ministries of St. Luke for at least three (3) consecutive years. (Altar Duty, Choir, GOYA, Taste of Greece, etc.)
 - must be an Orthodox Christian
 - must be a High School Senior scheduled to graduate in June; or a full-time College or Graduate student.
 - must have an overall GPA of 3.2 as shown on the Official Transcript.
 - must be furthering his/her education at an institution of higher learning during the upcoming academic year.
- must have been accepted for admission to an accredited college, university or vocational/technical training school.
- For the High School applicant, the course of study is for not less than two (2) years.

EVALUATION OF APPLICANTS

- Applications will be screened for eligibility by the Endowment Fund Scholarship Committee.
- Evaluation of the application will be based on the following criteria:
 - Academic Record
 - Church Participation
 - Essay Responses

PROCESSING OF AWARDS

The scholarship will be awarded to the Recipient/s in Church on Graduation Sunday.
The award will be made payable to the Recipient/s.
The Recipient/s may re-apply in future years.

THE MADELINE SPEER KNAVA MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip:** _____

Home/Cell Phone: _____ **Email Address:** _____

Parents/Guardian: _____

If currently enrolled in High School:

Name of High School: _____

Anticipated Date of Graduation: _____ **Cumulative GPA:** _____

Name of the Institution you will be attending during the period for which you are applying:

If currently enrolled in an undergraduate or graduate College or University degree program:

Institution Name: _____

Major (If known): _____

Anticipated Date of Graduation: _____ **Cumulative GPA:** _____

Please provide verification of your enrollment in this institution by submitting a note from an Advisor, a letter of matriculation or any other official document.

ESSAY RESPONSES

In one page or less, describe, in depth, what Community Service and/or Leadership positions you have undertaken, in or outside of school.

Please list all school extracurricular activities and/or sports where you participated.

In what Ministries at St. Luke or at St. Nicholas were you involved? When? For how long? In what capacity? Please describe.

A separate sheet of paper can be attached to your application.

In a summary of no more than 250 words, please answer the following:

- **What reason/s draw you to your field of study? What are your future goals and aspirations?**

Please provide any other information that you would like the Committee to consider.