

## **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**

- I. All information requested must be provided.
- II. The following materials must accompany the application:
  - a. An **OFFICIAL** transcript with a school seal in a separate sealed envelope
  - b. **For HS students:** A letter of Acceptance from the institution of higher learning where student has enrolled or
  - c. **For Undergraduate/Graduate students:** A letter from the institution of higher learning to show student has enrolled for the fall
- III. It is the responsibility of the applicant to submit requested material by\_\_\_\_\_.  
The Parish Council will review the applications on this date.
- IV. Please submit via email, [saintlukego@gmail.com](mailto:saintlukego@gmail.com),  
or by mail/in person in a sealed envelope addressed to:  
**St. Luke Greek Orthodox Church**  
**The Madeline Speer Knava Memorial Scholarship**  
**400 Prospect Street - PO Box 381**  
**East Longmeadow, MA 01028**

## **ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS**

- I. 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.
- II. The applicant must be an Orthodox Christian and:
  - a. 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.)
  - b. Must be a High School Senior scheduled to graduate in June; or a full-time College or Graduate student.
  - c. Must have an overall GPA of 3.2 as shown on the Official Transcript.
  - d. Must be furthering his/her education at an institution of higher learning during the upcoming academic year.
  - e. Must have been accepted for admission to an accredited college, university or vocational/technical training school.
  - f. For the High School applicant, the course of study is for not less than two (2) years.

## **EVALUATION OF APPLICANTS**

- I. Applications will be screened for eligibility by the Endowment Fund Scholarship Committee.
- II. Evaluation of the application will be based on the following criteria:
  - a. Academic Record
  - b. Church Participation
  - c. Essay Response

# 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**

*Please complete all 5 responses*

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

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

*\*You may upload a separate document if more space is needed for this response*

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

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- IV. In a summary of no more than 250 words, please answer the following:**
- a. What reason/s draw you to your field of study? What are your future goals and aspirations?**

- V. Please provide any other information that you would like the Committee to consider.**  
*\*You may upload separate documentation if more space is needed for this response*