



**GREEK-AMERICAN PROGRESSIVE ASSOCIATION**  
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Mother Lodge Founded December 17, 1923  
East Pittsburgh, Pa.

March 2, 2020

Rev. Fr. James Retelas  
Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church  
616 Alhambra Boulevard  
Sacramento, CA 95816-3895

**Re: 2020 Supreme GAPA Lodge College Achievement Award Application**

Dear Father Retelas:

Enclosed please find an Application for GAPA's Supreme Lodge's 2020 Achievement Award which I ask you to distribute to graduating high school seniors and matriculating sophomores and juniors in your parish. This achievement award was established by GAPA at the national level in 2018 and offers a \$1,000 achievement award to graduating high school seniors entering college in 2020 as full-time freshmen and this year is extended to include matriculating sophomores and juniors (who have not applied for the Award in the past). **Applicants must be related to GAPA members or be children or grandchildren of members in good standing in Greek Orthodox Churches in Allegheny, Westmoreland, Washington or Beaver County PA or Sacramento, CA.** The application deadline is April 30, 2020 and we will make our announcement of the award winner by May 31, 2020.

If you have any questions about the application, please feel free to contact me and thanking you for your assistance in this matter, I remain,

Very truly yours,

PETER CLYDE PAPADAKOS  
2020 Achievement Awards Committee Chair  
GAPA Supreme Lodge

Enclosure

Supreme President: Sophia Alexiades \* 2941 Voelkel Avenue \* Pittsburgh, Pa 15216 \* Phone (412) 561-4394  
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**GREEK AMERICAN PROGRESSIVE ASSOCIATION  
(GAPA)  
SUPREME LODGE  
2020 COLLEGE ACHIEVEMENT AWARD  
ANNUAL AWARD IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,000.00.**

**NATIONAL GAPA AWARD**

The Supreme Lodge of the Greek American Progressive Association, as part of its philanthropic and educational mission, is offering an annual College and Community Achievement Award in the amount of \$1,000.00.

**The deadline date for applying for the Achievement Award is April 30, 2020.**

Students entering their first year of full time undergraduate college, university or community college study in 2019 as well as students finishing their first or second year of full time undergraduate college or community college study in 2020 (who have not applied for this College and Community Achievement Award before) are eligible to apply for the Supreme Lodge GAPA 2019 College Achievement Award. Achievement Award Recipients will be announced on May 31, 2020.

The Supreme Lodge GAPA College Achievement Award was established to recognize and promote intellectual performance and encourage participation in community activities while a student is engaged in earning an undergraduate degree.

**APPLICATION DIRECTIONS**

Please complete all lines with information requested so that the reviewing committee can process the application.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number and email: \_\_\_\_\_.

Name of College or University you are being admitted to (or College or University you are currently attending) in 2020 along with a copy of your letter of acceptance from that institution (or letter from the institution showing that you are a full time student at that institution):

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### **SPONSOR REQUIREMENT**

To be eligible for the Achievement Award, applicant must secure a nomination from a member of a GAPA Lodge (Local or Supreme). The applicant may be related to a GAPA member (child or grandchild) or be a member or child or grandchild of a member of a Greek Orthodox Church in Allegheny, Washington, Westmoreland or Beaver County, Pennsylvania or Sacramento, California.

Please have your sponsor sign his/her name below and indicate which GAPA Lodge they belong to:

I hereby endorse the nomination of this applicant to be eligible for the 2020 GAPA Supreme Lodge Achievement Award.

SIGNATURE OF SPONSOR \_\_\_\_\_

NAME OF SPONSOR \_\_\_\_\_

LODGE SPONSOR IS A MEMBER OF \_\_\_\_\_.

### **EVIDENCE OF FULL TIME STATUS**

Please attach letter or transcript from your college or university showing you are accepted as full-time freshman or sophomore along with your anticipated year of graduation.

### **EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES**

Please describe the extra-curricular activities you have participated in your high school (or college/university) over the last 4 years:

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Please describe the church, ethnic and community activities you participate in through your church and or community and also list any awards or recognitions you have received through these activities.

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### **LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION**

Please attach a letter of recommendation from a teacher or mentor who can attest to your commitment to your academic efforts or in the case of a mentor who can attest to your development in your community or church environment.

### **GRADE POINT AVERAGE**

An overall Grade Point Average of 3.0 is required to qualify for the Achievement Award. Please attach a transcript from your high school (college/university) showing your Grade Point Average.

### **APPLICANT'S ESSAY**

Among the values the Greek American Progressive Association seeks to promote are Hellenism and Orthodoxy through its members and their families into the greater American Community. Please share with us your feelings and thoughts about how your heritage or love for Hellenic Culture or history has helped to mold your character and how you would like to share the values of your faith, culture and heritage with the greater community now and after graduation.

Page for Essay

Date: \_\_\_\_\_.

Applicant's Name and Signature \_\_\_\_\_.

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Please submit this application by April 30, 2020 to:

G.A.P.A. Supreme Lodge

Sophia Alexiades, Supreme President

2941 Voelkel Avenue

Pittsburgh, PA 15216

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