

**CHIAN CULTURAL AND EDUCATIONAL FUND, INC.**  
**THE HELEN CHIOTES SCHOLARSHIP FUND OF THE CHIAN FEDERATION**

**APPLICATION**

**APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS**

1. Complete the online form and follow the directions as prompted.
2. You will need to submit a 500-750 word essay. The essay should address the following questions:
  - State your goal(s). How will this degree advance your goals? What are your plans after graduation?
  - What is your motivation for applying for this particular scholarship? Elaborate on your commitment to the Greek and Chian culture and connection to the Community, and your plans/vision on how the Chian community can remain vibrant and active in your life.
  - The scholarship application process is competitive. The essay is one of the most important parts of your application. It is your opportunity to “speak” to the Scholarship Selection Committee, and to make your application stand out above others. When writing your essay, consider how you might describe your plans while *maintaining an academic or scholarly perspective. Make sure to proof read and that it is grammatically correct.*
3. You will need two (or more) letters of recommendation submitted on your behalf. The recommendations must be sent directly by the recommender who must provide their contact information:
  - A letter of recommendation from a teacher, academic advisor, or other officer of an academic institution.
  - A letter of recommendation from a community leader who has known you for a minimum of two years, and/or a letter from an employer, and/or a letter from an officer of a non-profit organization indicating community service or volunteer services.
  - Make sure you have discussed your study plan and goals with the individual providing the letter of recommendation before submitting his/her name on your application.
4. Applications must be submitted on time and be complete. Incomplete applications will not be considered.

**PERSONAL INFORMATION**

Last name \_\_\_\_\_ First name \_\_\_\_\_

Date of birth \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail address \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Apt. no. \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip code \_\_\_\_\_ Country: \_\_\_\_\_

Day phone (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Cell phone (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

## **CHIAN ANCENSTRY INFORMATION**

List first and last name (or names), relationship to you, and village/town they came from, of family member(s) who are from Chios:

## **ACADEMIC INFORMATION**

Please check one of the following:

A. \_\_\_\_\_ I have been accepted to study at:

Institution Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Name of Degree: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Please indicate full name of degree, i.e. BA in..., or MS in...)

First Semester of Study: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Please indicate month and year)

B. \_\_\_\_\_ I have been studying at this institution:

Institution Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Name of Degree: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Please indicate full name of degree, i.e. BA in..., or MS in...)

Number of Credits Earned To-date \_\_\_\_\_ Cumulative GPA \_\_\_\_\_

Expected Graduation Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Please indicate month and year)

C. \_\_\_\_\_ If studying outside of the US, please indicate if this is a private or a public institution: \_\_\_\_\_

**ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:**

5. To demonstrate acceptance in an undergraduate or graduate degree program at a University, please attach a copy of the acceptance letter.
6. To demonstrate academic merit please attach the most recent transcript or diploma from your most recent educational institution.
7. To demonstrate need:
  - o US citizens/residents should attach a completed FAFSA\*\* application to demonstrate financial need in the academic year of the award.
  - o Greek citizens should attach a letter from their local mayor indicating financial need.
8. Attach a personal essay—500-750 words.
9. Attach a letter of recommendation submitted on your behalf by a faculty, academic advisor, or other officer of an academic institution; and a letter of recommendation from a community leader who has known you for a minimum of two years (optional).

*\*\*Note that in order to file FAFSA, you must be a U.S. citizen or eligible noncitizen as defined by the U.S. Department of Education. For more information, you may visit their website at <https://fafsa.ed.gov/index.htm>.*

**Finalists must be available to participate in an interview with the Chian Federation Scholarship Committee, upon request.**

I certify that the information provided in this application is true and accurate.

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Applicant Signature*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Date*

Please submit application to the Chian Federation office at [chianfed@chianfed.org](mailto:chianfed@chianfed.org) mail to:  
The Chian Federation  
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Astoria, NY 10003