

The Michael G. Hamaty Scholarship Fund St. George Orthodox Christian Church West Roxbury, MA

The Michael G. Hamaty Scholarship is made possible through a generous gift from the estate of the late Michael G. Hamaty. The scholarship serves as a living memorial to Mr. Hamaty, whose intentions were to serve others and provide assistance to graduating high school students as they pursued academic studies at an undergraduate accredited college or university.

The Michael G. Hamaty Scholarship is awarded to an individual(s) that exemplifies service to parish, the Church at large, and to one's community. The candidate will demonstrate an ability to go beyond his or her self-interest through providing service to others and participating in service-oriented projects and programs.

Before graduating from high school, many young people provide dedicated services to their parishes, the greater Church, their schools, and their communities. In service to others we learn new skills and gain in experiences and knowledge. Through service we become a catalyst for change and learn the benefits of collaborating and cooperating with others in service to those in need. In fact, service to Church and community makes you an attractive candidate to the admission group at colleges and universities.

It is in service to others that we come to know ourselves deeply and to shape the values and abilities that we carry into our adult life work and relationships. Through service to others, we grow spiritually and our understanding of the world and our place in it is made clearer. Participating in such activities brings with it a sense of personal and spiritual fulfillment. Jesus taught that if we are to become mature leaders we must first become servants to the many (Mark 10:41-45). Throughout His ministry Jesus stressed the importance of providing help to those in need whether they are our neighbors or strangers (Matthew 25:31-46).

Application Form for Graduating High School Student

Selection of the recipients is based on the following criteria.

- The candidate must be a graduating high school senior who is accepted to an accredited undergraduate college or university and will become a full time enrolled freshman. **Please attach to this application the letter of acceptance from the college or university you will attend.**
- The candidate must be a member in good standing of St. George Orthodox Christian Parish West Roxbury, MA either through a family membership or as an individual pledging member.
- ***The candidate will demonstrate exceptional service to parish, Church and community.*** Applicants must provide a detailed account of their volunteer services provided to the parish, Church at large and their community. For example:
 - Parish and Church involvement and service – e.g., leadership positions held and length of leadership service, Christian education graduate or teacher, Teen SOYO member-officer, participant in Diocesan activities (bible bowl, oratorical contest) services to the parish (choir, altar server), Antiochian Village participant as a camper, counselor or CIT, mission work, service trips (Project Mexico, Habitat for Humanity), etc.
 - Community service – e.g., community/school leadership positions held and length of leadership position, involvement in school service programs, scouting, community service programs, projects, shelters, national service projects, etc.
- Academic merit – e.g., academic record, GPA, SAT/ACT performance; include clubs, positions held, honors and awards. **You must submit an official academic transcript including grades and SAT/ACT scores with this application.**
- ***One (1) letter of recommendation must accompany this application.*** The letter should attest to your church and community service work from a person very familiar with your contributions such as a school faculty member, service learning coordinator, employer, volunteer program director/coordinator, etc.
- **In order to consider this application, all parts must be completed, signed, dated, accompanied by an official academic transcript and one letter of recommendation attesting to your church and community service work and your letter of acceptance from the college or university you will attend.**

All of these must be received by the application deadline.

To be completed by the applicant

Name _____ Date of Birth _____

Home Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Telephone _____ Cell _____

Father's name _____ Living ___ Deceased ___

Mother's name _____ Living ___ Deceased ___

High school from which you will graduate _____

College or University that you will attend _____

High school honors, awards, clubs and extracurricular activities

Parish & Church-related service and activities – provide leadership positions held; years of service and types of service provided; roles/positions; time given

Community services – provide leadership positions held; years of service and types services provided; roles and responsibilities; time given

Personal Statement: How has your service experiences to the parish, the Church at large and your community shaped you as an Orthodox Christian person? What are your personal goals? What do you plan to study and why have you chosen that major? How will you use your education in the future? You may attach your response as a separate statement to this application.

Signature of Applicant

Date

In order to consider this application, this form must be completed, signed, dated, accompanied by an official high school transcript and SAT/ACT scores and one letter of recommendation attesting to your service contributions to parish, Church, and community. All of these must be received by the application deadline.

Check List:

All sections of the form are completed, signed and dated

The Personal statement is completed.

The official high school academic transcript with SAT or ACT scores are submitted

I have attached the letter of acceptance from the college or university I will attend.

One letter of recommendation is completed and attached to the application or mailed in by deadline. It is your responsibility to check with your reference to assure that the letter arrives by the application deadline.