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**Trustees of Athens College in Greece**

**Michael C. Soteriades ’41 Scholarship**

**APPLICATION**

**Application Deadline:** **April 30, 2025**

**Please complete all sections of this application. Incomplete applications will not be considered.**

**Section 1: Applicant Information**

* Full Name:
* Mailing Address:
* Phone Number:
* Email Address:
* Date of Birth (MM/DD/YYYY):
* Athens College Class Year:
* Current Institution:
* Degree Pursued:
* Progress Toward Degree (completed academic credits, semesters, or years):
* Expected Graduation Date:
* Major/Field of Study:
* Minor(s):
* Thesis or Dissertation Topic (if applicable):

**Section 2: Character (Integrity, Leadership, and Contribution to Community)**

* **Integrity:** Describe a situation where you demonstrated integrity. How did you handle the situation, and what did you learn? (200 words max)
* **Leadership:** Describe a leadership role you have held. What were your responsibilities, and what impact did you have? (200 words max)
* **Community Involvement:** Describe your involvement in community service or volunteer activities. What motivated you to participate, and what did you gain from the experience? (200 words max)

**Section 3: Financial Need**

* **Family Income:** Please provide a brief summary of your family’s financial situation. (200) (You may choose to submit supporting documentation separately as outlined in Section 6).
* **Unmet Needs:** Explain the specific financial challenges you face in funding your education. Please provide an estimated breakdown of your educational expenses (tuition, fees, room and board, books, etc.) and any financial aid you have been awarded or other resources you have. (200 words max)
* **Extraordinary Circumstances:** If applicable, describe any extraordinary financial hardships your family is facing (e.g., medical expenses, loss of income, caregiving responsibilities). (200 words max)

**Section 4: Merit (Academic and Personal Achievements)**

* **GPA** **(and class rank, if available)**
* **Standardized Test Scores (e.g., SAT, ACT, GRE):** Please list the test name, score, and date taken.
* **Academic Achievements:** List any academic awards, honors, or recognitions you have received while at university.
* **Extracurricular Achievements:** Describe your involvement and accomplishments in extracurricular activities (sports, arts, clubs, etc.). Include leadership roles, awards, or other significant achievements. (200 words max)
* **Innovation or Initiative:** Describe a project, initiative, or creative activity that you have undertaken. What was the outcome, and what did you learn from the experience? (200 words max)

**Section 5: Personal Statement**

In an essay (400 words max), please address the following:

* Your personal and academic goals.
* How this scholarship will help you achieve your goals.
* What makes you a strong candidate for this scholarship?
* How you demonstrate the qualities of character, merit, and the potential for growth.

**Section 6: Supporting Documentation**

Please submit the following documents with your application:

* **Official Transcript:** Please submit an official university transcript.
* **Letters of Recommendation:** Please provide two letters of recommendation: one from a professor, dean, or academic advisor, focusing on your academic performance and promise; and one from a counselor, mentor, or community leader who can speak to your character and community service. These letters are strictly confidential. Recommenders should submit their letters directly to [jwilliams@athenscollegeus.org](mailto:jwilliams@athenscollegeus.org) .
* **Financial Documentation [**tax returns, financial aid documentation such as FAFSA or other relevant documentation].

**Section 7: Declaration**

I certify that the information provided in this application is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

Signature:

Date:

**Submission Instructions:**

Please submit your completed application and supporting documents to [jwilliams@athenscollegeus.org](mailto:jwilliams@athenscollegeus.org)

**Questions:**

If you have any questions, please contact [jwilliams@athenscollegeus.org](mailto:jwilliams@athenscollegeus.org)