



# ***WHAT IS AHEPA ?***

AHEPA stands for the American Hellenic Educational Progressive Association.

This name was created by the original founders and represents what is now the oldest and largest Greek heritage membership organization in the United States.

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- AHEPA is a fraternity, non-partisan, non-political, and non-sectarian.
- AHEPA's jurisdiction extends to each of the 50 states, and the districts, territories, islands and possessions of the United States, including seven Canadian provinces, the Bahamas, Greece, Cyprus, Europe and Australia.
- AHEPA has initiated more than 300,000 members. Including the AHEPA Auxiliaries, the "AHEPA Family" active membership is over 30.000.

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- AHEPA's membership is open to any male person of good moral character over 18 years of age, who has declared his intention to become a citizen, and who is able to read, write, or speak the English language.
- AHEPA has non-Hellenic members, Judges, Mayors, Congressmen, Senators, Governors, and other prominent non-Hellenic citizens belong to AHEPA. Former President of U.S.A. Roosevelt and Truman were active AHEPANS as were many members of Congress.



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- Education
- Philanthropy
- Civic Responsibility
- Family and Individual Excellence

# *HELLENISM*

- An important component of AHEPA's mission is to create an awareness of the principles of Hellenism to society. These principles include a commitment to humanity, freedom, and democracy. The preservation and promotion of these ideals is where AHEPA has, and always will be, deeply committed.
- AHEPA educates the community on these matters through symposia, forums, and conferences.

# ***EDUCATION***

- AHEPA's commitment to education has been well documented throughout its history. Over \$4 million is endowed at the local, district and national levels toward the use of scholarships and a half-million dollars is awarded annually.
- Thousands of young men and women have benefited as recipients of AHEPA scholarships at these various levels.



# ***EDUCATION***

- The scholarship program offers scholarships to a wide variety of students.
- Recipients are traditional and non-traditional students; seminarians, including those entering Holy Cross Greek School of Theology; and high school seniors, college and post-graduate students who are looking to become tomorrow's leaders.

# ***PHILANTHROPY***

Philanthropy and voluntarism have been pillars of strength for AHEPA. From natural disaster relief to raising funds for the elimination of life-threatening diseases to making significant contributions to our local neighborhoods, AHEPA is at the forefront of charitable giving.

# ***CIVIC RESPONSIBILITY***

- Our grassroots has a strong voice. With chapters in every major metropolitan city and in rural areas of North America, AHEPA communicates the positions of the Greek-American community to elected representatives at the federal, state, and local levels, as well as to our diplomatic leaders.
- These issues pertain to Greece, Cyprus, and Turkey; however, our constituents are also interested in domestic policy areas affecting the philanthropic, civic, and community service-based programs in which they are involved.

# ***FAMILY AND INDIVIDUAL EXCELLENCE***

What makes AHEPA unique from other organizations is the creation of the AHEPA Family. Together with three affiliated organizations, the AHEPA Family works as a unit toward the fulfillment of a common mission. Combined, the four organizations have contributed well over a billion dollars to national projects throughout their history.

# ***THE IDEALS OF ANCIENT GREECE*** ***IMPORTANT TO ALL***

AHEPA members are proud of the contributions the ancient Greeks gifted to Western Civilization. We share many of the values put forth by them: civic responsibility, philanthropy, education, family and individual excellence, and the ideals of democracy. This is the essence of our heritage. This is the core of our mission.

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Moreover, throughout the span of its history, AHEPA has served as a vital vehicle for the progressive development and emergence of American citizens of Greek heritage into every facet of society: government, business, education, and the arts. This fulfillment illustrates the promise of the American Dream and symbolizes the hard work ethic of our immigrant fore-bearers who labored to achieve that dream with the principles of Hellenism rooted deep in their hearts.