**DAUGHTERS OF PENELOPE**

**EMPIRE STATE DISTRICT NO. 6**

**SCHOLARSHIP BYLAWS**

**ARTICLE 1 NAME**

The name of the Scholarship shall be known as the Daughters of Penelope, Empire District No. 6 Scholarships.

**ARTICLE II PURPOSE**

The Scholarship shall operate and exist solely for educational purposes.

**ARTICLE III ADMINISTRATIVE RULES**

**Section 1.** The Scholarship shall be administered through a Scholarship Chairman, appointed by the District Governor at the start of the District year in the Fall, with a Committee consisting of three to seven members of the Daughters of Penelope, chosen by the Chairman.

**Section 2.** The Scholarship application shall be administered by the Committee. All accepted educational standards and requirements prevail.

**Section 3.** The published Rules and Regulations attached to the Scholarship application, shall be the applicant’s guide. They will also apply to the Committee in reviewing the applications.

**ARTICLE IV SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE’S DUTIES**

**Section 1.** The Scholarship Committee’s Administrative duties shall be as follows:

1. Updating the Scholarship Application and Rules and Regulations through the District

Scholarship Committee’s recommendations and proposals at the District Convention whenever needed.

1. Changes and/or resolutions voted by the June District Convention Delegates, shall be submitted to the Scholarship Chairman by April 30th.
2. The Scholarship Applications and Rules and Regulations shall be distributed by the District Governor to the Daughters’ District Chapter Presidents and to the District Governors of AHEPA, Maids and Sons at the Fall Conference. Any Chapter President not present shall receive the package immediately following the Fall Conference.
3. Deadline set for the return of the Scholarship application postmarked no later than May 15th or determined by the Scholarship Committee, depending upon the date of the District Convention.
4. Deadline date must appear on the first page of the application.
5. A record of all applications must be maintained.

**ARTICLE V AWARDS**

**Section 1.** Scholarship recipients shall be selected by an impartial professor at the college level. If only two (2) applications are received and approved, the selections will be conducted by the District Governor and the Scholarship Committee.

1. Award winners shall be determined by an approved Scholarship point system.
2. The District shall be advised of the winning recipients at the District Convention in June of each year; the recipient(s) shall be advised, in writing, prior to the June District Convention at which time the awards will be presented.
3. At the June 2003 Convention, it was voted that the first scholarship award shall be $1000 and the second award $500.
4. At the 2018 District Convention it was voted that in the year following a carryover of undistributed scholarship awards additional awards, not to exceed the carryover, may be awarded at the discretion of the Scholarship Committee, if multiple applications are received and deemed worthy of a scholarship.

**ARTICLE VI FUNDING**

**Section 1.** The funding amount for the Scholarship Award and expenses, being the responsibility of the Daughters of Penelope, Empire State District No.6, shall be budgeted at the District Convention.

1. The separate District Scholarship fundraiser, established at the District Convention, shall be retained in a separate fund.
2. When the Scholarship Committee receives one or no applications for scholarships, the funds shall be carried over for one (1) year only. If not distributed the year following the carryover they are to be absorbed back into the Scholarship Fund.
3. The Scholarship Committee shall recommend a proposal to increase the Scholarship awards amount to the Budget Committee based on the availability of funds whenever necessary.

**ARTICLE VII AMENDMENTS OF BYLAWS**

**Section 1.** Changes to the Scholarship Bylaws shall be made by a two-third (2/3) vote of all registered Delegates at the District Convention.

1. Should the Scholarship be dissolved, all remaining monies shall be turned over to the District Treasury of the Daughters of Penelope, Empire State District No. 6 earmarked solely for future Scholarships.

Maria Patelos

Legislative Chair

June 17, 2023