

# Financial Assistance Program 2024-25 Need-based / Merit-based Scholarships

The American College of Greece, with the help of donors who believe in the transformative value of a quality education, has developed a long tradition of providing scholarships to students who distinguish themselves academically and/or face financial need. The scholarships cover all or part of the recipient's tuition.

## **Financial Assistance Terms and Conditions**

- All applicants who are applying for Need-Based Scholarships are required to submit a "Need-Based Financial Assistance Grants" application, in addition to the scholarship application, as financial need is one of the criteria for need-based scholarships.
- Applicants who are awarded a scholarship must abide by its stipulations, which are found in the ACG Web Site and are sent via email to the recipient
- Non-credit courses are not covered by the tuition reduction grant except for courses in the English for Academic Purposes Program (EAPP).
- Students on academic probation (CI below 2.00/4.00) are not eligible to receive any kind of financial assistance.
- Non-degree students are not eligible to apply for need-based financial assistance.
- Only complete applications with all necessary documentation, submitted within the respective deadlines will be evaluated.
- All applications and supporting materials are retained by the Financial Assistance and Planning Office under conditions of security and strict confidence, and in accordance with the provisions of Regulation (EC) 2016/679 of the European Parliament and of the Council ("General Data Protection Regulation") and the Greek legislation on the protection of personal data (Law 4624/2019), as in effect from time to time (the "Personal Data Legislation").
- All communication regarding the progress of an application is done through the personal email address (as reported on the application form) and/or through the students' ACG Mail.
- The College reserves the right to adjust the academic criteria for financial assistance found on its website and on scholarship brochures.

# General Instructions for the completion and submission of the Financial Assistance Application

#### For new users:

On the first page of the Financial Assistance Platform, click the designated link (register now) to set up an account. After filling in all necessary information and hitting "register," you'll receive an email containing a link to activate your account (sent to the email address provided during registration). Once activated, you can log in using your User Name and Password. Remember to securely store your credentials, as this account will be used for all future applications.

For assistance in locating their Deree Student ID, <u>new students</u> can reach out to the Admissions Office at the following contact information: telephone +30 210 600 9800 extension 1410, or email admissions@acg.edu.

## For former users:

On the Financial Assistance Platform's initial page, you may log in by using your User Name and Password (the ones you declared upon the creation of your account).

You cannot create a new account (only one account can be created for each Student Code Number).

### For all users

- Before beginning to complete an application, please make sure that all required documents and certificates (that apply to your case) are available.
- At any time during the completion of an application you may save your progress and continue later. Once an application has been submitted, it can no longer be modified.
- All supporting documents must be submitted in PDF and JPG/JPEG format. Please note:
  - *Documents consisting of more than one page* must be submitted in a single file (e.g. the E1 Tax Form is five pages)
  - In case of photos, all information must be readable.

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# Supporting Documents for the 2024-25 Scholarship Applications

- A Curriculum Vitae (CV).
- Recommendation letter(s).
- Any other certificate based on each scholarship's eligibility requirements (e.g. Birth certificate, residency certificate, etc.).
- "Need-Based Financial Assistance Grants" Application for scholarships that have financial need as one of their criteria.

## Pre-recorded self-presentation (video)

All applicants must submit a pre-recorded self-presentation (video) elaborating on the following topics:

- **Introduce yourself** (include your name and specify the scholarship(s) you are applying for. Additionally, briefly outline your background).
- **Detail your involvement in activities both within and outside your school/college/university** (you may take this opportunity to emphasize any skills you possess).
- Articulate why you believe you should be considered for the scholarship(s) (explain how the scholarship will contribute to your academic and career objectives, outlining the impact on your overall life. Highlight any relevant accomplishments).
- **Describe your financial needs** (discuss any financial difficulties or challenges you and your family may be experiencing, such as a recent job loss by a parent, etc.).

## Guidelines for the recording:

- Choose a quiet setting for recording your video on your PC, mobile phone, etc.
- The video should be in English and not exceed a duration of 3 minutes.
- Submit the video via email to financialassistance@acg.edu within the specified deadlines (please refer to "Application Periods" on the 1st page).
- Ensure that the file is in MP4 format. If the file size surpasses the limit set by your email provider, you may send a downloadable link using WeTransfer (wetransfer.com). <u>Do not attempt to upload the video directly to the online application as such file types are not supported</u>.

**NOTE**: Students seeking scholarships from the Frances Rich School of Fine and Performing Arts are not required to submit recommendation letters or a pre-recorded video. Evaluation of these scholarships is conducted by the School's dean, department heads, and faculty.

## **Evaluation Process**

The Scholarships Committee reviews all submitted applications and creates a shortlist of eligible candidates. In next and final stage, the shortlisted applicants will undergo interviews with the relevant committee.

#### The Committee retains the right to:

- renew an annual scholarship for the same recipient, given that the recipient continues to fulfill eligibility criteria and submits an application.
- award applicants a scholarship different from the one they initially applied for.

## The screening will be based on the following criteria:

- Fulfillment of all eligibility criteria for the respective scholarship(s).
- Personal statement(s) and Curriculum Vitae (CV).
- Recommendation letter(s) and Pre-recorded self-presentation (video).
- Credits earned and CI achieved by the end of Summer Session II 2023 for continuing students and high School graduation grade and English language proficiency for incoming students.
- Student conduct.
- Financial need demonstrated by submitting a "Need-Based Financial Assistance Grants" Application (only for need-based scholarships).
- Promptness in completing the application process.