

**This scholarship is offered in the memory of the late Christos Nicolaou.**

Christos Nicolaou (Sparti, Laconia Greece, 1943–1993) embarked on a transformative journey when he immigrated to Canada in 1969, accompanied by his wife Ekaterina (1946–1983) and their two sons, Konstantin and Yianni. Choosing East Vancouver, British Columbia as their new home in 1974, the Nicolaou family has since established a steadfast presence in the region.

A seasoned painter specializing in interior finishes, particularly plaster architectural castings and details, Christos Nicolaou underwent a professional evolution in the late 1970s. Confronted with an allergic condition to paints and solvents, he adeptly redirected his expertise, emerging as one of Vancouver's preeminent manufacturers of kitchen and bathroom cabinetry. Operating Christ Cabinets Ltd from 1974 until his untimely passing in 1993, merely weeks shy of his 50th birthday, Christos left an enduring legacy.

To commemorate his unwavering commitment to family, craftsmanship, and the Greek Canadian Community, a Trade Scholarship has been established in collaboration with A.H.E.P.A. District 26th. This scholarship is dedicated to supporting exemplary Greek Canadian youth aspiring to perpetuate the skills, professionalism, dedication, pride, and commitment exemplified by "People in Trades."

Presently overseen by Konstantin (Kostas) Nikolaou of Vancouver, BC, the Scholarship Program stands as a testament to Christos Nicolaou's enduring influence on the woodworking profession and his profound impact on future generations in the trade.

## Υποτροφία στη μνήμη του Χρήστου Νικολάου

Ο Χρήστος Νικολάου (Σπάρτη, Λακωνία, Ελλάδα, 1943–1993) ξεκίνησε μια μετασχηματική πορεία όταν μετανάστευσε στον Καναδά το 1969, συνοδευόμενος από τη σύζυγό του Εκατερίνα (1946–1983) και τους δύο γιους του, Κώστα και Γιάννη. Επιλέγοντας το Ανατολικό Βανκούβερ, Βρετανική Κολομβία ως το νέο τους σπίτι, η οικογένεια Νικολάου έχει εδραιώσει ένα σταθερό παρουσία στην περιοχή.

Ένας έμπειρος μπογιατζής που εξειδικεύτηκε σε εσωτερικά φινιρίσματα, ιδιαίτερα σε χυτά αρχιτεκτονικά γύψινα και λεπτομέρειες, ο Χρήστος Νικολάου υπέστη επαγγελματική μεταμόρφωση στα τέλη της δεκαετίας του '70. Αντιμετωπίζοντας αλλεργική αντίδραση στα χρώματα και τους διαλύτες, ανακατευθύνθηκε επιδέξια στην επαγγελματική του πορεία, εξελίσσοντάς την ως έναν από τους κορυφαίους και καλύτερα γνωστούς κατασκευαστές κουζινών και μπάνιων στη Βανκούβερ. Λειτουργήσε την εταιρεία Christ Cabinets Ltd από το 1974 μέχρι το πρόωρο χαμό του το 1993, λίγες εβδομάδες πριν από τα 50 του χρόνια.

Για να τιμήσει την αγάπη και την αφοσίωσή του στην οικογένειά του, στην τέχνη του και στην ελληνοκαναδική του κοινότητα, δημιουργήθηκε ένα υποτροφιακό πρόγραμμα σε συνεργασία με την A.H.E.P.A. District 26th, με σκοπό να υποστηρίξει εύρωστους ελληνοκαναδούς νέους που επιθυμούν να συνεχίσουν τις δεξιότητες, τον επαγγελματισμό, την αφοσίωση, την υπερηφάνεια και τη δέσμευση που καθορίζουν τους "Άνθρωπους στα Τεχνικά".

Αυτό το πρόγραμμα υποτροφιών διατηρείται επί του παρόντος από τον Κώστα Νικολάου, Βανκούβερ, Βρετανική Κολομβία.

## CHRISTO NICOLAOU – A.H.E.P.A. TECHNICAL TRADE SCHOLARSHIP

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### APPLICATION

By assisting young people in the pursuit of their career in the technical trades, we are investing in their future and in the future of the construction and mechanical industry in Canada.

The **CHRISTO NICOLAOU – A.H.E.P.A. Construction Trade Scholarship** is available to:

- Secondary School students who are enrolled in their final year of high school as of December 15th, 2023. Those eligible to apply for this scholarship must be planning to enroll at an accredited Polytechnic University or College in a Carpenter, Electrical, Plumbing, Mechanical or other Trade ( including Automotive, Deisel, Aviation etc..) program.

Or

- First or Second Year apprentices who are currently enrolled within an accredited Trade program through an established and recognized Polytechnic University or College in the Carpenter, Electrical, Plumbing, Mechanical or other Trade ( including Automotive, Deisel, Aviation etc..) program.

Successful applicants will be awarded a scholarship valued at \$1000, based on demonstrated academic standards, leadership/work/volunteer activities and desire for a career in their chosen trade studies.

#### Instructions

Please type or print information.

Completed application must be submitted together with:

Reference letters

High School Transcript

or / and

Post Secondary Transcript

Instructor Reference Letter

Return your application by :

email to :

A.H.E.P.A. District 26 – Scholarship Committee

C/o Bernadette Falias at [falias01@telus.net](mailto:falias01@telus.net)

C/o Kostas Nikolaou at [Kostas@nikolaou.ca](mailto:Kostas@nikolaou.ca)

**Applications must be received by December 15th, 2023**



## **AHEPA**

GOLDEN WEST DISTRICT #26

# **AHEPA FAMILY SCHOLARSHIPS 2023**

**The deadline for filing an Application, is December 15th, 2023**

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### **Applicant Personal Information**

Name

\_\_\_\_\_

Last Name

\_\_\_\_\_

First Name

Contact

\_\_\_\_\_

Unit #, Street

\_\_\_\_\_

City

\_\_\_\_\_

Province/Postal Code

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Telephone

\_\_\_\_\_

Email

**CHRISTO NICOLAOU – A.H.E.P.A. TECHNICAL TRADE SCHOLARSHIP**

**Education**

High School \_\_\_\_\_  
School Name \_\_\_\_\_ Location \_\_\_\_\_

Relevant Courses:

Course Name \_\_\_\_\_ Final Mark \_\_\_\_\_ Date Completed \_\_\_\_\_

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\*\*Please attach current transcript of grades.

Post Secondary program you are planning, or have enrolled in

Name of Post Secondary Institution \_\_\_\_\_

Course Name \_\_\_\_\_ Start Date \_\_\_\_\_ Duration \_\_\_\_\_

Have you applied to the program already?  Yes  No  
If yes, have you been accepted?  Yes  No  Don't know  
If already enrolled what is your status?  1<sup>st</sup> Year  2<sup>nd</sup> Year

**LEADERSHIP/WORK/SPORTS/VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES**

List major school related school, work and/or volunteer activities a short description of and level of participation for each. You can also attach more information on a separate piece of paper if required.

Activity	Description
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

**HELLENIC COMMUNITY RELATIONS**

The following are not mandatory for submittal of this application

Are you currently a Member of any A.H.E.P.A. Family Organization(s)?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
If Yes, Please specify :		
Is anyone in your immediate family a Member of any A.H.E.P.A. Family Organization(s) ?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
If Yes, Please specify :		
Are you currently involved or participating within any Hellenic – Canadian Organizations or Groups or Greek Canadian Communities	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
If Yes. Please specify :		
Is anyone in your immediate family currently involved or participating within any Hellenic (Greek)– Canadian Organizations or Groups or Greek Canadian Communities	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
If Yes. Please specify :		

**STUDENT STATEMENT**

In the space below, explain why the scholarship committee should select you for a scholarship.

**APPLICATION ESSAY**

Please provide an application essay of between 500-1000 words (please don't exceed word count).

Essay Question: **Why choose a career in Trades?**

All essays must be:                      •                      Arial / 10 pt

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HOW DID YOU LEARN ABOUT CHRISTO NICOLAOU – A.H.E.P.A. TECHNICAL TRADE SCHOLARSHIP?

School                       Friend                       Other (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_

I certify that the information contained in this application is complete and correct. I authorize the AHEPA scholarship selection committee to confirm any and all information contained in this application.	
_____	_____
Student Signature	Date

The information collected in this application will be used by the A.H.E.P.A Scholarship Committee for the purpose of establishing eligibility for this scholarship and selecting winners of the available scholarship.

<p>The Christo Nicolaou - A.H.E.P.A. Technical Trade Entrance Scholarship Application <b>MUST</b> be submitted in person, or email, on or before December 15th, 2023.</p> <p>Successful Applicants will be contacted by the Scholarship Committee and advised of their status.</p> <p>The presentation of this Scholarship, valued at \$1000 will be take place at the Annual AHEPA District 26 Family Scholarship Presentations in 2025</p> <p>Questions may be directed via email to <a href="mailto:falias01@telus.net">falias01@telus.net</a></p>
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## INSTRUCTOR REFERENCE LETTER - INSTRUCTIONS

### Notes to Student:

- Please only ask for references from Instructors who are familiar with your past/present academic performance.
- The information provided in this reference will not be released to the student, unless otherwise authorized by the instructor signing this form.

### **Notes to Instructor:**

The student named below is applying for the Christos Nicolaou – A.H.E.P.A Technical Trade Entrance Scholarship to an accredited Polytechnic University or College in the Carpenter, Electrical, Plumbing, Mechanical or Transportation(Trade) program.

The application requires an Instructor Reference letter. A committee will review each application and we appreciate your honest assessment of this student's academic performance in your class.

Please complete an Instructor Reference letter and return it to

A.H.E.P.A. District 26  
C/O Scholarship Committee  
4500 Arbutus St, Vancouver, BC V6J 4A2

For your convenience you may prefer to email a reference directly to the Trade Scholarships Coordinator at: [falias01@telus.net](mailto:falias01@telus.net)

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### **Instructor:**

**Please provide reference to grades, program achievement, class participation and contribution. Please express candidly your opinions on the student' eligibility for this scholarship and your experience with the student and comments on student desire and potential for a career in the construction trades.**

**STUDENT NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_