

AHEPA District #3
District Marshal's Report
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Primary Duties:

District #3 Scholarship Program:

As the responsible District Officer in charge of administering the scholarship program, I am pleased to report the receipt of 38 Scholarship applications, the largest receipt of applications in the program's recent history, representing approximately a 33% increase over recent year's totals. The key factor in producing this increase seems to be a targeted email sent from AHEPA National Headquarters to email addresses residing in District #3 states directing students and their parents to download the application form from the District #3 website. The Committee, consisting of the District Marshal, along with Dr. Dean D. Bellas, PhD and Themistocles Chronis reviewed the submissions and provided rankings to the District #3 Convention Scholarship Committee.

Given the success in attracting applications this year through a targeting mass emailing, it is recommended that the District Scholarship be publicized through email and the internet and that less emphasis be placed on costly and unnecessary mailings to Chapters of hard copy application forms. The criteria for eligibility should also be revisited to ensure that all deserving students in our District are eligible by allowing a student whose grandfather or grandmother is a member of AHEPA or the Daughter of Penelope to be eligible regardless of whether the student's parents are members. Similarly, in order to produce more meaningful scholarship amounts for the most deserving students, the G.P.A. criteria should be increased from a 2.5 to a 3.0 minimum. Finally, the scholarship scoring criteria should be updated to take into account weighted GPAs, the few students who take the ACT versus the SAT and the fact that many schools do not have National Honor Society.

AHEPAcademy:

While not an official duty of the District Marshal, AHEPAcademy was my primary concern during my term, while not performing my other duties. During the course of this year it has become apparent that District #3 needs to provide more financial support for this worthwhile program that should be the flagship program of this District and nationally. I recommend the establishment of a District #3 AHEPAcademy endowment to not only help defray the costs of this program, but to be able to provide deserving students for our District and other parts of the country whose Chapters may not have the financial ability to fund scholarships for the student's participation in the program.