



Albanian-American Educators Association

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\$1000 & \$500 \$250+Laptop Computer Scholarship Application Spring 2025

Name of Applicant: _____ Email: _____

Home Address: _____ City: _____ Zip Code: _____

Primary Contact Number: _____ Alternate Number: _____

Title of Essay: _____ Word count: _____

Name of High School: _____ Name of Counselor/Advisor: _____

School Address: _____

GPA average as of January 2025 _____ Class Rank _____ of _____

How did you hear about the AAA Scholarship Fund? _____

Please enclose the required documents detailed below.

Completed application must be postmarked by Friday May 2nd, 2025

Please complete a typed, double spaced essay, not to exceed 750 words addressing the following statement:

“Many first- and second-generation Albanian immigrants experience a sense of cultural duality, caught between the traditions of Albanian heritage and the influences of American culture. How has your experience as an Albanian-American teenager shaped your understanding of cultural identity and belonging? Discuss how you have balanced honoring your Albanian roots with embracing your American identity. Looking ahead, how do you envision using your unique bicultural perspective to contribute to the broader community and promote understanding between cultures?”

In addition to the essay:

- 1) Return this signed and fully completed application form
- 2) Include official Transcript (Applicant must have a minimum of an 85% average)
- 3) Include a letter of recommendation by an academic teacher or school counselor
- 4) Include a copy of a college acceptance letter.

I certify that the information that I have provided on this application is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. The essay is my original work and has not been published elsewhere. I authorize the office of the Registrar to release my academic information to the Albanian American Educators Scholarship Fund Committee. I give permission for the AAEA to share and distribute publicly, my name and essay if I am awarded a scholarship. I agree to the official rules and guidelines on the back of this application.

Signature (required): _____ Date: _____

Please complete and submit the above application to AAEA by Friday May 2nd, 2025

Incomplete packets will be automatically disqualified.

All materials may be sent electronically to aaeany@gmail.com or mailed to:

**AAEA
PO Box 58
Yonkers NY 10704**



www.albanianamericaneducators.org

Rules and guidelines on back

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2025 Scholarship Official Rules and Guidelines

Eligibility: Each contestant must be of Albanian decent and a senior enrolled as a student in an American public or private school or is in a home education program, and able to provide a transcript, letter of recommendation and a college acceptance letter. Each student may enter only one essay, written in English, no longer than 750 words. Plagiarized essays will be subject to disqualification.

Entry Dates: Entries can be mailed to AAEA PO Box 58 Yonkers, New York 10704 or submitted electronically at www.aaeany.@gmail.com. All entries must be received electronically no later than 11:59 p.m. Eastern Time on Friday **May 2nd, 2025**. Entries submitted electronically will receive an email confirmation. All mailed entries must be post **marked by May 2nd, 2025**. Contestants are responsible for all postage and shipping costs.

Entry Form: Student must provide all required information requested on the entry form and information must be legible. The student and parent/legal guardian are required to read and understand these rules in order to complete the entry form in its entirety. The entry form includes a release and certification that must be signed by the contestant.

Labeling Requirements: Essays must include student's name, home address, telephone number, school the student attends, grade level, title of the essay, and a word count. Essays must be no longer than 750 words in length, written in English, and should be typed.

Disclosure: AAEA, in its sole discretion, reserves the right to disqualify any person tampering with the entry process, the operation of the website or who is otherwise in violation of the Official Rules. Entrants agree AAEA has the sole right to decide all matters and disputes arising from this contest and that its decision is final and binding. AAEA reserves the right to publically share the Essay and the name of winners. Essays and applications become the property of AAEA once submitted.

Awards: Winners will receive a **1st Place \$1000** scholarship reward or the **2nd Place Alexander Thomas Delic \$500** award or **3rd Place \$250 and a Laptop Computer** in person by mail. Once the winners are announced, the decision is final. Winners will be announced by May 23rd, 2025

ESSAY CONTEST CHECKLIST

- Responds to prompt
- No longer than 750 words in essay format
- Written in English
- Typed and double spaced

INFORMATION INCLUDED ON ESSAY APPLICATION:

- Completed, legible 2025 Scholarship Application form
- Essay that addresses the prompt that does not exceed 750 words
- Transcript
- A College Acceptance letter (only one is required)
- Letter of recommendation (no more than 250 words) from educator or professional
Letters of recommendation sent separately, via mail or electronically, will not be accepted.
- Submitted on time to be received by AAEA by 11:59 p.m. Eastern Time on Friday, May 2nd, 2025 or postmarked Friday May 2nd, 2025

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