

ANNUNCIATION INVESTMENT FUND SCHOLARSHIP

College Continuation Award Application

Eligibility:

In order to be considered for this award, you must have received an AIF Scholarship and are now entering your sophomore, junior or senior year of undergraduate studies. A total of up to 4 scholarships will be awarded to each participant. To receive your continuation award, you must have participated in Orthodox Christian activities this year.

Instructions:

The enclosed application must be filled out in its entirety by the applicant and submitted to us **<u>by 5pm</u> <u>EST on May 1, 2026.</u>** All required documentation must be included with your submission (see checklist for details). **Incomplete applications will be rejected.**

It is the responsibility of each applicant to ensure that his/her application is complete. Incomplete and late applications will not be considered by the Scholarship Committee.

<u>All required documents must be attached to this application. Letters from parish priests/OCF leadership</u> should be emailed to *franthony@daytonannunciation.org*.

Applicants will be notified by the Committee's decision by June, 2026. Please note that all written material and/or award checks will be distributed at the Award Luncheon in June; your attendance is expected. Otherwise, checks will be mailed to the address provided in this application. Please ensure that it is correct.

Application Checklist:

- I have enclosed a completely filled out **<u>Application</u>**.
- □ I have enclosed evidence of completion of the **<u>SECTION III requirements</u>** listed below.

Application must be submitted by May 1, 2026

I.PERSONAL INFORMATION: Please note that award checks will be mailed to the address provided below

Name (First, Middle, Last):		
Mailing Address:		
City:	State:	Zip Code:
Phone:	_ Email:	
Date of Birth:	Age:	

II. EDUCATION:

Name of Current University:		
Major:	Minor:	
Year just completed: □Freshman □ Sophomore	Junior	Date of Graduation:
Year of initial AIF Scholarship: 20		

III. DOCUMENTS:

A letter from the priest of the church you attend confirming your attendance/participation.
 OR

□ A letter from your college OCF chapter's leadership confirming your attendance/ participation.

OR

□ Weekly participation in Dayton Annunciation's Bible Study with Father Anthony over Zoom (attendance at 10 or more Bible Study sessions) .

OR

Read <u>Orthodoxy & Heterodoxy</u> by Father Andrew Stephen Damick. Then, attend a worship service of at least one other church/religious group (Roman Catholic, Lutheran, Reformed/ Calvinist/Presbyterian, Anglican, Methodist, nondenominational, Pentecostal, Baptist, Mennonite/Amish, Quaker, Mormon, Jewish, Buddhist, Muslim, Hindu, Bahai, etc.). Next,

schedule a Zoom with Father Anthony to discuss book and visit. Finally, write and submit (to Father Anthony and AIF) a 1500 word essay per discussion with Father Anthony.

Extenuating Circumstances (Optional) Are there any extenuating circumstances that have affected your performance and/or may relate to your application that you wish to share with the review committee? Please attach them on a separate sheet of paper.

IV: PERSONAL STATEMENT:

A. Please provide us with a brief update on the status of your future studies (major) during the past academic year and how this relates to your future plans. Please fit answer in the space provided. *Approx. 150-200 words.*

B. Briefly describe your present involvement and participation in serving the Orthodox Christian community and/or Church at large. Please fit answer in space provided. *Approx.* 150-200 words.

V. CERTIFICATION:

I certify that the information provided in my Renewal Application is, to the best of my knowledge, complete and accurate.

Signature of Applicant: _____ Date: _____