

**YES!** I'm proud of the AHEPA success story and I want that story to continue on into the 21st century. That's why I want to join AHEPA today as a:

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City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_

Please send me an application form and information on your chapter's approval and initiation process.

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**"FRIEND OF AHEPA" NATIONAL MEMBER**

I want to join the AHEPA Family today as a National Member. Please sign me up today as a Friend of AHEPA.\*

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Please charge my  VISA  MASTERCARD

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To enroll as a National Member, please return this form along with your payment information or check payable to:

AHEPA  
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For more information about AHEPA membership, please call us at (202) 232-6300. \* You can also become a National Member of AHEPA today, through our new online membership registration at: **www.ahepa.org**

**WHAT IS AHEPA ?**

AHEPA stands for the American, Hellenic, Educational Progressive Association. This name was created by the original founders and represents what is now the oldest and largest Greek heritage membership organization in the United States.

**WHY BECOME A MEMBER ?**

Since its' founding, Ahepa has worked to eradicate bigotry and racism that has permeated in society. With over 400 chapters worldwide, Ahepa promotes true values of ancient Greece, which involve Hellenism, Education, Civic Responsibility, Family & Individual Excellence and Philanthropy. Ahepa is committed to advancing these ideals in our communities & neighborhoods.

We invite you to join Ahepa and your fellow Phil-Hellene Americans in continuing these goals and ideals. This will enabled Ahepa to achieve leadership in championing our cause of education thru scholarships and the advantages of higher education.

Please review this brochure to view a few of the projects and achievements that has made Ahepa the leading Phil-Hellene/American association in the U.S.

We welcome your questions and comments in the hope that you will join us in continuing our quest for a better tomorrow.

**AHEPA Headquarters**

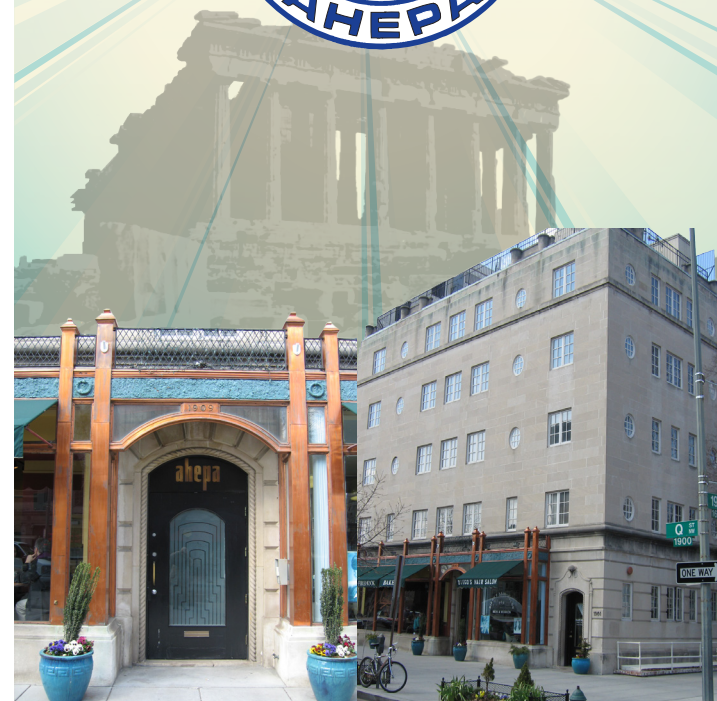
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# YOUR INVITATION TO JOIN AHEPA



## HISTORY

The American Hellenic Educational Progressive Association (AHEPA) is a service organization founded on July 26, 1922 in Atlanta, Georgia, by 8 visionary Greek American businessmen. Its mission is to support Greek-American charities, causes, and communities. It works closely with the Greek Orthodox Church. Its ladies' auxiliary, the Daughters of Penelope, was founded in 1929. It supports two youth groups, the Sons of Pericles (established in 1926) and the Maids of Athena (1930).

The AHEPA was founded as a fraternity in Atlanta, Georgia in July 1922 following growing attacks on Greek Americans and Greek American businesses by the Ku Klux Klan (KKK) and others. Its initial mission was to promote the image of Greeks in America, assist them with citizenship and to fight against KKK attacks. With the full assimilation of Greek Americans, its mission evolved toward philanthropy, education, and promoting and preserving the Hellenic identity of the Greek Americans.

### THE MISSION OF AHEPA

“AHEPA is committed to preserving and promoting the principles of HELLENISM, HUMANITY, FREEDOM and DEMOCRACY. It is our mission to educate the communities in which we live on these values.”

## EDUCATION

AHEPA is founded on the principle that the best campaign for our ideals is through education. Our scholarship endowment exceeds \$4 million and over \$500,000 is awarded annually on a national level.

## PHILANTHROPY

AHEPA is committed to the ideals of philanthropy and volunteering at the global, national, and local levels. From natural disaster relief to raising funds for the elimination of life threatening diseases to contributing to community development. AHEPA is extremely proud of its' generous humanitarian activities.

## CIVIC RESPONSIBILITY

AHEPA has a history of educating political candidates and elected officials who align themselves with those positions that matter most to Phil-Hellene Americans, including international relations with Greece and Cyprus.

## FAMILY & INDIVIDUAL EXCELLENCE

AHEPA believes in the total family concept and with that in mind, created a youth affiliate with the Sons of Pericles & Maids of Athena involving youth with the Daughters of Penelope, our women's organization, all working as a unit toward fulfillment of a common mission for a better life.

## PARTIAL PROGRAM LIST

### AHEPA EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

This foundation was begun in the mid 1970's. Over \$4 million is endowed at the local, district and national level for scholarships and programs.

### AHEPA COOLEY'S ANEMIA FOUNDATION

Established in the late 1970's issues grants to medical researchers and doctors to discover a cure for this disease affecting Hellenes.

### AHEPA BONE MARROW REGISTRY

This registry was established in the late 1980's to help fund donors for bone marrow transplants.

### AHEPA FOUNDATION INC.

The AHEPA Foundation Inc, as the charitable arm of the AHEPA's philanthropic works. This 501 c 3 serves as a conduit to request donations for our charitable endeavors, like the AHEPA emergency response initiatives, or support of our athletic events and any other philanthropic endeavor. Members and chapters are asked to donate to the foundation for many charitable needs.

### AHEPA DEPARTMENT OF ATHLETICS

Started in the 1960's the AHEPA Athletics committee is structured to provide competitive amateur events ranging from national and international golf tournaments, to basketball regional and national events. This entity also prepares and schedules, bowling, softball and many other athletic events. Working together with the national leadership this committee brings together amateur athletes from all across the globe. The committee also supports and maintains the AHEPA Athletic Hall of Fame.

### AHEPA NATIONAL HOUSING

Formed in 1983 to pursue housing projects from HUD. Today their commitment has accumulated to over \$1 billion. Over 88 projects are now built in 31 states. Others are in development.

