



SAM NERSESSIAN AWARD GUIDELINES

Initiated as a result of the 1979 ACYOA General Assembly, the "Sam Nersessian Award" is named after Sam Nersessian of the St. Louis ACYOA Chapter of Holy Shoghagat Armenian Church following his tragic death in May of 1979. The Award is annually presented to an ACYOA member who demonstrates Christian virtues of love, patience, humility and understanding.

1. Nomination forms shall be sent in the spring of each year to all parishes and ACYOA chapters of the Diocese of the Armenian Church.
2. Nominations shall be made by the parish priest (or parish council chairman in parishes without a permanent priest) and/or the ACYOA chapter executive committee from the given parish of the nominee.
3. Nominations shall be received by the ACYOA Central Council by the prescribed deadline. Applications received after the deadline will not be considered.
4. The nominee should possess the Christian virtues of love, patience, humility, and understanding.
5. Selection is not based on intelligence, physical appearance or popularity.
6. The nominee should reflect Christ in actions and words.
7. The nominee should mend controversy, have a peaceful and conciliatory effect on others, and understand the needs of others.
8. The nominee should serve the Church in as many of the following ways as possible:

Altar server
Choir singer

Church School teacher/assistant
Armenian School teacher/assistant
Parish Council member
Community organization/service
ACYOA member (dues-paid)
Parish member (dues-paid)
ACYOA Junior Advisor
Church office assistant
ACYOA chapter officer

9. The nominee should participate in some of the following:

ACYOA Armenian Studies Program
St. Nersess Summer Studies Program
ACYOA Hye Christian Encounter
ACYOA Christian Leadership Weekend
ACYOA Cultural Weekend

10. The ACYOA Central Council shall select from the eligible nominees during the meeting preceding the ACYOA National Sports Weekend.

11. Presentation of the Sam Nersessian Award and Certificate shall take place during the Awards Banquet of the ACYOA National Sports Weekend. The ACYOA Central Council Chairman will make the official announcement and the Primate will make the formal presentation to the recipient.



SAM NERSESSIAN AWARD NOMINATION FORM

Annual award given to an ACYOA member who demonstrates Christian virtues of love, patience, humility and understanding. Chosen by the ACYOA Central Council through nominations submitted by pastors and chapter executive committees. The Award is presented at the National Sports Weekend Awards Banquet.

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SECTION I - GENERAL INFORMATION

Name _____

Address _____

Telephone No. _____ Date of Birth _____

Parish/City _____

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SECTION II - SERVICE

1. In what ways does the nominee serve the parish?
(Check as many as apply).

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Deacon/Alter Server | <input type="checkbox"/> Choir member |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Church School Teacher/Aid | <input type="checkbox"/> Parish Council member |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Armenian School Teacher/Aid | <input type="checkbox"/> ACYOA chapter officer |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Church Office Assistant | <input type="checkbox"/> ACYOA Jr. Advisor |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ | |

2. Is the nominee a dues-paid ACYOA member? _____
Is the nominee a dues-paid parish member? _____

3. Has the nominee attended Church School? _____

4. Has the nominee participated in: (Check as many as apply).

- ACYOA Cultural Weekend
- ACYOA Hye Christian Encounter
- ACYOA Christian Leadership Seminar
- ACYOA Armenian Studies Program
- St. Nersess Summer Studies Program

5. Has the nominee brought in new members? _____

6. What other organizations does the nominee belong to: _____

7. Describe the nominee's participation in the Chapter:
(Check as many as apply):

- leader
- suggests new ideas
- volunteers regularly for committee work
- usually follows the wishes of the group
- consistently attends meetings
- attends most chapter activities and functions
- sets an example for others
- follower
- attracts attention
- is listened to and respected by other members

8. Does the nominee attend Church services regularly? _____

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SECTION III - ESSAY CORNER

1. On a separate sheet of paper, complete the following sentences and give brief explanations for each:

- a. The nominee best demonstrates love for others by . . .
- b. The nominee best demonstrates humility by . . .
- c. The nominee best demonstrates patience by . . .
- d. The nominee best demonstrates understanding by . . .

2. What particular characteristic(s) make(s) this person a worthy nominee?
(Explain) _____

3. Additional Comments: _____

SECTION IV - PASTOR'S RECOMMENDATION

I recommend _____ as a nominee for the
ACYOA Sam Nersessian Award, based on the following: (Check as many as
apply).

- _____ as having demonstrated Christian virtues.
- _____ as having attended Church Services regularly.
- _____ as being an active ACYOA member.
- _____ as being an active parish member.
- _____ as having demonstrated maturity and seriousness of purpose.
- _____ as having demonstrated a willingness to learn, understand and
practice the faith and teachings of the Armenian Church.

Pastor's Signature: _____ Date: _____

SECTION V - CHAPTER EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION

We recommend _____ as a nominee for the
ACYOA Sam Nersessian Award.

(Affix appropriate signatures)

Chapter Chairman: _____

Recording Secretary: _____

[Note: All nominations must be
received by no later than July 1, 1991]

Send to: LISA MANOOKIAN
ACYOA CENTRAL COUNCIL CHAIRMAN
2007 COUNTY LINE ROAD
ARDMORE, PA 19003

Date: _____



SAM NERSESSIAN SCHOLARSHIP GUIDELINES

Initiated as a result of the 1979 ACYOA General Assembly, the "Sam Nersessian Scholarship" is named after Sam Nersessian of the St. Louis ACYOA Chapter of Holy Shoghagat Armenian Church following his tragic death in May of 1979. The scholarship is annually given to a worthy and deserving applicant to attend the St. Nersess Summer Studies Conferences sponsored by the Diocese of the Armenian Church.

1. Application forms shall be sent in the spring of each year to all parishes and ACYOA chapters of the Diocese of the Armenian Church, as well as to those who request them.
2. Any person eligible to attend and participate in the St. Nersess Summer Studies Programs may apply by completing the official application form and forwarding it to the ACYOA Central Council by the prescribed deadline. Applications received after the deadline will not be considered.
3. Keeping in mind the criteria of the Sam Nersessian Award, the ACYOA Central Council shall review all eligible applications and base the selection on the information provided by the applicant on the application form.
4. Confirmation of the applicant's desire to attend one of the St. Nersess Summer Studies Programs shall be made with the Program Director.
5. The Scholarship shall be the equivalent of the total tuition to attend the St. Nersess Summer Studies Program, with preference given to those attending the Deacon's Training and Liturgical Music Program in particular.
6. Upon confirmation from the Program Director, the scholarship shall be sent directly to the recipient.



SAM NERSESSIAN SCHOLARSHIP NOMINATION FORM

Annual scholarship given to a deserving and worthy applicant to attend the St. Nersess Summer Studies Conferences sponsored by the Diocese of the Armenian Church.

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SECTION I - GENERAL INFORMATION

Name _____

Address _____

Telephone No. _____ Date of Birth _____

Parish/City _____

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SECTION II - SERVICE

1. In what ways does the nominee serve the parish?
(Check as many as apply).

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|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Deacon/Alter Server | <input type="checkbox"/> Choir member |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Church School Teacher/Aid | <input type="checkbox"/> Parish Council member |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Armenian School Teacher/Aid | <input type="checkbox"/> ACYOA chapter officer |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Church Office Assistant | <input type="checkbox"/> ACYOA Jr. Advisor |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ | |

2. Are you an ACYOA dues-paid member? _____
Are you a parish dues-paid member? _____

3. Have you attended Church School? _____
For how many years? _____

4. Have you participated in: (Check as many as apply).

- ACYOA Cultural Weekend
- ACYOA Hye Christian Encounter
- ACYOA Christian Leadership Seminar
- ACYOA Armenian Studies Program
- St. Nersess Summer Studies Program

5. Have you participated in the St. Nersess Summer Studies Conferences before? If so, give the years and locations: _____

6. Have you served your chapter as an officer? _____

7. What are some of your interests and hobbies: _____

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SECTION III - ESSAY QUESTIONS

1. On a separate sheet of paper, explain how you would like to be involved in the life of your parish, both now and in the future.

2. Write a short essay on one of the following passages:

a. Matthew 5:13: "You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything except to be thrown out and trodden under foot by men."

b. John 1:1-5: "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God; all things were made through him, and without him was nothing made. In him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it."

c. Matthew 19:23-24: "And Jesus said to his disciples, truly I say to you. It will be hard for a rich man to enter the kingdom of heaven. Again I tell you, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God."

3. Write a brief essay describing yourself and your relationship with the Church.

4. Optional: Describe one of your favorite Biblical passages and give some of your thoughts concerning it.

5. In order of importance to you, place numbers from 1 to 10 in the spaces provided. [Note: There are no "right" or "wrong" answers].

"As an Armenian Christian, it is important that I . . .

- _____ know my heritage."
- _____ understand my parents."
- _____ have a relationship with God."
- _____ I live the heritage of my forefathers."
- _____ visit Armenia."
- _____ do well in school."
- _____ read the Bible and know its contents."
- _____ learn the Armenian language."
- _____ serve the Church as best I can."
- _____ get a good job."
- _____ know the teachings of Christ as interpreted by the Church."
- _____ marry an Armenian and bring up my children in the Armenian Church."

SECTION IV - PASTOR'S RECOMMENDATION

I recommend _____ as an applicant for the ACYOA Sam Nersessian Scholarship, based on the following: (Check as many as apply).

- _____ as being an active member of the parish.
- _____ as being an active ACYOA member.
- _____ as being a dues-paid ACYOA member.
- _____ as being a dues-paid parish member.
- _____ as having demonstrated maturity and seriousness of purpose.
- _____ as having the desire to learn about the Armenian Church and her doctrines, traditions, and faith.
- _____ as one who has demonstrated a sincere interest in serving the Church.

Pastor's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Please consider me for the ACYOA Sam Nersessian Scholarship. I am planning to attend one of the St. Nersess Summer Studies Conference sessions this year. [If you know the dates, please provide them here: _____].

[Note: All nominations must be received by no later than July 1, 1991]

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