



Bulgarian Education and Culture Society PCHELA

PCHELA SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

The Bulgarian Education and Culture Society Pchela Scholarship Program awards scholarships to primary, middle and high school students who have demonstrated outstanding effort to promote traditional Bulgarian culture in their schools and community.

Applicants Must:

1. Be residents of Los Angeles and Orange County, California
2. Be a in grades 4 to 12 as of September 30, 2023
3. Demonstrate ambition and motivation to educate their school peers and the community about traditional Bulgarian culture
4. Submit completed application to BECS Pchela by September 30, 2023.

TIMELINE

September 30, 2023: Student application deadline

November 1, 2023: Den Na Narodni Buditeli - Judging results announced

December 3, 2023: Nadigravane - Awards Ceremony

AWARDS

Three (3) students, to be known as “Pchelicki” will be selected to receive \$300 awards to be used towards school expenses. Awards are not renewable. Presentation of awards is scheduled for BECS PCHELA yearly event **Nadigravane on December 3, 2023**.

Eligible students may receive only one “PCHELA” award every two years.

CRITERIA

Applicants are asked to describe in two essays why learning and sharing knowledge about traditional Bulgarian culture is important to them. Making a presentation based on created content to any community groups is highly regarded.

Following presentation qualities are highly encouraged.

- a. Use of Bulgarian alphabet and language.
- b. Describing Bulgarian traditional crafts and customs.
- c. Drawings or illustrations with Bulgarian themes.

Essays to be maximum of 300 words each and describe the following:

1. What is the main topic and how it is developed?



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2. Will there be a presentation to classmates, friends and family?
3. Are there any aids and materials that will be made by the applicant.

Drawings with Bulgarian themes can be submitted as one of the essays or as additional attachment in support of essays. Only one drawing submitted instead of an essay will be accepted.

The Scholarship Committee of Bulgarian Education and Culture Society Pchela will make the selection of scholarship recipients. Selection will not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, age, gender, national origin, or disability.

To apply for the scholarship, fill out all appropriate information in the scholarship application and then complete the essays on the following pages. No purchase necessary to apply.

Envelopes must be postmarked no later than September 30, 2023, and sent to:

BECS Pchela
239 W. Colorado Blvd., #A
Monrovia, CA 91016

Be sure to affix sufficient postage and include your return address. Pchela is not responsible for applications that are lost in the mail or returned for insufficient postage.

**Or, email your application no later than September 30, 2023 to:
scholarship@bgpchela.org**

Original writings, drawings and additional attachments must be mailed to BECS Pchela to later than **September 30, 2023**.

All applications that have met the deadline will be considered. Applicants are responsible for gathering and submitting all required information in the format requested. Original writings, drawings and attachments must arrive in timely manner for application to be considered. Incomplete applications and those not conforming to the required format will be disqualified. Information received is considered confidential and is reviewed only by Scholarship Committee and Bulgarian Education and Culture Society Pchela Board of Directors.



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If selected to receive an award, the student must authorize release of scholarship application materials and photographs for use by Bulgarian Education and Culture Society Pchela or its sponsors for promotion and publicity.

All award recipients will be notified by **November 1, 2023**. Not all applicants to the program will be selected as recipients.

DISTRIBUTION OF THE AWARDS

Bulgarian Education and Culture Society Pchela will process the **PCHELA** scholarship award distributions. Distributions will be made in full in the month of **December of 2023**.

Checks will be made payable directly to the recipient for payment of educational expenses.

OBLIGATIONS

Other than as specified, recipients have no obligation to Bulgarian Education and Culture Society Pchela. Applicants are, however, required to supply Pchela with any changes of address, school enrollment, or other relevant information. See **RULES** for more information.



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Scholarship Application

Application Deadline: September 30, 2023

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Student Information

First Name _____ Middle Initial _____ Last Name _____
Telephone _____ Email address _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Grade _____

Parent/Grand Parent/Guardian Information

First Name _____ Middle Initial _____ Last Name _____
Telephone _____ Email address _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Relationship to Applicant _____

School (or Community Organization) Information

Official School Name _____
City _____ /State _____ Zip _____ Telephone _____
Contact Name _____

Scholarship Project

Please mark the elements of Traditional Bulgarian Culture represented in your project.

Dance ___ Music ___ Crafts ___ Bulgarian Alphabet ___ Bulgarian Language ___ Audio/Visuals ___

Please provide a brief description of the project and how it relates to the Traditional Bulgarian Culture.



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ESSAYS

Essays can be written in Bulgarian and/or English. They are to be a maximum of 300 words and explain each of the following:

1. What do you like about Bulgarian culture?
2. How do you think your project will influence your classmates, friends and relatives?

ESSAY 1



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ESSAY 2

I do state the above information is accurate to the best of my knowledge.

Signature of Applicant/Parent/Guardian _____

Date _____



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About Bulgarian Education and Culture Society Pchela

Pchela is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization with mission to educate the public about traditional Bulgarian culture. We organize and sponsor events in Los Angeles and Orange Counties to expose Bulgarian community and the general public to traditional dance, crafts, music and other artistic forms.

If you have any question regarding the application process please contact us at scholarship@bgpchela.org, or visit our web site at: bgpchela.org.

RULES

Eligibility

No purchase necessary. Board members, employees, associates, or immediate family members of board members, employees or associates of Bulgarian Education and Culture Society Pchela are ineligible to apply.

Application

All sections of the application form and any attachments must be completed in the specified format and include the required signatures. Incomplete applications will be disqualified. Pchela will not be responsible for lost, late or misdirected, mutilated, incomplete, illegible, or postage-due mail. All applications become the property of Bulgarian Education and Culture Society Pchela and will not be returned or acknowledged. Bulgarian Education and Culture Society Pchela may request additional information or documentation about an applicant. To remain eligible, applicants must provide a reasonably requested documentation and information. All entries must be either typed or legibly hand written.

Awards

Awards must be used for education-related expenses of the applicant. Awards will be paid in full in December of 2023. Taxes, if any, are the sole responsibility of the recipients.

Additional Terms

All applicants agree that decisions of Bulgarian Education and Culture Society Pchela are final. To receive the award, recipients agree to authorize release of scholarship application materials and photographs for use by Pchela or sponsors for promotion and publicity. Applicants agree to release, discharge, and hold harmless Bulgarian Education and Culture Society Pchela from any and all claims or damages arising out of, in any way,



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their participation in the program. Pchela reserves the right to review the conditions and procedures of this scholarship program and to make changes at any time, including termination of the program.