

# Daughters of Penelope

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Dear Sisters:

I would like to thank our Grand President Barbara Stavis Wolf for selecting me to be the chairman of the prestigious Penelope of the Year Committee for 2009.

The Penelope of the Year is the highest award given yearly to a worthy and outstanding Sister who unselfishly contributed her time, talents and energy through the years not only to the Daughters of Penelope but to our communities and to the Orthodox Church.

The Penelope of the Year starts at the Chapter level. The application of the selected Sister on the chapter level is then submitted to the respective District Governor for consideration at the District Convention for District Penelope of the Year. The winning application on the district level is then forwarded to the National Chairman where all District winners are considered for National Penelope of the Year. The selection will take place at the AHEPA Supreme National Convention in San Francisco, California.

Being elected Chapter Penelope of the year is a testament of a Daughter's hard work and dedication to her Chapter. This achievement should be recognized as such. Honor your chapter Penelope of the Year with a card, flowers, a lunch or dinner in her honor, or a small token of appreciation.

The District Penelope of the Year winner should also be honored with the presentation of a pin, or however that District chooses to honor their selection. Most importantly, immediately following the District Convention, the application of the District Penelope of the Year must be forwarded to the National Chairman by the outgoing District Governor, for the District Recipient to have the honor of being considered for National Penelope of the Year.

It is the responsibility of the outgoing District Governor to mail the completed and signed form to the National Chairman postmarked by June 15, 2009, return receipt requested, (exception for District Conventions held after that date). If this deadline poses a problem for any District, please contact me at the number listed below and alternate arrangements will be made.

Let's make this year's goal to have a District Penelope of the Year submitted from every District. Thank you for the time and effort in your selection and submission. If you have any questions on filling out the application, please contact me and I will try to answer your questions.

Yours in Theta Pi,

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**DAUGHTERS OF PENELOPE**  
**2009**  
**PENELOPE OF THE YEAR APPLICATION FORM**

OFFICIAL FORM – TYPE OR PRINT (English Only)

Applicant's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Chapter \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ District No. \_\_\_\_\_

**CHAPTER CERTIFICATION**

Upon selection of a candidate from your chapter, please complete the following, attach photo below and forward to your District Governor immediately (no later than two (2) weeks prior to the District Convention and **mail RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED**).

This is to certify that \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name of Candidate)

was selected by Chapter \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name and Number)

as the candidate for **DISTRICT PENELOPE OF THE YEAR**.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Chapter President Chapter Secretary

(If the candidate is holding the position of Chapter President or Chapter Secretary, then the Chapter Vice President should be the second signature)

**BOTTOM TO BE COMPLETED BY THE OUT-GOING DISTRICT GOVERNOR ONLY**

Upon the selection of the candidate from your District Convention, please complete the following and forward to the National Chairman, two (2) weeks prior to the Supreme Convention...**RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED**.

**DISTRICT CERTIFICATION**

This is to certify that \_\_\_\_\_ was selected by District No. \_\_\_\_

as their candidate for Penelope of the Year, as voted by the District Convention held on

\_\_\_\_\_ in the city of \_\_\_\_\_ in the State of \_\_\_\_\_.

Chapter must Attach Photo here:

Please print on back of Photograph the Name of Candidate and include the District Number

\_\_\_\_\_  
District Governor (out-going)

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Mail to: Your District Governor  
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## RULES AND GUIDELINES FOR PENELOPE OF THE YEAR

A Penelope of the Year shall be selected and announced at the AHEPA Family Supreme Convention. The qualifications, method of selection, and submission procedure listed below shall be followed in order to qualify. Please type or print in English only. All acronyms must be spelled out in their entirety the first time they are used or mentioned in the application.

### ELIGIBILITY:

- Any member of the Daughters of Penelope in good standing with her Chapter and whose chapter is in good standing with National Headquarters is eligible.
- Current Grand Lodge officers, Past Grand Presidents and current District Governors shall not be eligible. (PGP's have received the highest honor of the Order.)
- When a member has been previously selected District Penelope of the Year, the candidate's name cannot be resubmitted to National Committee for three (3) years.

### CHAPTER LEVEL:

- The Chapter President shall appoint a committee. The committee will evaluate the chapter's members and present one candidate, with her qualifications, to the general chapter assembly.
- The candidate's application must be signed by the Chapter President and Secretary and sent to the District Governor no later than two weeks prior to the District Convention by Return Receipt Requested.

### DISTRICT LEVEL:

- The District Governor, at the beginning of her administration will appoint a Chairman to chair the District Penelope of the Year committee. There will be only one member from each chapter seated on this committee. Each member is to give points using her own discretion as outlined in the point system (see chart of point system).
- The chairman shall cover the first page of the application identifying each candidate. She will read to the committee the entire application and the members will score each application. (At this time, any incorrectly filled application will be disqualified.)
- The chairman will tally the scores and she alone will know the winner's name until the presentation of the award.
- The OUTGOING DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S obligation is to submit the original copy of the District Penelope of the Year application with photo to the National Chairman, Olga Kouchoukos-Karthauser, certified mail return receipt, postmarked no later than June 15, 2009.

## NATIONAL:

- The National Chairman, appointed by the Grand President, must have previously served on the District or National Penelope of the Year Committee. The National Penelope of the Year committee will be comprised of one delegate from each District who will select the National Penelope of the Year adhering to the point system.
- THE CURRENT CANDIDATE COMPETING FOR THE TITLE WILL NOT PARTICIPATE IN THE PROCESS.
- The recipient will receive a plaque and a pin.
- *The National Chairman, along with the Grand President, will present the plaque (award) and the pin to the winner during the convention. If the winner is not present, the award will be presented to the District Governor.*
- The National Penelope of the Year award is the SECOND HIGHEST HONOR bestowed upon a member. The recipient of the Penelope of the Year award shall receive this honor one time only.
- There will be no first and second runner-up (2003).

**POINT SYSTEM:** The following point system will be used by the Committee in determining the Penelope of the Year.

**TOTAL POINTS - 25 points**

Chapter Level - 7 points

District Level - 6 points

National Level - 4 points

Volunteer Services - Civic, cultural, educational,  
& other organizations - 5 points

Church (not monetary) - 3 points

\*If the space provided is inadequate, additional sheets may be used.

The Penelope of the Year Tabulation Sheet is enclosed.

Disqualified applications will be returned to the Chapter with an explanation of the reason for the disqualification.







**D. VOLUNTEER SERVICE**

**1. Civic**

Local	Year	State/Regional	Year	National	Year

**2. Cultural**

Local	Year	State/Regional	Year	National	Year

**3. Educational-(Volunteer, Workshops, Trainings, etc.)**

Local	Year	State/Regional	Year	National	Year

**4. Other Organizations**

Local	Year	State/Regional	Year	National	Year

**E. Church (Not Monetary)**

Local	Year	State/Regional	Year	National	Year