

### **AHEPA Emergency Fund Eligibility**

The AHEPA Emergency Fund has been in effect since 1937 and offers qualified AHEPANS' survivors a small Death Benefit sum ranging from \$100.00 to \$200.00.

Any member reinstated after January 1, 1970, regardless of age, shall not be eligible for the benefits of the Emergency Fund.<sup>1</sup>

In order to qualify one of the following criteria must be met.

1. All members who were initiated or reinstated prior to January 1, 1942, and who keep themselves continuously in good standing with their chapter and with headquarters are entitled to the full amount of the benefit (/ \$200.00) with noted exceptions:
  - a. Members who at the time of their initiation have reached their 60<sup>th</sup> birthday will not be entitled to the death benefit.
  - b. Members who at the time of their restatement have reached their 60<sup>th</sup> birthday will not be entitled to the death benefit.
2. Members initiated or reinstated after December 31, 1941, and less than 60 years of age, who kept themselves continuously in good standing with their chapter and headquarters, will be entitled to a death benefit amount will depend upon the member's exact age of initiation or reinstatement, as cited below:
3. New and reinstated members will be eligible to the death benefit after twelve (12) months elapsed form the date they were initiated or reinstated.
4. Members who at the time of their death are in arrears in the payment of their dues for six (6) months or longer will not be entitled to the death benefit.
  - a. When members are fifty (50) years of age but have not reached their fiftieth (50) birthday at the time of their initiation or reinstatement, they will be entitled to a death benefit of one hundred fifty (150.00) dollars.
  - b. When members are forty (40) years of age at the time of reinstatement or initiation, they will be entitled to a death benefit of one hundred and fifty dollars (\$150.00).
  - c. When members are below forty (40) years of age at the time of their initiation or reinstatement, they will be entitled to the full two hundred (200.00) death benefit.

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<sup>1</sup> Order of AHEPA Constitution and Code of Laws and Usages, August 1998 Article 17 section F.

## **How To Apply**

The Chapter Secretary must complete the following and remit to headquarters immediate:

1. A certified copy of the deceased death certificate.
2. A completed claim form (available from head quarters, please include name and mailing address of the chapter secretary filling form out).

## **Checks**

All checks are mailed directly to the designated beneficiary. If no beneficiary is named, the check is made payable to the Estate of the beneficiary. A copy of the letter is sent to the chapter secretary. Please note the deceased bothers' per capita tax must also be paid and up to date to qualify.