THE

ANTHONY J. POLEMENI

SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Application Form

SPRING 2016

TOURO COLLEGE

Division of Graduate Studies

Where Knowledge and Values Meet
Dear Touro Graduate Student,

A brief description of the mission of Touro College and a reflection on how Dr. Polemeni contributed to the success of our mission follows. This will help you in preparing your application essay.

Please read the eligibility, selection criteria, selection notification and essay instructions. Please complete all parts of the application form. Follow the instructions on page 4 to submit your application by the June 15th deadline.

For this initial year of the Dr. Anthony J. Polemeni Scholarship, three scholarships will be awarded in the Fall of 2016.

Selection Notification: Scholarship recipients will be notified by registered letter by August 1, 2016.

QUESTIONS?
All questions regarding the Polemeni Scholarship should be referred to Myrna Colon, Administrative Assistant to the Vice President, Division of Graduate Studies, at myrna.colon@touro.edu

Thank you.
TOURO COLLEGE MISSION STATEMENT

Touro College is an independent institution of higher education under Jewish auspices, established to transmit and perpetuate the Jewish heritage, as well as to serve the general community in keeping with the historic Jewish commitment to intellectual inquiry, the transmission of knowledge, social justice, and service to society. Touro offers undergraduate and graduate programs in Jewish studies, the liberal arts and sciences, and the professions including education, law, medicine, pharmacy, health sciences, social work, and business. These programs serve diverse components of the Jewish community and the larger society, especially those who have been underserved in the past. Touro is a college where personal growth, scholarship and research are fostered and where men and women are prepared for productive lives of dignity, value, and values.

The Jewish heritage embraces two fundamental components, the particular and the universal, as reflected in Hillel's dictum in Ethics of the Fathers, "If I am not for myself, who will be for me? And if I am concerned only with myself, what am I?" This teaching shapes the core values of the college, which include a commitment to quality education for all; the treatment, with integrity and respect, of all students, faculty and staff; the role of ethics in the professions; and the building of a responsive and responsible society.

ABOUT DR. ANTHONY J. POLEMENI

Anthony J. Polemeni, Ph.D., Vice President of the Division of Graduate Studies, Touro College, served the college in vital leadership positions for more than a decade. Throughout his tenure, Dr. Polemeni worked tirelessly to advance Touro’s mission to “serve the underserved” and to enhance the professional status of his deans, supervisors, administrative staff, and to enrich the educational experiences of students. He generously shared his knowledge, skills and keen sense of humor with all who walked through his open door. Dr. Polemeni made each member of the Touro family seeking his counsel feel at ease and relaxed. And, he treated everyone with respect and empathy, making their problems his challenge to solve.

Dr. Polemeni died on May 22, 2014. His death brought to an end his extraordinary career in education and business that spanned more than four decades and stretched around the globe. The last 13 years of his illustrious career were spent at Touro College, where he served as Dean of the Graduate School of Education and Psychology, and later as the inaugural Vice President of the Division of Graduate Studies. Although Dr. Polemeni is no longer with us, he will always be part of the Touro family in blessed and cherished memory. The essence of this great man will forever surround us. It is with this in mind that his legion of students, faculty, administrators and colleagues have created the Dr. Anthony J. Polemeni Fund in the Division of Graduate Studies.

The Dr. Anthony J. Polemeni Scholarship Fund in the Division of Graduate Studies will recognize the accomplishments of students in the various Division of Graduate Studies schools who, by their scholarship and commitment to community service, exemplify the mission of Touro College and the character and charisma of Dr. Polemeni. The fund includes a monetary award to assist the student selected with his or her graduate studies. A special awards ceremony will take place annually, beginning in the fall of 2016.
THE APPLICATION

Eligibility
Any graduate student interested in applying for the Poleni Scholarship must have completed at least ONE semester in a school of the Touro College Division of Graduate Studies, and maintained a Grade Point Average (GPA) of 3.0 or higher. The student must also be enrolled in classes during the spring 2016 semester. This scholarship is available to matriculated graduate students only.

Instructions
SECTION A: Demographic Information
Applicants are to provide all information requested

SECTION B: The Essay
Applicants are required to submit a 400-600 word essay that explains why they are interested in being considered for the scholarship and the importance of the scholarship to their graduate studies. The essay is to be double-spaced, using Times New Roman type face and 12 pt. type size, and must be submitted electronically to:
Dr. Nadja Graff, Vice President, Division of Graduate Studies at Nadja.Graff@touro.edu by Wednesday, June 15, 2016.

Essays are to reflect the applicant's qualifications and include examples of her or his dedication to the principles of Touro College and the spirit of sharing and caring profoundly characterized by the acts and deeds of Dr. Poleni. Essays will be judged by members of the Poleni Scholarship Committee.

A. Demographic Information
* STUDENT ID: ________________________________
  Date: ________________________________
  Last Name: ________________________________  *First Name: ________________________________
  *Street Address: ________________________________  *Apartment Number: ________________________________
  City: ________________________________  *State: ________________________________  *Zip Code: ________________________________
  *Email Address: ________________________________
  Phone Number: (Home): ________________________________ (Cell): ________________________________
  *Graduate School Attending: ________________________________
  *Degree Program: ________________________________
* Required field