



2017-18 Scholarship Applicant Instructions

CHANGE IN DEADLINE FILING DATE: AUGUST 1, 2017

All scholarship applications must be received via MAIL by August 1st Please mail original and 2 copies to:

Ms. Sylvia Law, Chair
COGIC Charities Scholarship Committee
7904 Winterset Avenue
Pikesville, MD 21208

Scholarships are open to all high school graduates that will be attending a college/university full-time in the fall as well as those already enrolled and attending full-time in an accredited college/university pursuing an undergraduate degree. Graduate and/or doctoral degree student must be taking a minimum of 9 credit hours without exception. Please be sure your name is on all pages. Recipients will be required to submit final grades for the 2017 fall semester **BEFORE** checks are released. DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF GRADES IS FEBRUARY 1, 2018 No Exceptions. All question should be emailed to slaw@cogic.org

Applicants may apply each year if a minimum 2.5 GPA is maintained.

Recipients will be notified in late October via email. Please be sure to include your correct email address and phone number.

Scholarship checks will be made payable to the college/university and will be mailed to the college/university once the grades for the fall semester are received. Copies of all scholarship communiqué will be sent to the applicant. No checks will be sent to the recipient.

Should the recipient fails to enroll or drop below full time status or withdraw from the college/university during the period covering the award, the recipient and/or institution must return all funds associated with the award.

Applicant who does not comply with all of the above stipulations will forfeit this scholarship award

Scholarship Awards will be made in November of each year at the annual COGIC Charities banquet. The banquet is held during the Church of God In Christ Holy Convocation. (See the COGIC.org website for date of the banquet). The ticket cost for the banquet is \$200.00.Scholarship recipients are encouraged to attend the COGIC Charities Scholarship banquet. You do not have to attend the banquet to receive an award.

Review and evaluation of all applications will be done by The COGIC Charities Scholarship Review Committee.

Applicants are selected based on exemplary traits including leadership, community involvement, academic excellence and responses to the essay questions. The information provided on the scholarship application including essays and letters of recommendation will be used in determination of the scholarship awards.

Verification of financial information and request for official transcripts will be made if applicant is selected. If selected, High school students must submit an official; sealed transcript and College students must have the college/university send the transcript to Ms. Sylvia Law, Chair COGIC Charities Scholarship Committee at the above address.



COGIC CHARITIES, INC.
P.O. Box 38 - MEMPHIS. TN 38101

2017-18 COGIC Charities Scholarship Application

COGIC Charities, Inc., offers scholarships to individuals enrolled full time in a college or university by September for assistance with the cost of tuition, college fees, books and student housing. Applicants will be evaluated based on the information provided on this application. Scholarships are awarded at the annual COGIC Charities Banquet in November and disbursed by January of the next year. **Applicants DO NOT have to attend the banquet.** Notifications will be emailed to the applicant. Applications must be submitted to the COGIC Charities scholarship coordinator by **August 1, 2017.**

I, _____ have read and understand the conditions of the COGIC Charities Scholarship as explained in the instructions to **Candidates for Scholarships**. I affirm that I plan to attend or am currently attending a college/university. I give permission to officials of my institution to release transcripts of my academic record and other information requested for consideration in the COGIC Charities Scholarship program. I understand that this application will be available only to qualified people who need to see it in the course of their duties. I waive the right to access letters of recommendation written on my behalf. I affirm that the completed application, including the essays, is my own work. I affirm the information contained herein is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Date _____ Signature _____

Legal name in full _____
 (Print/Type) Last Name First Name M.I.

Permanent residence _____
 Number, Street, and Apartment Number

 City State ZIP

Your address at school _____
 (if different) Number, Street, and Apartment Number

 City (if studying abroad, add country) State ZIP

Name of your (if applicable): _____ Home telephone () _____

Local Church _____ School/Cell telephone () _____

Pastor: _____

Jurisdiction and _____ E-mail address _____

Bishop: _____

Date of birth _____ Age _____
 Name of College/University attending _____

 Month/Day/Year

Current cumulative GPA- _____
 (High School or College)

Classification: Freshman Sophomore Junior Senior Graduate/Doctoral Student
 (circle one)

Number of college credits earned to date _____ Total number of credits required for graduation _____

Current Major _____ Concentration(s) _____

Name _____

If more space is needed to respond to the following questions, insert additional pages. Pages must be clearly identified with name and response number.

1. List the secondary school from which you graduated and all higher education institutions attended. Include summer, study-abroad, exchange programs.

| School | Location | Dates Attended |
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2. List college and high school activities (student government, sports, publications, school-sponsored community service programs, student-faculty committees, arts, music, etc.). List in descending order of significance. You will have space for eight college and four high school activities.

| College Activity | Dates | Offices |
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| High School Activity | Dates | Offices |
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3. List public service and community activities including church activities (homeless services, environmental protection, etc.). Do not repeat items listed previously. List in descending order of significance. You will have space to list six.

| Activity | Role | Dates | # of Weeks Active |
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Name: _____

4. List part-time and full-time jobs.

| Type of Work | Employer | Dates | Average # of Hours/Week |
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5. List awards, scholarships, publications or special recognitions you have received. List in descending order of significance.

6. Describe how you have serve your community as a volunteer

Name _____

PLEASE RESPOND TO EACH OF THE ESSAY QUESTIONS A TO C

(Attach additional pages, **500 words or more for each question.** Awards are based on how well you perform on each essay question)

7. As a presidential candidate, President Trump talked about limiting immigration of Muslims to the United States in an effort to check the number of radical Islamic terrorists that enter the country. Since his election, Mr. Trump as set forth two executive orders limiting the immigration of persons from seven, later six, majority Islamic countries. Each time the court has ruled the executive orders as unconstitutional because of their exclusion of persons based on their religious affiliations. Based on these set of facts, answer the following questions.

a. As a Christian, what do you think about the United State Constitution first amendment right that disallows the prohibition of the free exercise of religion?

b. The scripture admonishes Israel to "entertain the stranger" among them. These strangers would be equivalent to refugees today. What is God's word saying to modern day Christians about our stance toward refugees?

c. As Christian believers, how should we relate to persons who are Muslim or should we have nothing to do with them?

8. Social science research has shown that America is becoming a more secular nation and that church attendance, even among believers, is down. Further, it has been shown that millennials who have grown up in the church are not very likely to continue their affiliation into adulthood. Based on these facts, please answer the following questions.

a. Why do you think that church attendance is down?

b. Why do you think that millennials are abandoning church attendance even when they are not leaving their faith?

c. What strategy would you put forth for the evangelizing of millennials and for encouraging millennial Christians to participate in a church community?

Name _____

9. If selected as a COGIC Scholar, briefly describe how you would give of your time and financial resources after graduation to support those in need, a charity and/or COGIC Charities?

10. State your career or academic plans/goals upon completing your studies?

11. What other personal information do you wish to share with the COGIC Charities Scholarship Committee?

12. What scholarships, financial aid or other resources will you be receiving or have applied for and in what amount?

13. What is the total semester cost for:

Tuition and fees: \$ _____ Books (estimate): \$ _____ Housing: \$ _____

Other(specify): \$ _____ Total Need: \$ _____

14. Letters of recommendation are enclosed or will be sent separately **MUST BE RECEIVED BY AUGUST 1ST**

from: _____

Please include letters from your pastor, counselor, instructor, or other individuals that are not related to you.

(2 or more letters should be included)



2017-18 Recommendation Form

Applicant Name: _____

Name of person making recommendation: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip code: _____ Telephone number: _____

How long have you known the applicant: _____ in what capacity _____

From your observations and knowledge, please rate the applicant by circling the appropriate number.

| | <i>Outstanding</i> | <i>Excellent</i> | <i>Fair</i> | <i>Poor</i> | <i>Not Recommended</i> |
|---|--------------------|------------------|-------------|-------------|------------------------|
| Character | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 |
| Leadership/ Organizational Abilities | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 |
| Dependability | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 |
| Maturity level | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 |
| Academic Success (Potential to complete studies) | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 |

Kindly provide a brief statement summarizing your letter of recommendation concerning this applicant. Please attach your letter to this form.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Please send this form to: slaw@cogic.org or Ms. Sylvia Law 7904 Winterset Avenue Pikesville MD 21208 Note: Must be received by August 1st.