



*2019-20 Scholarship Applicant Instructions*

**CHANGE IN DEADLINE FILING DATE: AUGUST 1, 2019**

**All scholarship applications must be received via MAIL by August 1. 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 who are already enrolled and attending full-time in an accredited college/university, pursuing an undergraduate degree. **Without exception, graduate degree students must be taking a minimum of 9 credit hours. PLEASE BE SURE YOUR NAME IS ON ALL PAGES.** Recipients will be required to submit final grades for the 2019 fall semester **BEFORE** checks are released. **DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF GRADES IS January 31, 2020, NO EXCEPTIONS.**

All question should be emailed to [slaw@cogic.org](mailto:slaw@cogic.org). You can also refer questions to: [sylvialaw@verizon.net](mailto:sylvialaw@verizon.net) or [slaw7764@gmail.com](mailto:slaw7764@gmail.com). You may also call with any questions 410-992-3083.

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

Review and evaluation of all applications will be done by the COGIC Charities Scholarship Review Committee. Recipients will be notified in late October via email. Please be sure to include your correct email address and phone number.

Verification of financial information and request for official transcripts will be made if applicant is selected. Once selected, freshmen students must submit an official transcript of their first semester grades, which are sealed. College students must have the college/university send an official transcript to: **Ms. Sylvia Law, Chair COGIC Charities Scholarship Committee. (See the address above.)**

After the selection process has been completed, and the grades for the fall semester have been received, the Scholarship checks will be made payable to the college/university and will be mailed directly to the college/university. Copies of all scholarship communiqué will be sent to the applicant. No checks will be sent to the recipient.

Should the recipient fail 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 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. However, one does not have to attend the banquet to receive an award.



**COGIC CHARITIES, INC.**  
**P.O. Box 38 - MEMPHIS. TN 38101**  
 2019-20 COGIC Charities Scholarship Application

In September of the academic year, COGIC Charities, Inc., offers scholarships to selected individuals who are enrolled full-time in a college or university 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<sup>st</sup>**.

as explained in the instructions to **Candidates:** I affirm that I plan to attend or am currently attending a college/university full time. 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

2. List college and high school activities (i.e. 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

High School Activity	Dates	Offices

3. List public service and community activities, including church activities, (i.e. 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

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Type of Work	Employer	Dates	Average # of Hours/Week

5. List awards, scholarships, publications or special recognitions you have received. List in descending order of significance.

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

**PLEASE RESPOND TO TWO (2) OF THE ESSAY QUESTIONS BELOW**

(Attach additional pages, **500 words or more for each question. BE SURE YOUR NAME IS ON ALL PAGES.** Awards are based on how well you respond to each essay question.)

**COGIC Charities Scholarship Questions 2019-20**

1. In 2010, law professor, Michelle Alexander, published *The New Jim Crow: Mass Incarceration in the Age of Colorblindness*. The author shows the correlation among African American slavery, the prison industrial complex and present-day mass incarceration of African American men. The book has resulted in many shifts in the public policy discussions on criminal justice. Later, in his 2017 book, *Locking Up Our Own: Crime and Punishment in Black America*, James Forman, Jr. argues that the leadership in Black America was partially responsible for the rapid increase in black incarceration rates in America. He further asserts that African American leaders demanded that local, state and federal governments participate in attempts to stop crime in black neighborhoods, much of which had resulted from drug sale and usage. Reflecting on what crime has done to many African American neighborhoods, and what mass incarceration of black men has meant to many black families, write a two or three paragraph essay on the mass incarceration of African Americans in 2019.
  
2. On November 27, 2018, Missionary John A. Chau was killed by some Sentinelese, an indigenous group, who live on North Sentinel Island just off the coast of India. For thousands of years, these ancient people have lived isolated from other societies. They refuse to accept modern life and maintain a hunter-gathering life style. They have always defended their island territory and fighting off visitors with bows and poison arrows. Even though, according to Indian law, it was illegal for to enter Sentinelese territory, it had been Mr. Chau's goal to bring the gospel of Jesus Christ to this hostile group. Thus, failing to heed warnings and knowing that the Sentinelese had long resisted the intrusion of outsiders, the 26-year-old missionary from Washington State persisted in going to the Island to reach this group for Christ. Ultimately, like others before him, he was killed. Based on Missionary Chau's case, please answer the following short answer questions.
  - a. Is there any benefit to the Kingdom of God and the saving of sinners when one dies in a situation like Missionary John A. Chau? If so, describe and explain those benefits. If not, explain why his actions were not beneficial.
  - b. Is there a difference between "faith" and "being unwise?" If so, please explain the difference in the context of Missionary Chau's story. If not, please explain why there is no difference.
  - c. In Missionary Chau's decision to approach the ethnic group on North Sentinel Island, he decided to break the law. The scripture has admonished believers to obey the laws of the land. Is it ever "right" to break the law in order to do a "work for the Lord?" If so, when?
  
3. On November 26, 2018, the Associated Press reported that Dr. He Jiankui, a Chinese scientist in Shenzhen, China, claimed to have successfully produced the first genetically-altered babies. Dr. Jiankui's laboratory took a single embryo, edited the DNA, and produced twin girls. There were ethical issues associated with the procedure. There was much criticism in the scientific, religious, and educational community. In order to defend his experiment, Dr. Jiankui stated that the children's father is HIV positive, and that the two genetically-altered babies are now healthy. The doctor posted an on-line video to justify and explain the procedure. He also stated that by altering the genes, the procedure would reduce the twins' risk of also getting the HIV infection. However, these modifications can have lasting effects. DNA changes can be passed to future generations; moreover, it is possible that they can also harm other genes. Based on Dr. Jiankui's claims, answer the following questions:
  - (a) Do you believe it is appropriate for scientists to modify the genetic makeup of human beings? Please cite a relevant scripture to support your conclusion.
  - (b) If the genetic editing that is described in the precis will serve to create humans who are not susceptible to contracting HIV, how can such editing be problematic? Please explain.
  - (c) In this time of scientific advancement, when they seem to be at odds, explain how one works to reconcile faith and science.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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)



2019-20 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.

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Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Please send this form to the address below. Any questions you may call 410-992-3083 or email [slaw7764@gmail.com](mailto:slaw7764@gmail.com) or [slaw@cogic.org](mailto:slaw@cogic.org)  
Ms. Sylvia Law 7904 Winterset Avenue Pikesville MD 21208 Note: Must be received by August 1<sup>st</sup>.