



*2020-21 Scholarship Applicant Instructions*

**CHANGE IN DEADLINE FILING DATE: AUGUST 1, 2020**

**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 2020 fall semester **BEFORE** checks are released. **DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF GRADES IS January 31, 2021, 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: **Dr. 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**  
 2020-21 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 Bishop: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail address \_\_\_\_\_

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 BOTH OF THE ESSAY QUESTIONS BELOW**

1. Using the definition below, please respond to each question in short paragraphs of four or five sentences.

According to Wikipedia, Evangelical Christianity is a worldwide, trans-denominational movement in Protestant Christianity which 1. maintains the belief that the essence of the Gospel consists of the doctrine of salvation by grace, solely through faith in the Jesus' atonement, 2. in the centrality of the conversion or "born again" experience in receiving salvation, 3. in the authority of the Bible as God's revelation to humanity, and 4. in spreading the Christian message.

- a. Using this definition, would you say that COGIC Christians are Evangelicals? Why or why not.
- b. One of the strongest groups that supports the present president of the United State, Donald J. Trump, is white Evangelicals. One of the groups that gives him least support is African America Evangelical Christians. Why do think there is a political difference between the two groups of Christians.
- c. What does it mean to be "born again" and how is this experience accomplished?

2. Using the historical information below, please answer the following questions in short paragraphs of four or five sentences.

The year 2020 marks the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the ratification of the 15<sup>th</sup> Amendment to the U.S. Constitution. And, the year 2020 marks the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the ratification of the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment to the U.S. Constitution. The 15<sup>th</sup> Amendment prohibits the federal government and each state from denying a citizen the right to vote based on the citizen's "race, color, or previous condition of servitude." The 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment prohibits the states and the federal government from denying the right to vote to citizens of the United States on the basis of sex (gender).

- a. During the Jim Crow period (1892-1965) African Americans in certain parts of the country were unable to vote in local, state and national elections; and yet, the 15<sup>th</sup> Amendment was ratified in 1870... before Jim Crow. What methods were used to deny African Americans the right to vote after passage of the 15<sup>th</sup> Amendment.
- b. The 15<sup>th</sup> Amendment presumably gave African American men the right to vote. Why do you think that it took 50 years for African American women to receive the same civil right?
- c. Do you think that voting is important? Please explain why or why not.
- d. What were some of the activities that African Americans did during the Civil Rights Movement of the 1950s in order to regain the right to vote.
- e. What should be done to celebrate the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the 15<sup>th</sup> Amendment and the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment.

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)



2020-21 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>.