



2023 COGIC Charities Scholarship Essay Questions

Please write an essay on **both** questions. Type your essay using 12 font and upload your essay at the prompt. You will not be judged on your opinion but on how you structure your essay. Please ensure that your essay is in your words. The use of Artificial Intelligence (AI) to respond to these questions will automatically disqualify you from receiving a scholarship.

1. During the first half of the 20th century, the Holiness/Pentecostal wing of American Christianity was referred to as the “sanctified church.” These churches included Fire Baptized Holiness Church, United Holiness, Four Square, Church of God of Prophecy, Assemblies of God, Church of God in Christ, and others. These denominations believe in three acts of grace: salvation, sanctification, and the baptism of the Holy Ghost. Using this information, answer the following questions. (25 points)
 - A. What does it mean to be sanctified and how does one reach sanctification?
 - B. Why do you think that the Church of God in Christ is the largest “sanctified” denomination in America?
 - C. One of the testimony formulas in the Church of God in Christ is, “I’m saved, sanctified, and filled with the Holy Ghost. Please explain what each of these works of grace mean.
2. According to the Gun Violence Archive, since 2018 the number of mass shootings in the US has increased by 92%. The 2nd amendment of the US Constitution gives the people the right to bear arms. In Luke 22:36 Jesus tells his disciples to purchase a sword. “If you don’t have a sword, sell your cloak and buy one.” (25 points)
 - A. What are your views on legislating gun control?
 - B. What are your ideas on stopping mass shootings? Some people say only another gun can stop a mass shooter. Do you agree or disagree?
 - C. Should saints carry guns?