



2026-2027 Scholarship Application Instructions

DEADLINE FILING DATE: AUGUST 1, 2026

The application is accessed at <https://www.cogic.org/cogiccharities/scholarships/>

COGIC Charities, Inc. offers scholarships to individuals enrolled full-time in a college or university for the 2025–2026 academic year. The scholarship assists with the cost of tuition, college fees, books, and student housing. Applicants will be evaluated based on the information provided in the application. Scholarships are announced at the annual Presiding Bishop’s “We Care” Banquet in November. Applicants do not have to attend the banquet to receive the award.

Applications must be completed electronically by August 1, 2026. Once selections are made, award notifications will be emailed to applicants.

Note: Unofficial transcripts are required to apply. If selected, official transcripts must be received by February 1, 2027. Funds will not be disbursed until official transcripts are received. There are no exceptions.

Complete all sections of the application. Each question is scored for a maximum total of 100 points. The application consists of three parts:

1. Application Questions
2. Two Essay Questions
3. Two Recommendations

Eligibility Requirements

Applicants must be one of the following:

- Graduating high school seniors currently in the 12th grade
- Undergraduate students enrolled in a college or university
- Graduate or doctoral students enrolled in a college or university

Scholarship Requirements

All applicants must:

- Be enrolled in an accredited college or university
- Be enrolled full-time
 - Undergraduate students: 12 or more credit hours
 - Graduate/doctoral students: 9 or more credit hours

- Have a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.5
- Submit unofficial transcripts with the application (official transcripts required if selected)
- Reapply each year if desired

Recommendations

- Two recommendation forms are required to receive maximum points
- One recommendation must be from your Pastor
- Access the link to the recommendation form at: cogic.org/cogiccharities/scholarships/

Transcripts

- Upload an unofficial transcript with your application
- If selected, official transcripts (including Fall 2026 grades) must be received by February 1, 2027
- Submission instructions will be included in your award letter

Application Tips

- Answer all questions completely
- Each question contributes to a total of 100 points
- Request recommendation letters early
- Proofread all submitted materials
- Write original essays without the use of artificial intelligence (AI)

Evaluation Process

- Each application is reviewed by two evaluators
- Reviews are conducted anonymously
- Applicants are evaluated based on leadership, community involvement, academic achievement, and essay responses
- Final selections are based on scores and available funding

Notification Process

- Recipients will be notified via email in late October
- Ensure your contact information is accurate
- Awardees are invited to attend the Presiding Bishop's "We Care" Banquet during the Church of God in Christ Holy Convocation in November 2026
- The banquet ticket cost is \$200.00
- Attendance is encouraged but not required to receive the scholarship

Disbursement of Funds

- After receipt of official transcripts with Fall semester grades, scholarship checks will be issued to the college/university
- Funds will be applied to the student's account
- All correspondence will be sent to the email address provided on the application
- Checks will not be issued directly to recipients

Contact Information

For questions or concerns, or to submit this signed form, contact the COGIC Charities Scholarship Committee at scholarship@cogic.org

Terms of the Application

Applicants who do not comply with the above stipulations will forfeit the scholarship award.

If a recipient fails to enroll, drops below full-time status, or withdraws from the college or university during the award period, the recipient and/or institution must return all funds associated with the award.

Important Disclosures

Your **electronic signature on the application** affirms that you have read and understand the conditions of the COGIC Charities Scholarship as outlined in these instructions and that you plan to attend a college or university during the 2026–2027 academic year.

You grant permission for college/university officials to release your academic transcripts and any additional information requested by the COGIC Charities Scholarship Program.

You understand that your application is confidential and will be reviewed only by qualified evaluators.

You waive the right to access letters of recommendation submitted on your behalf.

You affirm that your application, including essay responses, is your own original work and that you have not used artificial intelligence (AI).

You affirm that all information provided is true and accurate to the best of your knowledge.