



**California Annual Conference Lay Organization**  
**African Methodist Episcopal Church**  
**LAY SCHOLARSHIP**  
**CONFERENCE YEAR 2024 – 2025 – INFORMATION PACKAGE**  
 Application Period: **June 11 - July 11, 2024**

The **California Conference Lay Organization** of the African Methodist Episcopal Church, **Lay Scholarship** was established for students who have exhibited excellent leadership, community service and academics.

**PURPOSE OF THE SCHOLARSHIP**

- a. To recognize and reward students who have exhibited leadership, community service and academic skills.
- b. To recognize and reward students who plan to participate and/or return to an accredited, vocational or technical program.
- c. To encourage young people to be actively involved in the AME church, birthed from racial and social disparity, and the Lay Organization work - to train and empower members for local and global leadership and service, appreciate AME's rich history, influence progressive legislation, encourage use of modern technology, support education / AME colleges/universities, increase voters' registration, and encourage all members to be involved in the church.

**CRITERIA FOR ELIGIBILITY**

- a. Applicants must be a member of their local AME Church for 12 months **and** must be an active member of the Lay Organization or a local church ministry.
- b. Applicants must attend a two- or four-year accredited college, university, or technical school
- c. Scholarship awards must be used for tuition, books, fees or other need while attending the institution.

**TWO SCHOLARSHIP CATEGORIES**

- a. High School Graduating Seniors
- b. College Students earning undergraduate and graduate degrees

<b>Requirements – HS Graduating Seniors</b>	<b>Requirements – College/Grad Students</b>
<b>Application</b> - Students must complete application package themselves (not their parents)	<b>Application</b> - Students must complete application package themselves (not their parents)
<b>Official Transcript</b> - Official transcript from the college registrar of the school attended. Official transcripts must be scanned as a PDF document.	<b>Official Transcript</b> - Official transcript from the college registrar of the school attended. Official transcripts must be scanned as a PDF document
<b>Personal Essay –</b> <b>300–500</b> words essay includes <b>all</b> five elements below: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Your long-range plans</li> <li>• Your community and church involvement and leadership</li> </ul>	<b>Personal Essay –</b> <b>*500-700</b> words essay includes <b>all</b> five elements below: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Your long-range plans</li> <li>• Your community and church involvement and leadership</li> </ul>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Your accomplishments and/or special rewards/recognition</li> <li><b>List one</b> challenge you faced that greatly impacted your education and share your response(s) to the challenge.</li> </ul> <p>**Provide your Word Count number at the end of your essay.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Your accomplishments and/or special rewards/recognition</li> <li><b>List 2-3</b> challenges you faced that greatly impacted your education and your responses to those challenges</li> </ul> <p>**Provide your Word Count number at the end of your essay.</p>
<p><b>Video</b> 1 minute video introducing yourself</p>	<p><b>Video</b> Up to 2 minutes video introducing yourself and your long-term goals</p>
<p><b>Recent Photograph - Required</b></p>	<p><b>Recent Photograph - Required</b></p>
<p><b>Three Letters of Recommendation</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Letter from your AME Pastor, AND</li> <li>Letter from Local Lay Organization President, AND</li> <li>Letter from School (Teacher, Counselor, Coach, etc.)</li> </ul>	<p><b>Three Letters of Recommendation</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Letter from your AME Pastor, AND</li> <li>Letter from Local Lay Organization President, AND</li> <li>Letter from School (Teacher, Counselor, Coach, etc.)</li> </ul>
<p><b>Certification Page - Required for further consideration</b></p>	<p><b>Certification Page - Required for further consideration</b></p>

Each document must be submitted as a PDF file and attached to one email. **No goggle or ZIP files accepted other than video and photo. Email all documents to [ccloscholarship2024@gmail.com](mailto:ccloscholarship2024@gmail.com)** Subject line is - CCLO 2024 Lay Scholarships [Last, First Name]. Your completed application package must be **submitted by July 11, 2024 at 11:59pm PST.**

## SELECTION PROCESS

The applicants will be scored by a judging committee comprised of members of the California Conference Lay Organization of the AME Church. The judges will evaluate eligible students based on their academic record, video, quality of the essay, letters of recommendation, accomplishments, the level of participation in church ministries and adhering to all instructions. The winner will be announced in July 2024.

## AWARD DISTRIBUTION

One check will be issued by California Conference Lay Organization of the AME Church payable to the selected student(s). Amount to be determined by the Scholarship Committee. The check will be awarded after acceptance of scholarship and proof of enrollment for the Fall 2024 semester have been submitted to [ccloscholarship2024@gmail.com](mailto:ccloscholarship2024@gmail.com). Adjustments will be made for schools on the quarter system.



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**APPLICATION** - Deadline: **July 11, 2024** (print or type)

General Information		
Name:		
Address:		
City:	State:	Zip:
Phone:	Email:	
Parent's name:		
Parent's email:		

College Information		
College Attending or plan to attend:		
Your Major/Minor:		
College Address:		
City:	State:	Zip:

California Conference AME Church Information
Home Church:
Pastor's Name and Email:
City, State



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**CERTIFICATION DOCUMENT**

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The following is a list of qualifications and items that **MUST** be submitted in order for a scholarship application to be considered.

As an applicant for this California Conference Scholarship, I affirm the following by initialing each line item:

- \_\_\_\_\_ I am a graduating high school senior, or college student accepted in the Fall 2024.
- \_\_\_\_\_ I have included my scholarship, mistake-free application
- \_\_\_\_\_ I have personally authored the essay, which has been proofread.
- \_\_\_\_\_ I have attached three letters of recommendation.
- \_\_\_\_\_ I have included a photo.
- \_\_\_\_\_ I have included the video.
- \_\_\_\_\_ All documents (except the photo and video) are PDF files with name on each.  
For example: Sally Sue's Application, Sally Sue's Transcript
- \_\_\_\_\_ I am including this Certification Page with my application package.

Your signature below signifies you have checked each line above and affirms each statement is true. After signing, attach this form to the front of your application.

**Applications will not be received further consideration without this Certification Page.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student's Name (PRINT)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Email

\_\_\_\_\_  
Phone

**Email application, packet checklist, and all documents by: July 11, 2024, to [cclolayscholarship2024@gmail.com](mailto:cclolayscholarship2024@gmail.com).** If your church does not have a Lay President, the letter of recommendation can be written by another church ministry leader.

Students may call me if they have any questions at 510-326-4098 or email me at the email above.