



African Methodist Episcopal Church
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ANNUAL CONFERENCE LAY ORGANIZATION

JUDGE PATRICIA M. MAYBERRY SCHOLARSHIP

Application POSTMARK Deadline: Saturday, September 13, 2025

NOTE: This application is ONLY for student who are in their freshman year.

In order to process your application, the Southern California Annual Conference Lay Organization must have the following application components by the above deadline date. Please check the items completed, and return with your completed application.

- Completed Scholarship Application
- Typed Essay (300 words minimum) your essay will be judged on content and grammar.
- Official High School Transcript
- Copy of Letter of Acceptance from a higher learning institution.
- Two Letters of Recommendation:
 - One letter must be from your Local Lay President
 - One letter from someone who can attest to your character (i.e. Pastor, school, community organization, church member, mentor, etc.)

The GPA must meet the following requirement:

- Cumulative GPS of 2.5 minimum for graduating high school student. Copy of School Transcript.

THE DEADLINE FOR COMPLETED APPLICATIONS MUST BE POSTMARKED BY Saturday, September 13, 2025 APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED IF POSTMARKED AFTER THE DEADLINE.

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JUDGE PATRICIA M. MAYBERRY SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

The Judge Patricia M. Mayberry Scholarship was established by the Southern California Annual Conference Lay Organization for the “Laity” of the church for assisting young men and women of the Christian Faith in the African Methodist Episcopal Church in obtaining a college education, the funds for these scholarships will be administered by the Southern California Annual Conference Lay Organization.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:

- An active Laity member of the Southern California Annual Conference of the African Methodist Episcopal Church, and a participant in a least one Organization or Youth Ministry.
- Pursue course of study leading to a Degree or Certificate of Higher Education.
- Must attend college, university or Technical School in the Fall of 2025
- Must attend an AME Church with an active organized Lay Organization

APPLICATION CRITERIA:

- Typed application form
- Typed Essay (300 words minimum)
- Official High School Transcript
- Two letters of recommendation
One letter from the president of the Local Lay Organization
One letter from someone who can attest to your character (i.e. a Pastor, school, community organization, church member, mentor, etc.)
- Cumulative GPA of 2.5 minimum, graduating high school students.
- Copy of Letter of Acceptance from a Higher Learning Institution i.e., College, University or Technical School.
- Registration of Classes for Fall 2025 Semester

THE SELECTION PROCESS:

Recipients will be selected by a judging committee comprised of members of the Southern California Annual Conference Lay Organization. The judges will evaluate eligible students based on academic record, essay, reference letters, qualities of leadership and extracurricular activities and accomplishments. Winners will be notified by the Scholarship Committee Chairperson. All decisions made by the judges are final. No materials will be returned. Incomplete applications will not be processed.

THE SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS:

Scholarship recipients will receive a scholarship up to Seven Hundred Dollars (\$700.00). The total number and amount of scholarships awarded will depend on available funds. In the event the students are unable to attend College/University, or Technical School, the award will be returned to the scholarship fund. **Documentation of current enrollment (Fall 2025) is needed prior to receiving the award.**

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS:

Applicants must submit the following in one package:

Transcripts:

1. A current Official High School Transcript of grades (seal must appear on the transcript) **or**

Letters of Recommendation:

1. One letter of recommendation from your Local Lay President.
2. One letter of recommendation from someone who can attest to your character (Pastor, school, community organization, church member, mentor, etc.)

Letters must be from someone familiar with the student's academic performance and potential.

Essay:

1. A three hundred (300) word essay must be typed in Arial Font "12" Point double spaced.
2. The essay must state your knowledge of the "Lay Organization" and educational and career goals; include how they relate to your Christian Faith.

Photo:

1. **A 5X7 size photograph must be included**
2. All materials must be postmarked by the deadline to be considered
- 3.

COMPLETED APPLICATION AND MATERIALS MUST BE POSTMARKED BY

Saturday, September 13, 2025

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONTACT:

Scholarship Committee Chair, Naima Olugbala (626) 319-1255

Nai2educate@yahoo.com

LATE OR INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED

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JUDGE PATRICIA M. MAYBERRY SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FORM

PERSONAL DATE

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Male: _____ Female: _____

CHURCH INFORMATION

Name of Local Church: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

Name of Local Lay President: _____

Please list church activities during the past conference year; include local church, lay activities, conference and district involvement (attach separate sheets of paper, if necessary). _____

School Information:

Name of High School _____

Address of High School _____ GPA _____

College Information:

Institute you will be attending _____

What is your intended Major/Minor? _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

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NON-ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS (attach a separate sheet of paper, if necessary)

List significant school-related extracurricular activities in which you have participated:

List significant non-school related extracurricular activities in which you have participated:

LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION ARE FROM:

1. Name: _____ Address: _____
Phone# _____ Organization _____
Title _____
2. Name: _____ Address: _____
Phone# _____ Organization: _____
Title: _____

NOTE: Applicants should keep a copy of the completed application and attachments for their records. Please check carefully to make sure you have completed the entire application process.

THE INFORMATION REPRESENTED HERE IS TRUE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE.

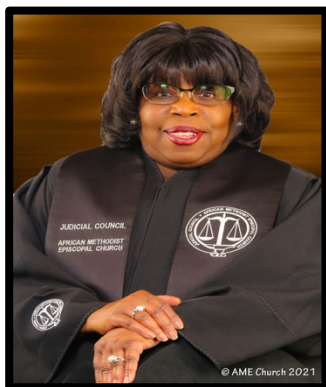
Signature: _____ Date: _____

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MAIL ALL MATERIALS TO
Naima Olugbala
1150 Fairview Ave #109
Arcadia, California 91007

NOTE: Emails will not be accepted

“Judge Patricia M. Mayberry Scholarship”



The scholarship fund of the Southern California Annual Conference Lay Organization is named in honor of the late Judge Patricia M. Mayberry. She was born on August 25, 1951, and was a native of St. Louis Missouri. To prepare herself academically, she attended Scullin Elementary School and Northwest High School in Missouri. After graduation, she continued her studies by earning a Bachelor of Arts degree in Psychology from the University of Missouri, Columbia. She earned a Juris Doctorate from Thurgood Marshall School of Law at Texas Southern University and a Master of Social Work degree from the University of Houston. She was licensed to practice law in the state of Texas. Patricia and practicing law was a match made in heaven

Her legal career included serving the United States Air Force as a Judge Advocate General (JAG), a trial attorney with the Immigration and Naturalization Service, an Administrative Law Judge for the California Unemployment Insurance Appeals Board, and, a Labor Law Attorney with the United States Air Force at the Los Angeles Air Force Base.

Judge Mayberry was a long-time member of Price Chapel African Methodist Episcopal Church, Los Angeles, where she served as the Steward Pro-Tem of the Steward Board; she served as the First Vice President of the Fifth Episcopal District Lay Organization; she served as the parliamentarian of the Local Lay Organization and was a member of the Women's Missionary Society.

With a huge heart, a keen intellect and a mind of service, she believed in mentoring our young people through challenging life transitions while they transitioned into adulthood. Judge Mayberry also believed that a healthy supportive relationship between mentors and mentees helps keep them on track and accountable for achieving their goals, thereby making a significant change in their future.

The Southern California Annual Conference Lay Organization takes great pleasure in establishing the “Patricia M. Mayberry Scholarship “in the memory and honor of our Beloved Sister in Christ.