



African Methodist Episcopal Church
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA CONFERENCE LAY ORGANIZATION

MOSES WALTERS SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Application POSTMARK Deadline:

Monday, December 1, 2025

NOTE: This application is ONLY for students who are in their sophomore year or higher

In order to process your application, the Southern California 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.
- ☐ Proof of continuing college enrollment
- ☐ 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.)

One of the following:

- ☐ Cumulative GPA of 2.5 minimum for continuing college student. Copy of College Transcript

THE DEADLINE FOR COMPLETED APPLICATIONS MUST BE POSTMARKED BY Monday, December 1, 2025 APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED IF POSTMARKED AFTER THE DEADLINE.

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MOSES WALTERS SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

The Moses Walters Scholarship was established by the Southern California 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 Conference Lay Organization.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:

- An active Laity member of the Southern California 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 Spring of 2026
- Must attend an AME Church with an active organized Lay Organization
- Must have graduated High School within the past ten (10) years, and must be an undergraduate student.

APPLICATION CRITERIA:

- Typed application form
- Typed Essay (300 words minimum)
- Official High School Transcript or proof of continuing college enrollment
- Two letters of recommendation:
A letter from the President of the Local Lay Organization
A 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, continuing college students.
- Copy of Letter of Acceptance from a Higher Learning Institution i.e., College, University or Technical School.

THE SELECTION PROCESS:

Recipients will be selected by a judging committee comprised of members of the Southern California 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 with a minimum amount of Seven Hundred Dollars (\$700.00). The total number of scholarships awarded will depend on available funds. In the event the students are unable to attend College/University, the award will be returned to the scholarship fund. **Documentation of current enrollment (Spring 2026) is needed prior to receiving the award.**

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS:

Applicants must submit the following in one package:

Transcripts:

1. Continuing secondary student must provide a copy of their previous semester transcript and their 2026 Spring semester enrollment.

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
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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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MOSES WALTERS 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 College _____

Address of College _____ GPA _____

College Information:

College you will be attending _____

What is your intended Major/Minor? _____

College 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

“Moses Walters Scholarship”

The scholarship fund of the Southern California Conference Lay Organization is named in honor of the late Dr. Moses William Walters. He was born on September 17, 1945, and was a native of Albany Georgia, but spent his early years in Harrisburg Pennsylvania, where he attended Elementary and High School. Upon moving to California, he attended California State Polytechnic University Pomona, Cal State LA, and UCLA, thereby receiving his Masters and PhD degrees. He taught Biology, and served as Associate Director of the Equal Opportunity Program at Cal Poly Pomona for over 20 years.

Dr. Walters was a faithful member of St. Paul African Methodist Episcopal Church of San Bernardino, California for many years, He was a beloved layman, a devout Christian, a well known educator, a popular Lay Day speaker, and served as the president of the Lay Organization for several years. He was a quiet, friendly, articulate man who was well respected by the Lay Organization, his church family and Pastor.

Additionally, He served in the following capacities:

- Appointed as Lay Worship Leader by the Pastor and served in that capacity for twelve years.
- Served as the chairperson of the Budget and Finance Committee
- Taught the New Member Class.
- Parliamentarian of the Lay Organization
- Served on the Scholarship Committee
- Delegate to the General Conference
- Chairperson of the Legislation Committee
- 3rd Vice President of the SCCLO

His last act of service was to pin the annual "State of the Lay Organization" report which he presented during the Lay Convention. He died much too soon, but we have continued to honor him by establishing the Moses Walters Scholarship Fund. “To God Be The Glory”.