



African Methodist Episcopal Church  
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA CONFERENCE LAY ORGANIZATION

**MOSES WALTERS SCHOLARSHIP**

**Application POSTMARK Deadline: Friday, January 6, 2023**

**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.
- Official High School Transcript **or** 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 GPS of 2.7 minimum for graduating high school student. Copy of School Transcript.
- Cumulative GPA of 2.5 minimum for continuing college student. Copy of College Transcript

**THE DEADLINE FOR COMPLETED APPLICATIONS MUST BE POSTMARKED BY Friday, January 6, 2023 APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED IF POSTMARKED AFTER THE DEADLINE.**

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**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 master's 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
- 3<sup>rd</sup> 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".

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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 of Higher Education. Must attend college or university in the Spring of 2023. Must attend an AME Church with an active organized Lay Organization Must have graduated High School within the past ten (10) years

**APPLICATION CRITERIA:**

- Typed application form
- Typed Essay (300 words minimum)
- Official High School Transcript or proof of continuing college enrollment
- 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 2.7 minimum, graduating high school students.
- 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 2023) 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**
2. Continuing secondary student must provide a copy of their current 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**

**Friday, January 6, 2023**

**FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Scholarship Committee Chair, Frances Settles (909) 947-1488

[oceanairtravel@aol.com](mailto:oceanairtravel@aol.com)

**LATE OR INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED**

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**MOSES WALTERS SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FORM**

**PERSONAL DATA**

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). \_\_\_\_\_

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**School Information:**

Name of High School/College \_\_\_\_\_

Address of High School/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:

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

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**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  
Frances Settles  
2631 S. Colonial Avenue  
Ontario, California 91761**

**NOTE: Emails will not be accepted**