African Methodist Episcopal Church
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ANNUAL CONFERENCE LAY ORGANIZATION

JUDGE PATRICA M. MAYBERRY SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

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

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 records, essays, 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 of up to seven hundred dollars ($700.00). The total amount of scholarships awarded will depend on available funds. In the event the students are unable to attend said college/university, or technical school, the award will be returned to the scholarship fund.

DOCUMENTATION OF CURRENT ENROLLMENT (FALL 2026) IS NEEDED PRIOR TO RECEIVING THE AWARD

“Judge Patricia M. Mayberry Scholarship”

The Scholarship Fund of the Southern California Annual Conference Lay Organization is named in honor and memory of the late Judge Patricia M. Mayberry, a distinguished jurist, attorney, educator, mentor, and devoted servant of God and the African Methodist Episcopal Church.

Judge Mayberry was born on August 25, 1951, and was a native of St. Louis, Missouri. She received her early education at Scullin Elementary School and Northwest High School in St. Louis. Following high school, she pursued higher education at the University of Missouri–Columbia, where she earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Psychology. She subsequently earned a Juris Doctor degree from the 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. For Judge Mayberry, the practice of law was more than a profession—it was a calling through which she demonstrated her commitment to justice, service, and advocacy.

Her distinguished legal career included service as a Judge Advocate General (JAG) in the United States Air Force, a trial attorney with the Immigration and Naturalization Service, an Administrative Law Judge with the California Unemployment Insurance Appeals Board, and a Labor Law Attorney with the United States Air Force at Los Angeles Air Force Base. Throughout her career, she exemplified intellectual excellence, professional integrity, and a steadfast commitment to public service.

Judge Mayberry was a longtime and faithful member of Price Chapel African Methodist Episcopal Church in Los Angeles, where she served as Steward Pro Tem of the Steward Board. She also served as First Vice President of the Fifth Episcopal District Lay Organization, Parliamentarian of the Local Lay Organization, and a member of the Women’s Missionary Society. Her service reflected a deep commitment to the advancement of the Church and the development of its members.

Judge Mayberry possessed a generous spirit, a keen intellect, and an unwavering commitment to serving others. She was particularly passionate about mentoring young people as they navigated the challenges and opportunities associated with the transition into adulthood. She understood that meaningful, supportive relationships between mentors and mentees can provide guidance, encouragement, accountability, and direction—essential elements in helping young people establish and achieve their educational, professional, and personal goals.

Her life exemplified the transformative power of faith, education, service, and mentorship. Through her example, Judge Mayberry demonstrated that academic achievement and professional success are most meaningful when accompanied by a commitment to uplifting others and making a positive difference in their lives.

It is with great pride and profound appreciation that the Southern California Annual Conference Lay Organization established the Patricia M. Mayberry Scholarship in memory and honor of our beloved Sister in Christ. This scholarship serves not only as a tribute to her remarkable life and legacy but also as an enduring investment in the educational aspirations and future potential of deserving students.

Through this scholarship, Judge Mayberry’s legacy of excellence, service, mentorship, and Christian faith continues to inspire future generations.

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Application POSTMARK Deadline:
Saturday, October 3, 2026

There will be no exception to this date, and all documents must be mailed to this address:
1150 Fairview Ave Apt #109, Arcadia Ca 91007

NOTE: This application is ONLY for students 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

Submit a typed essay of 300–400 words. The essay will be evaluated on content, grammar, organization, and relevance to the primary topic.

The essay should address the following:

- "Your knowledge of the *Lay Organization*, your educational plans, and your career goals, including how these areas relate to and are guided by your Christian faith."

Be sure to demonstrate your understanding of the *Lay Organization*, clearly describe your educational plans and career goals, and explain how your Christian faith influences your purpose, values, and future aspirations.

1. Official High School Transcript

2. Copy of a letter of acceptance from a higher learning institution i.e. a college, university or a technical school.

3. Two Letters of Recommendation: These persons must be familiar with the student's academic performance and or potential.

    a. One letter must be from your **Local Lay President**

    b. and a letter from someone who can attest to your character (i.e.) a pastor, school, community organization, church member, mentor, etc.

4. Cumulative GPS of 2.5 minimum for graduating high school students. Copy of School Transcript. **Registration for classes for fall 2026 semester.**
    a. The deadline for the completed application must be postmarked and mailed to Naima Olugbala at the above address by the date stated above: (Saturday, October 3, 2026)

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Application POSTMARK Deadline: Saturday, October 3, 2026

There will be no exceptions to this date, all documents must be received by this date, no email documents will be excepted, posted on or before Saturday, October 3, 2026.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS/APPLICATION CRITERIA

- 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.
- Pursuing course of study leading to a degree or a certificate of higher education.
- Must attend an AME Church with an active organized Lay Organization or have participated with a church that has a Lay Organization, and it can be verified.
- A **5/7 size photo** must accompany your application, must be included, cannot be sent later. It can be color or black and white.

THE SELECTION PROCESS:
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APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS, MUST BE ALL SENT 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**. (Mandatory)

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 with a maximum of 400-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.

3. Please be sure to count the words in your essay. The essay must be 300 words but no more than 400 words. Essays that do not meet this requirement will not be accepted.

LATE OR INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED

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JUDGE PATRICIA M. MAYBERRY
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 Organization President: _____

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

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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 _____

COMPLETED APPLICATION AND MATERIALS
MUST BE <u>POST MARKED</u> BY Saturday, October 3, 2026
Naima Olugbala, 1150 Fairview Ave Apt # 109, Arcadia, Ca. 91007
Phone: (626) 319-1255

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: _____ Phone: _____

   Address: _____

   Organization: _____ Title: _____

2. Name: _____ Phone: _____

   Address: _____

   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.

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