



FIRST AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH (FAME) OF LOS ANGELES 2270

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COMMISSION ON SCHOLARSHIP, EDUCATION AND TRAINING (CSET)

2025 Scholarship Application

(Also Available Online @ <http://www.famechurchla.org>)

Application Rollout Date: March 23, 2025

PURPOSE

To provide financial assistance to graduating high school seniors, community college, vocational school and undergraduate college students who meet the criteria established by the First AME Church of Los Angeles (FAME) Commission on Scholarship, Education and Training (CSET). Awards will be administered and granted by CSET.

TO THE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICANT

To be eligible for consideration, the applicant must meet the requirements and submit all the items listed below:

Eligibility Requirements

- 1) Be a member of First African Methodist Episcopal Church, Los Angeles.
- 2) Have a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.25.
- 3) Have previously received ***no more than*** five FAME scholarships.
- 4) Have not already earned a bachelor's degree.

Submission Checklist

- Complete the entire scholarship application form.
- Submit a minimum 500-word typed essay: see Page 2 of the 2025 FAME Application for the essay topic.
- Submit at least one letter of recommendation from any of the following: high school teacher, college counselor, church, or community leader. Having the Letter of Recommendation on official letterhead is preferred.
- Provide a copy of Official High School Transcript if less than one semester or quarter of college credit earned OR provide copy of Official College Transcript if more than one semester or quarter of college credit earned.
- After a scholarship is awarded, proof of current university/college enrollment will be required by Friday, October 24, 2025 to receive the award.

The FAME Commission on Scholarship, Education and Training (CSET) ensures confidentiality of the scholarship information submitted by the applicant.

I HAVE READ THE ABOVE CRITERIA AND AUTHORIZE THE FAME COMMISSION ON SCHOLARSHIP, EDUCATION AND TRAINING (CSET) TO REVIEW THE INFORMATION SUBMITTED FOR THE PURPOSE OF SCHOLARSHIP CONSIDERATION. THE SIGNATURE ON THIS APPLICATION AFFIRMS THE APPLICANT AGREES TO ABIDE BY AND ADHERE TO ALL DEADLINES WITHOUT EXCEPTION. AN UNSIGNED APPLICATION WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED FOR SCHOLARSHIP CONSIDERATION.

APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

**PARENT'S SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____
(Required if Applicant is Under 18 Years Old)**

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2025 FAME Scholarship Application Essay Topic

Describe a time when you had a problem that worried you, and you had to fix it. Write about what happened and how you relied on your faith to get through it.

* Implicit within the essay question is the opportunity for you to tell the 2025 FAME Scholarship Committee about yourself, including what are your career goals. It is also an opportunity for thoughtfulness and creativity but make clear and certain that you address all aspects of the topic. *

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Mr. /Ms.

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Primary Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Telephone: Home _____ Cell _____

Email Address: _____

High School Graduate Applicants

(Not applicable if one semester of college/university has been completed)

Name of High School: _____

High School Address: _____

Cumulative GPA: _____

College/University Applicants

College /University: _____

College /University Address: _____

Level (Check One): Freshman Sophomore Junior Senior

College Major: _____

Cumulative GPA: _____

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Brief Summary of Educational and/or Vocational Goals:

Awards/Commendations/Scholarships:

Current/Prior Volunteer Service (FAME Church, School, and/or Community):

The completed application, along with all supporting documents, whether submitted electronically to scholarship@famechurch.org, or delivered by hand, U.S. mail or special courier, must be received at FAME Church's Business Office no later than 12:00 PM PT on Sunday, May 25, 2025. **Scholarship Winners** will be notified in a timely manner. The Winners or their representative will be asked to attend an Awards Celebration at 12:00 P.M. PT on Sunday, July 27, 2025.

NOTE: All Scholarship Awards must be collected no later than *Friday, October 24, 2025*.

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Dated Received: _____ **Received By:** _____

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HELPFUL HINTS

- **Completing the Application** - Allow yourself ample time to complete the application thoroughly. Write a thoughtful essay that represents you positively, as well as addresses the substance of the question posed in the essay topic.

- **Submitting the Application** - All components of the 2025 FAME Scholarship Application should be submitted in one of the following ways:
 - (1) Download the Application from the FAME Church website: famechurchla.org. Fill in the application electronically. Create a PDF document that includes the completed Application, with the Essay, Letter(s) of Recommendation and *Transcript. Name the document “YOUR NAME 2025 FAME Scholarship Application.pdf” (for example: JANE-DOE-2025-FAME Scholarship-Application.pdf). Email the PDF to scholarship@famechurch.org not later than the deadline of 12 P.M. PT on Sunday, May 25, 2025.
 - OR**
 - (2) Obtain a hard copy of the Application from the FAME Church Office or download it from famechurchla.org with the intent to complete the Application manually. Submit a hard copy of the completed Application, with the Essay, Letter of Recommendation and *Transcript to the FAME Church Office not later than the deadline of 12 P.M. PT on Sunday, May 25, 2025.

- **Ordering Your Official Transcript** - Find out how long it takes your school to provide a transcript, and order it in time for you to receive it and attach it to your application. The Official Transcript will be ***Hard Embossed** by your school or have its ***Electronic Watermark**.

- **Timely Asking for a Letter(s) of Recommendation** – Give the person you want to write your Letter of Recommendation *at least* two weeks before you need it. Ask the person if he/she would like you to give them a draft from which to work. Having an updated draft letter of recommendation on hand means you are always prepared.

- **Photos** – After the Application has been received, you may be asked to submit a suitable photo of yourself. A photo or headshot of you wearing your “Sunday Best” is appropriate. Do not send a photo with your Application.

- **Cellphone & Email** – The 2025 FAME Scholarship Application asks for both. Be certain the information you submit is correct and remains current. Think carefully about the email address you submit. You want to use an email address that you regularly check.

- **Questions?** – We are here to help. If you have any questions, please contact us at scholarship@famechurch.org or call 323-735-1251.