

*COMMUNITY OF CHURCHES*

*FOR*

*SOCIAL ACTIONS (CCSA)*

Dr. E. Thurman Walker, Founder

2024 Vocational Scholarship Application

Application is available for download from: <http://www.ccsasatx.org>

Application Deadline: Friday, April 12, 2024, 3:00 p.m.

**(All completed applications and supporting documents  
must be mailed to the following P. O. Box address)**

Community of Churches for Social Action  
Attention: Scholarship Committee  
2400 McCullough  
P. O. Box 15798  
San Antonio, Texas 78212

**Bishop Geoffrey Stirrup, *CCSA Chairman***  
**Pastor Verell Nelson, *Executive Director***  
**Pastor Jeffrey A. Garner, *Scholarship Chair***

## Vocational Scholarship Application Process

**Applicants receiving full athletic scholarships are not eligible to apply.**

The Community of Churches for Social Action (CCSA) through the Southwest Research Institute (SwRI) awards scholarships to graduating high school seniors who desire to enter technical programs through a vocational or community college on a full-time basis. Each eligible candidate must be a member of a local church or affiliated with the CCSA and submit a completed application on or before the deadline.

The attached application **MUST** be typed. Applicants will be considered for a Southwest Research Institute vocational scholarship based upon the criteria described below.

### CRITERIA FOR THE VOCATIONAL SOUTHWEST RESEARCH INSTITUTE SCHOLARSHIP:

- **United States Citizen – Scholar will be required to provide proof of citizenship.**
- **San Antonio high school graduate with technical/vocational enrollment within 1 year of high school**
- **Must have a high school overall GPA of 2.5 or higher.**
- **Must pursue a technical/vocational program that aligns with SwRI’s workforce mission.**

Reference: <https://www.swri.org/market-segments>

Southwest Research Institute Mission: *“Benefiting government, industry and the public through innovative science and technology”*. Reference SwRI website, <https://www.swri.org/>

[Summer Internships will be offered to recipients who successfully complete their first year.](#)

### APPLICATION PACKAGE MUST INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING:

- **Typed Completed Scholarship Application**
- **Photograph** (preferably an original, wallet-size, senior portrait head shot)
- **Typed Essay:** A 250 to 300 words, expounding on the statement: **“HOW I CAN INCORPORATE GOD INTO MY VOCATIONAL GOALS”**. Essay should be (double-spaced) on a separate sheet. Applicants are encouraged to carefully and truthfully express their personal beliefs when writing essays.
- **Typed STATEMENT OF INTENT:** On a separate sheet, type a paragraph stating your hopes, dreams, and intentions to give back to society.
- **Submit one paragraph explaining the relevance of the technical program you plan to pursue to Southwest Research Institute’s mission**
- **Submit current official High School Transcript through midterm of the school year (2023-2024).**
- **Three letters of recommendations** (at least one letter from the student’s senior counselor and a senior teacher in the core subjects (English, Math, Science or Social Studies) and one letter from the student’s pastor). Letters should be signed.

## Vocational Scholarship Application

(Application must be typed; this is an electronic form)

Full Name:

(Last)

(First)

(MI)

Current Address:

(Street Address)

(City)

(State)

(Zip)

Home Telephone:

Mobile:

E-mail Address:

Date of Birth:

Church Affiliation:

Pastor's Name:

High School:

What technical program will you pursue?

Vocational/Community College

Father (Male Guardian) Name:

Address:

Employer:

Position:

**Mother (Female Guardian) Name:**

**Address:**

**Employer:**  **Position:**

**Church Involvement:** List ministries and other church involvement, including offices held; attach a separate sheet, if needed.

Activity	Years Involved	Office/Honor/Award
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**Community Service Involvement:** List your volunteer service; attach a separate sheet, if needed

Type Service	Hrs.	Type Service	Hrs.
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**Extra-Curricular Activities:** List extra-curricular activities participated in high school, including offices held, honors, awards, etc. Attach a separate sheet, if needed.

Activity	Years Involved	Office/Honor/Award
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**REQUIRED SIGNATURES**

Applicant's Signature:  Date:

Guardian's Signature:

Pastor's Signature:  Date:

**CHECKLIST:**

\_\_\_ 3 Signed Letters of Recommendation

\_\_\_ Typed, Signed Essay

\_\_\_ Required Signatures

\_\_\_ Typed Statement of Intent

\_\_\_ Photo (wallet size, head shot preferred, no proofs or selfies)

\_\_\_ Typed Paragraph discussing how selected technical program is relevant to the SwRI Mission

**“INCOMPLETE PACKAGES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED”**

The CCSA Scholarship Selection Committee will review all applications. The committee will select candidates who possess good academic records and demonstrate upstanding personal qualities.

Each award will be given in the recipient’s name to the institution of higher learning specified by the applicant. Scholarship recipients will be notified prior to the CCSA Annual Scholarship Service, May 17, 2024, of their selection.

Contact Pastor Verell Nelson, [ccsasatx@gmail.com](mailto:ccsasatx@gmail.com) for further information.