

COMMUNITY OF CHURCHES FOR SOCIAL ACTION (CCSA)

Dr. E. Thurman Walker, Founder

2026 Non-Traditional Scholarship Application

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

**Application Deadline: Friday, April 10, 2026
MUST BE POSTMARKED BY April 10, 2026**

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

Non-Traditional Scholarship Application Process

The Non-Traditional Scholarship is awarded to adults pursuing a first degree and attending or having been accepted into a school of higher learning. To be considered for this award, each candidate must display a financial burden and hold membership in or be affiliated with a local church. Candidates currently enrolled in college level courses must possess a minimum 3.0 grade point average.

APPLICATION PACKAGE MUST INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING:

- **Typed Completed Scholarship Application**
- **Photograph (Preferably wallet-size)**
- **Grades from last semester (if applicable)**
- **Typed-written Essay:** On a separate sheet, in 250 to 300 words, double-spaced, expound on the statement: **WHAT MOTIVATED ME TO FURTHER MY EDUCATION AND HOW THIS DECISION ALIGNS WITH GOD'S PURPOSE FOR ME.**
- **Personal Statement of Commitment** (A paragraph stating your goals and plans for fulfilling them)

Applicants are encouraged to carefully and truthfully express their personal beliefs when writing essays.

- **Letters of Recommendation:** Letters should be requested from your pastor, employer(s), mentors, or formal teachers, or college instructors (counselors). At a minimum, letters of recommendation should include your perceived work ethics, character traits, and community/church involvement. Packages containing multiple letters will receive stronger consideration. Letters should be signed.

Applications will be thoroughly reviewed to ensure recipients are worthy of awards. Each award will be forwarded to the recipient's specified college or technical school for deposit into his/her academic account. Award recipients are required to carry a minimum of 9 credit hours.

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Contact Pastor Verell Nelson, vnelson@ccsasatx.org for further information.

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Non-Traditional Student 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:

Declared Course of Study:

College or Technical School:

Current Employer:

Number of Children under the Age of 18:

Church Affiliation:

Certification: I certify the essay is my own composition and the information contained in this application is accurate.

Applicant's Signature:

Date:

Pastor's Signature:

Date:

Application Checklist

- ___ Completed Application Form
- ___ Photograph (preferably a wallet size photo)
- ___ Essay (typed, double spaced)
- ___ Personal Statement of Commitment
- ___ Signed Letter(s) of Recommendation
- ___ Grades from last Semester of college (if applicable)

“INCOMPLETE PACKAGES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED”