

COMMUNITY OF CHURCHES FOR SOCIAL ACTION
(CCSA)

Dr. E. Thurman Walker, Founder

2026 Traditional Scholarship Application

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

Application Deadline: Friday, 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*

Traditional Scholarship Application Process

Applicants receiving full athletic scholarships are not eligible to apply.

The Community of Churches for Social Action (CCSA) award scholarships to graduating high school seniors who desire to enter institutions of higher education 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 CCSA or a San Antonio Livestock Exposition (S. A.L.E.) scholarship based upon the criteria described below.

ONLY ONE APPLICATION IS REQUIRED

***CRITERIA FOR THE CCSA SCHOLARSHIP:**

- You must be a 2026 graduating high school senior.
- Accepted in an institution of higher education.
- Must attend on a full-time basis.
- **All Majors are considered.**

****CRITERIA FOR THE S.A.L.E. SCHOLARSHIP:**

- **United States Citizen – Scholar will be required to provide proof of citizenship.**
- **Texas high school graduate with college enrollment within 1 year of high school.**
- **Must attend an accredited college or university in the state of Texas; no online degrees.**
- **Must maintain a GPA of 2.5 per semester.**
- **Must take a minimum of 12 hours per semester.**
- **Must pursue a S.A.L.E. approved major and courses taken must reflect a S.A.L.E. approved major, as applicable. (see attached S.A.L.E. List of Approved Majors)**
- **Submit a one paragraph statement explaining your selection of a major and its relevance to the S.A.L.E. mission.**

S.A.L.E. Mission: *“A Volunteer Organization that Supports Agriculture & Education to Develop the Youth of Texas”*

Supporting Documentation Required with Traditional 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 EDUCATIONAL GOALS”**. Essay should be (double-spaced) on a separate sheet.
- **Typed STATEMENT OF INTENT:** On a separate sheet, type a paragraph stating your hopes, dreams, and intentions to give back to society.
- **Submit current official High School Transcript through midterm of the school year (2025-2026).**
- **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.
- **Typed Paragraph** discussing how selected major is relevant to the S.A.L.E. Mission (for applicants desiring consideration for a S.A.L.E. scholarship).

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“INCOMPLETE PACKAGES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED”

All applications will be reviewed by the CCSA Scholarship Selection Committee. The committee will select candidates who possess good academic records and demonstrate upstanding personal qualities. Extra-curricular activities, church involvement and interests will be considered to identify potential and personal motivation. Applicants are encouraged to carefully and truthfully express their personal beliefs when writing essays.

Each award will be given in the recipient’s name to the institution of higher education specified by the applicant. ***Scholarship recipients will be notified of their selection prior to the CCSA Annual Scholarship Ceremony, held May 22, 2026.***

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

Traditional 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:

Class Ranking of _____ **GPA** _____

Test Scores: SAT _____ **ACT** _____

(MATH)

(Verbal)

(Composite)

What course of study will you pursue?

Accredited College or University you plan to attend:

Father (Male Guardian) Name:

Address:

Employer: Position:

Obtained Bachelor's Degree or Higher (Yes or No) _____

If Yes, year obtained: _____

Mother (Female Guardian) Name:

Address:

Employer: Position:

Obtained Bachelor's Degree or Higher (Yes or No) _____

If Yes, year obtained: _____

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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CERTIFICATION: This section certifies that you understand the responsibilities of being a CCSA or S.A.L.E Scholar and that you commit to meeting all eligibility requirements set forth throughout the entirety of your scholarship. Please check each applicable item.

- I certify to the best of my knowledge, the information contained in this application is correct and complete and the essay is my own composition.
- I understand the CCSA, and S.A.L.E. scholarships are separate awards and I am only eligible to receive one of them.
- I understand if I am considered for a S.A.L.E. scholarship my degree selection has been made from the *Acceptable Majors* list provided with this scholarship application and online degrees are unacceptable.
- I understand I must pursue a S.A.L.E. approved major throughout my college years or forfeit future scholarship money.
- I have not accepted a full athletic scholarship.
- I will submit my academic transcript to CCSA or S.A.L.E. at the end of each semester to verify my eligibility for continued funds.
- If selected for the S.A.L.E. scholarship, I will maintain minimum Grade Point Average of 2.5 on a 4.0 scale or forfeit future scholarship money.
- I have requested a transcript from the high school I am attending.

REQUIRED SIGNATURES

Applicant's Signature:	<input type="text"/>	Date:	<input type="text"/>
Guardian's Signature:	<input type="text"/>		
Pastor's Signature:	<input type="text"/>	Date:	<input type="text"/>

CHECKLIST:

- 3 Letters of Recommendation**
- Transcript**
- Typed, Signed Essay**
- Required Signatures**
- Typed Statement of Intent**
- Photo (wallet-size, head shot preferred, no proofs or selfies)**
- Typed Paragraph discussing how selected major is relevant to the S.A.L.E. Mission
(for applicants desiring consideration for a S.A.L.E. scholarship)**

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FY2026 S.A.L.E. APPROVED MAJORS

1. **College of Human Sciences**
 - a. Allied Health
 - b. Nursing
2. **School of Pharmacy**
Pharmacy/Pharmacology
3. **School of Law**
 - a. Environmental Law
 - b. Property Law
4. **College of Business**
 - a. Accounting
 - b. Advertising/Marketing/Public Relations
 - c. Banking
 - d. Finance
5. **College of Engineering**
 - a. Biomedical Engineering
 - b. Chemical Engineering
 - c. Mechanical Engineering
6. **College of Sciences**
 - a. Biology
 - b. Biomedical Sciences
 - c. Chemistry
 - d. Geosciences
7. **College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources** (*any major that is in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences is acceptable)
 - a. Agribusiness
 - b. Agricultural Communications
 - c. Agricultural Development
 - d. Agricultural Economics
 - e. Agricultural Education
 - f. Agricultural Engineering/Mechanized Agriculture
 - g. Agricultural Journalism/Communications
 - h. Agricultural Statistics
 - i. Agricultural Systems Management
 - j. Agriculture and Life Sciences
 - k. Agriculture Research
 - l. Agriculture Science
 - m. Agronomy
 - n. Animal Science
 - o. Aquaculture/Aqua farming
 - p. Biochemistry
 - q. Botany
 - r. Dairy Science
 - s. Entomology
 - t. Environmental Conservation of Natural Resources
 - u. Equine Science
 - v. Family and Consumer Sciences
 - w. Fishery Science
 - x. Floriculture
 - y. Food Engineering
 - z. Food Nutrition
 - aa. Food Science
 - bb. Forestry Science
 - cc. Genetics
 - dd. Horticulture
 - ee. Hydroculture
 - ff. Hydroponics
 - gg. Interdisciplinary Agriculture
 - hh. International Agriculture Commerce
 - ii. Landscape Architecture
 - jj. Mariculture
 - kk. Plant Science
 - ll. Poultry Science
 - mm. Rangeland Ecology and Management
 - nn. Soil Science
 - oo. Veterinary Medicine
 - pp. Vocational Agriculture Teaching Certification
 - qq. Wildlife Science