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## 2024 Scholarship Application

### Guidelines

National Youth Congress Scholarship Committee will award eligible graduating high school seniors attending 2 and 4 year colleges and universities, and graduate students with a scholarship for the 2024/2025 school year.

Available Scholarships: Please note that criteria are located at the end of the application. Please select the scholarship you are applying for:

- Edward G. Robinson Fine Arts Scholarship
- Eric Sherman Leadership Scholarship
- Bishop Dr. L. Delores Ward Educational Scholarship
- Bishop Theodore Nelson Brown Memorial Scholarship
- College Textbook Scholarship

### Program Guidelines & Priorities:

- \* Seeking graduating seniors with a record of volunteerism in the community in non-school sponsored activities and participation in extracurricular school activities.
- \* Applicants must have a minimum GPA of 2.5, and plan to attend a 2 or 4 year college or technical school.
- \* Scholarship funds will be paid **in August 2024 of the student's first year directly to the recipient.**
- \* Applicants must have the endorsement of their Pastor, State Congress President and Bishop on their application attesting they are a qualified fit for this scholarship program. Application deadline is **July 11th, 2024 by 5:00 p.m.** to be received by the Committee. Late applications are not accepted.

Email one copy of a completed typed application package to:  
(This includes application with signoff by State Youth Congress President,  
Pastor and Bishop, essay, resume, school transcript, and acceptance letter).

NYC Scholarship Committee  
LaKesia McSween  
[lamcsween@hotmail.com](mailto:lamcsween@hotmail.com)

Applications may be downloaded from the Church of the Living God website at [www.houseofgodclg.org](http://www.houseofgodclg.org)

Please submit any questions to: [lamcsween@hotmail.com](mailto:lamcsween@hotmail.com)







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**STATEMENT OF SUPPORT BY PASTOR**

I hereby affirm that this application meets the criteria set forth by this scholarship program and that I support this application.

Name of Pastor: \_\_\_\_\_

Church: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact information (email and phone): \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature of Pastor:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**STATEMENT OF SUPPORT BY STATE YOUTH CONGRESS PRESIDENT**

I hereby affirm that this application meets the criteria set forth by this scholarship program and that I support this application.

Name of SYC President: \_\_\_\_\_

Diocese: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact information (email and phone): \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature of SYC President:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**STATEMENT OF SUPPORT BY BISHOP**

I hereby affirm that this application meets the criteria set forth by this scholarship program and that I support this application.

Name of Bishop: \_\_\_\_\_

Diocese: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact information (email and phone): \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature of Bishop:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_



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**BEFORE YOU SUBMIT YOUR APPLICATION, PLEASE USE THIS CHECKLIST!!!**

**Checklist**

- Application
- Essay
- Resume/Activity Sheet
- Pastor Signature
- SYC President Signature
- Bishop Signature
- School Transcript
- Acceptance Letter

**EMAIL COMPLETE APPLICATION PACKAGE TO THE SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE AT:**  
National Youth Congress Scholarship Committee c/o LaKesia McSween

EMAIL: [lamcsween@hotmail.com](mailto:lamcsween@hotmail.com)

**REMINDER:**

The deadline for this application to be received is: **JULY 11<sup>th</sup>, 2024, 5:00 p.m.** \*

***\*SUBMISSIONS AFTER THE DEADLINE WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED***



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## **National Youth Congress Scholarship Criteria** **Elder Edward G. Robinson Scholarship**

Greetings,

For the first time, the National Music Conference of the Churches of the Living God is presenting the Elder Edward G. Robinson Scholarship. This scholarship is honoring an outstanding leader, poet, enthusiastic pianist, arranger, composer, and pastor. Professor E. G. Robinson organized our Church's first National Youth Congress Choir and later became the Vice President of the National Youth Congress. He was Pastor of Miracle Tabernacle Church of the Living God where he faithfully served until his demise. The recipient of this award in the amount of \$500 or greater will be presented to an individual desiring to pursue a degree in music.

All applicants must meet the following criteria:

- Major/Minor in Music or Fine Arts
- Active musician, choir or dance ministry at your local church Faithful in Church Ministry
- Active in Community (*Please provide history of your community involvement and/or able to expound about your participation*)
- GPA of 2.75 or higher
- A copy of your *acceptance letter* to a College or University

Please include 3 recommendation letters with your application. One letter must be from your State Bishop or State Elder, one letter from your Pastor, and one letter from a teacher or guidance counselor. All letters must be written on letter head.





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## **National Youth Congress Scholarship Criteria Eric Christopher Sherman Scholarship**

Greetings,

For the first time, the National Youth Congress of the Churches of the Living God, is presenting the Eric Christopher Sherman Scholarship. This scholarship is honoring a warm hearted young man who loved the youth and would give his last to anyone in need. He was a self-taught drummer and grew up attending the National Youth Congress. Eric Christopher Sherman was the Youth Congress President for the Trinity Central West Diocese. The recipient of this award in the amount of \$500 or greater will be presented to an individual desiring to pursue a college degree.

All applicants must meet the following criteria:

- Must be a faithful and active participant in their local church.
- Active in the Community (*Please provide history of your community involvement and/or be able to expound about your participation.*)
- GPA of 2.75 or higher
- A copy of your *acceptance letter* to a College or University

Please include 3 recommendation letters with your application. One letter must be from your State Bishop or State Elder, one letter from your Pastor, and one letter from a teacher or guidance counselor. All letters must be written on letter head.



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## **National Youth Congress Scholarship Criteria Bishop Dr. Lillie Delores Simmons Ward Scholarship**

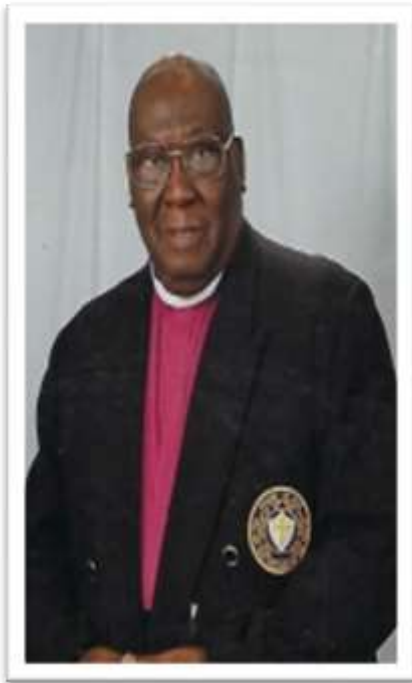
1. A scholarship is available to college freshmen, sophomores, juniors, seniors, and graduating high school seniors. Applicant must have a G.E.D. or high school/vocational school diploma. Scholarship is awarded for the academic year September – June.
2. Applicant must be a Christian and a member of the Church of the Living God in good standing for at least three (3) year.
3. Applicant must be of good character and must be a full-time or part-time student in good academic standing with **academic qualifications of not lower than 2.5 (C) average in all courses.**
4. Applicant must present a **high school or college transcript, acceptance letter to college, and (1) letter of recommendation from an instructor of last school attended or the applicants' pastor or bishop. *If presently attending college, show proof of fall registration of the upcoming academic year.***
5. Those applicants returning to school (vocational, Bible colleges, etc.) After twenty (20) years must appear before the National Youth Congress Advisory Board.
6. Scholarships will be awarded at the discretion of the *National Youth Congress Advisory Board, and CLG Executive Board of Bishops*
7. Please list all extracurricular activities, social, civic, and religious involvements on the application.
8. The amount of the scholarship is payable directly to applicant.
9. **All applicants are required to be available for an interview during the week of the National Youth Conference by the National Youth Congress Scholarship Advisory Committee. If the applicant is unable to attend, they should attach a letter informing the scholarship committee three (3) weeks before the National Youth Conference and a conference call will be arranged.**
10. **It is highly desirable for the recipient of this scholarship award be a positive role model in their local and diocesan church, promoting the Youth Activities of the local and diocesan church; sets a good example of holy living and one who demonstrates a saving knowledge of the Word of God.**





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## **Bishop Theodore Nelson Brown Memorial Scholarship**



The Church of the Living God, National Youth Congress/National Music Conference Scholarship Fund is in memory of Bishop Theodore Nelson Brown.

Bishop Brown served faithfully on the local, state and national levels in various CLG denominational offices. He was ordained District Elder in April of 1983 and General Church Elder in October of 1986. He also served the Church at the State Youth Congress, National Youth Congress, as State Financial Secretary, Treasurer and National Foreign Mission Treasurer. He also served as Chairman of the General Council of Elders and National Treasurer of the Churches of the Living God, International.

In the year of 1996, Bishop Brown was consecrated to the office of Bishop during the convergence of the Sixty-Seventh Annual General Assembly, by the CLG Board of Bishops and Bishop Jesse J. White Sr., Presiding Bishop and President General. During his tenure on the General Board of Bishops, Bishop Brown faithfully served in the capacity of Overseer of Churches of the Living God in the Florida Gulf, Florida Gold Coast, and Georgia Diocese. Having served on the General Board of Bishops, in 2010 Bishop Brown was elected and served as President General of the Churches of the Living God for 8 years.

Bishop Brown served the international community when he answered the call of the "Great Commission" to "Go ye therefore into all the world..." Bishop Brown served on the Mission field in Jamaica, West Indies, Ghana, West Africa, and Trinidad West Indies. He made numerous trip to the Foreign Field and personally sponsored a men's prison ministry in Liberia, West Africa.

In memorializing Bishop Brown's love for the Foreign Field, we want to encourage the young people of CLG to embrace and obey the Great Commission's mandate to "make disciples of all nations" given by Christ to his disciples following his death and resurrection. The impetus for the Great Commission springs from the heart of God. He loved us and gave his Son for us (John 3:16). The Great Commission necessitates taking the gospel message to "the ends of the earth" (Acts 1:8), to "all nations." Matthew 28:19-20: Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen.



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## **Bishop Theodore Nelson Brown Memorial Scholarship**

- **Grant:** The Scholarship(s) awards are grants with no requirement for repayment. The size and number of grant awards will be based on the number of eligible applicants. Students are eligible to apply yearly but must re-apply each year. A minimum of one scholarship will be awarded each year. If there is no qualified applicant, the funds will roll over to the next year.
- **Purpose:** The purpose of the Bishop Theodore Nelson Brown Memorial Scholarship is to provide financial assistance toward education to quality students.
- **Eligibility Criteria:** The applicant must submit an essay outlining what the applicant has contributed towards National Foreign Mission support during the year (January to December). This may include donating time, talents and finances to support National Foreign Mission work. A letter of recommendation from the applicant's Pastor and/or Presiding Bishop of their Diocese. The scholarship/grant are available for four years as long as the applicant make satisfactory academic progress.
- **Education Level:** To be eligible for this scholarship grant, the applicant can be a high school graduate accepted for admission to an approved college or university, junior college, or technical college. Current college students must provide evidence of satisfactory scholastic advancement.
- **Award Amount:** The amount of the grant will be no less than \$500 with a maximum of \$1,000.00 annually.
- **Selection:** Selection of the grant recipients will be made by the Scholarship Committee of the Church of the Living God. The applicant's name, a short Bio and Pastor/Bishop's letter of recommendation will be submitted to the Board of Bishops for final approval.