

Pastor Augustes Newsome, Jr.

Showers of Blessings Church of God in Christ

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Memorial Scholarship Application 2026

Biography: Pastor Augustes Newsome, Jr.

Augustes Newsome, Jr. was the second of nine children born to Ollie Bell and Augustes Newsome, Sr., in Monroe, Louisiana. Augustes earned his high school diploma while living in Los Angeles, California and then moved to Phoenix, Arizona where he became a member of the Trinity Church of God In Christ (C.O.G.I.C.). Augustes met and fell in love with Deborah Smith; it was love at first sight.

Augustes and Deborah were married on August 23, 1964, and moved to California in 1965. The couple began their family shortly after they wed. God blessed the couple with their first child, Lonell. While attending the Good News Church of God In Christ, the couple was blessed by God with three other children, Kimberly, LaTrisha, and Angela. Augustes Newsome, Jr. accepted his call to the ministry and became an ordained Elder under the late Bishop Crouch.

In 1972-1973, Elder Newsome

attended college in Chicago and became a general manager for a McDonald's Corporation franchise. Elder Newsome hired and trained many high school students. To ensure that the students would



Pastor Augustes Newsome, Jr.

November 5, 1943 - June 10, 1995

always complete their homework, he would not let the students work long hours. Elder Newsome would always encourage young people. He would often say, "Go to school and get your education. Jobs will be better and more will be available to those of you with a higher

education."

While living in San Jose, California, Terrell, the last of five children was born. Listening to God's word, Elder Augustes Newsome, Jr. and family soon found a home in Sacramento, California. The Newsome family joined the Moments of Blessings House of Prayer, under the leadership of Bishop George Archie.

On May 12, 1982, Elder Newsome, Jr., after hearing and obeying the voice of God, established the ministry of the Showers of Blessings Church of God In Christ, also known as, "The Little White Church In The Field." Pastor Newsome was an awesome Man of God and was referred to by many as a "Singing, Preaching Machine." He was passionate about life, possessed great zeal when spreading the gospel of Jesus Christ, and believed in showing love to God's people. In Pastor Newsome's memory, this scholarship is offered so his legacy will live on.

The Scholarship Committee

Missionary Deborah Newsome Sister Jovonne Newsome (Chair)

Sister Wendy Moore Missionary O'resea Mitchell

Sister Patricia Leggette Sister Jasmyn Starke Sister Samantha Moorer

Dr. Leah R. Johnson Deacon Stephen Bright Sister Deborah Bradford

Sister Patricia Robinson (Honorary) Missionary Karen Williams



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Purpose

To provide scholarships to deserving high school graduating seniors of Showers of Blessings Church of God in Christ, as they continue their quest to achieve higher education, and provide outreach to our local communities.



Awards

The Pastor Augustes Newsome, Jr. scholarship is an award that will provide financial assistance to (3) qualified 2026 high school graduates who meet all required criteria.



Qualifications

1. Be an actively involved auxiliary member of Showers of Blessings Church of God in Christ for at least one year.
2. Have a minimum cumulative 3.0 GPA.
3. Be a U.S. Citizen.
4. Be a graduating high school senior

(Note: Previous award recipients no longer qualify)



Documentation Required

1. Completed application (type or please print neatly) _____
2. Two (2) letters of recommendations from: **1. Mandatory: From high school teachers, administrators, or counselors** **2. Secondary Recommendation: From employers or auxiliary/church leaders** with significant knowledge of applicant's experience and involvement in school and the community. All letters of recommendations, must be on official letterhead, signed, and dated. Family members may not submit letters of recommendation. _____
3. Most recent **sealed** official transcript (photocopies are not acceptable) _____
4. Typed personal statement expressing career goals and biographical (background) information. In your essay, please answer the questions on the enclosed essay document. _____
 1. Your Biographical Information (i.e. school, family, church involvement, achievements etc...)
 2. Career Goals
 3. How will your education benefit you and others?
 4. Discuss two events that led you to apply for this scholarship.
5. Completed Pastor Augustes Newsome, Jr. Quiz. _____
6. Applicant's Photo. _____
7. Proof of College Enrollment for the Fall 2026 semester _____
8. Proof of College Acceptance _____
9. Auxiliary Participation Verification Form _____

Please **type** or **neatly print** your answers. If the application is illegible, it will be disqualified.

1.	Last Name: _____	First Name: _____
2.	Mailing Address: Street: _____ City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____	
3.	Daytime Telephone Number: () _____ Evening Telephone Number: () _____ Cell Phone Number: () _____ Email Address: _____	
4.	Date of Birth: Month: _____ Day: _____ Year: _____	
5.	Current School: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____	Number of years attended: _____
6.	I will be attending the following school in the Fall 2026: _____ Proof of acceptance or current student enrollment from the above named college is required prior to the disbursement of funds.	
7.	Current Grade Point Average (GPA): _____ (On a 4.0 scale) Attach proof of GPA. Your most recent sealed official school transcript is required.	
8.	(If a minor, please complete the following): Name & address of parent(s) or legal guardian(s): Use the reverse side of the application if you need more space. Name: _____ Name: _____ Street: _____ City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____ Phone #s: _____ or _____	

Personal Statement

(Minimum 350 to 500 words maximum)

Please proofread your statement before submission. Read your statement to others to ensure you have corrected any grammatical or spelling errors. Present your thoughts with clarity and feel free to provide examples where applicable. **Instructions: Place your name and date on the first page in the top left-hand corner. Place your last name and page number in the upper right-hand corner on any additional pages.**

Applicant: Please answer and discuss the following in your statement:

1. Your Biographical Information (i.e. school, family, church involvement, achievements etc...)
2. Your Career Goals
3. How will your education benefit you and others?
4. Discuss two events that led you to apply for this scholarship.



Important Information

The scholarship application deadline is **Sunday, June 21, 2026**. Please submit the scholarship application to a Scholarship Committee member or send to scholarships@sobcogic.org

Refer to the "Checklist" section on page 7 for a list of supporting documents needed to complete the application packet submission.

If a question does not apply, please put "N/A" in the space provided.

Applicants will be notified in writing by **July 12, 2026**, regarding the decision of the Scholarship Committee.

Scholarships Awardees must attend **Grad Night** at 3:00pm on **July 19, 2026** to receive the award.

If you have any questions about the application process, please leave a message for the Scholarship Committee at (916) 391-9833. **(Previous award recipients no longer qualify).**

Scholarship funds will be awarded upon evidence of class registration for the Fall 2026 semester in an accredited post-secondary institution. The class registration document must be included in applicant's completed packet.

"Education is the great engine to personal development." Nelson Mandela



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Pastor Augustes Newsome, Jr. Quiz

Directions: Please answer the following questions.

1. In what city did Pastor Augustes Newsome, Jr. graduate from High School?
2. What year did Pastor Newsome become the general manager of the McDonald Corporation?
3. What kind of employees would Pastor Newsome hire?
4. What are the words Pastor Newsome used to encourage young people to seek a better education?
5. Whom did Pastor Augustes Newsome, Jr. marry?
6. What year did Pastor Newsome and his wife get married?
7. How many children did God bless them with?
8. Under what bishop was Pastor Newsome ordained as an elder?
9. What church was Pastor Newsome attending, when he obeyed God to establish the Showers of Blessings ministry?
10. What was the date of the grand opening of the Showers of Blessings Church of God In Christ?

Checklist

13	The following items must be attached to this application. Circle AND initial to confirm that each item has been attached.	
Yes	<p><u>Initials:</u></p> <p>Applicant: Two (2) reference letters: 1. Mandatory: From high school teachers, administrators, or counselors</p> <p>Parent: 2. Secondary Recommendation: From employers or auxiliary/church leaders each in a sign and sealed envelope.</p>	
Yes	<p><u>Initials:</u></p> <p>Applicant: Proof of College Acceptance</p> <p>Parent:</p>	
Yes	<p><u>Initials:</u></p> <p>Applicant:</p> <p>Parent: Proof of College Enrollment for the Fall 2026 semester</p>	
Yes	<p><u>Initials:</u></p> <p>Applicant:</p> <p>Parent: Most recent sealed <u>official</u> high school transcript. Photocopies of your transcript are <u>NOT acceptable</u>.</p>	
Yes	<p><u>Initials:</u></p> <p>Applicant: Actively Involved Auxiliary Member of Showers of Blessings COGIC for at least one year</p> <p>Parent: Auxiliary Participation Verification Form</p>	
Yes	<p><u>Initials:</u></p> <p>Applicant:</p> <p>Parent: Included Typed Personal Statement That Answers All of the 4 Essay Questions</p>	
Yes	<p><u>Initials:</u></p> <p>Applicant:</p> <p>Parent: Completed the Pastor Augustes Newsome, Jr. Quiz</p>	
Yes	<p><u>Initials:</u></p> <p>Applicant: Applicant's Photo</p> <p>Parent:</p>	

Applicant's Certification: I, _____, certify that all of the information provided in this application is true. I understand that if I am selected for the Pastor Augustes Newsome, Jr. Scholarship, I will be requested to submit further proof of my acceptance to or enrollment in a recognized accredited institution of higher education, as listed in my application. **I agree to attend the Showers of Blessings Grad Night Awards Ceremony, which will be held on Sunday, July 19, 2026, at 3:00pm.** I also agree that if I am selected for the scholarship, my name, activities, and photo will be used for the purpose of publicity with no compensation from the Pastor Augustes Newsome, Jr. Scholarship Committee or Showers of Blessings COGIC.

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

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Auxiliary Participation Verification

Directions: For each of the auxiliaries that you listed on your scholarship application, please have the ministry leader complete the following. This will need to be included with your scholarship application for credit.

Applicant's Full Name: _____

Auxiliary: _____

Ministry Leader: _____

Phone Number: () _____ - _____

Email address: _____ @ _____

How often did this applicant participate in the named auxiliary? (circle one):

Regularly Often Sometimes Occasionally

How often does your auxiliary meet? (circle one):

Weekly Monthly Bi-Monthly Quarterly

How long have you been the named auxiliary leader? _____

Signature X: _____

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