

MISSISSIPPI SOUTHERN FIRST ECCLESIASTICAL JURISDICTION  
CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST



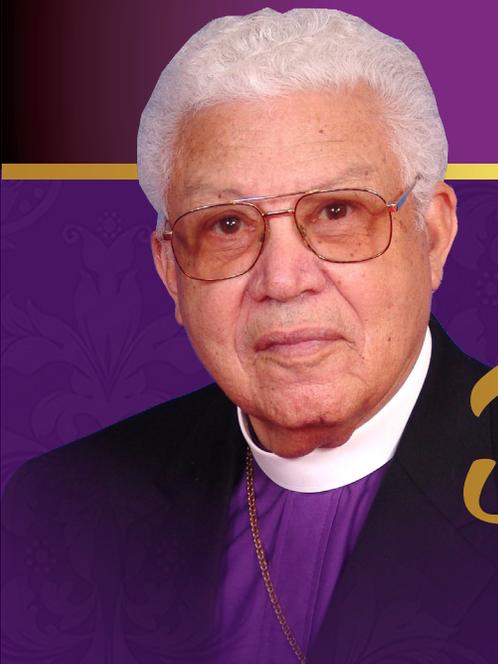
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HOLLIS MUSGROVE  
SCHOLARSHIP  
OVERVIEW & APPLICATION



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# Bishop HOLLIS MUSGROVE

*F*or Bishop Hollis Musgrove, life's journey began January 24, 1928, in Soso, Mississippi (a small town outside Laurel, Mississippi). He was the only son and the youngest of four, born to Alson and Annie Mae Musgrove.

Never a stranger to hard work, the young Musgrove was just eight years old when he started working for his grandfather on the family farm. He received his formal education from Oak Park High School in Laurel, Mississippi. Upon graduation, Bishop Musgrove joined the United States Army and served admirably for 38 months before being honorably discharged. He began working at Mingle Plywood Company and taking night classes in tailoring and education through the Jones County Veterans program. After his tenure at Mingle, Bishop Musgrove went on to work as an agent for the Lincoln Life Insurance Company. He later enrolled at Alcorn College (now Alcorn State University) in Lorman, Mississippi. With a desire for upward mobility and to further his education in theology while enhancing his ministry, Bishop Musgrove pursued studies at the Charles Harrison Mason System of Bible Colleges in Memphis, Tennessee, where he received a certificate of Pastoral Theology in 1978. In 2002, he received an honorary doctorate in divinity from Saint Thomas Christian College, Jacksonville, Florida.

In the early 1950s, Bishop Musgrove had heard about the services at the Laurel #1 Church Of God In Christ and decided to attend. During his visit, the Jurisdictional Holy Convocation was in session, and God moved and blessed him in a powerful way. Bishop Musgrove came into the knowledge of Holiness at the close of the meeting in 1954 after hearing young Minister Marcus Butler preach the soul-stirring message "Loose the Man and Let Him Go." Later, under Pastor W.D. Hines, Bishop Musgrove accepted Christ as his personal Savior and was filled with the gift of the Holy Ghost within one week. Thus, from that day forward, he faithfully served and followed the Lord for the duration of his life.

Bishop Musgrove was ordained an Elder in the Church Of God In Christ by Bishop Theo Davis. For over 66 years, he rendered service to God, humanity, and the Church Of God In Christ. He became known throughout the brethren for always ministering to the needs of people and holding true to his philosophy that: "Everybody Is Somebody."

Bishop Musgrove served his beloved church in numerous assignments, including First Administrative Assistant to Bishop Theo Davis, 1982-91; Second Administrative Assistant to Bishop Davis, 1976-82; State Secretary, 1964-86; District Superintendent, 1979-86, District President, YPWW Department, 1958-70; Vice President, Southern Mississippi Church Of God In Christ Corporation, 1968-80; and Executive Board Chairman, Mississippi Southern First Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction Church Of God In Christ, 1986-89.

In January of 1992, Bishop Hollis Musgrove was elevated and installed as the Jurisdictional Prelate of the Mississippi Southern First Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction, the third in succession by Presiding Bishop Louis H. Ford.

Bishop Musgrove governed his life by the motto "Being geared to the times, but being anchored to the Rock." His tenure as Bishop was distinguished by his progressive style of leadership, which caused tremendous growth within the Jurisdiction. The Jurisdiction has 136 functioning churches, over 200 ordained Elders, and 175 plus licensed Missionaries. Under his leadership, 36 new edifices of worship were erected from the ground up, 30 churches were refurbished, and the Jurisdiction expanded from nine to 14 districts. Even in Emeritus status, Bishop Musgrove continued to be a highly-respected elder statesman in the College of Bishops of the Church Of God In Christ.

Under the leadership of Bishop Musgrove, Mississippi Southern First Jurisdiction became an active force in local and state communities. Consequently, several economic and community development programs were established to help serve individuals and families in surrounding neighborhoods. Additional programs were developed, including, but not limited to, student scholarships, college preparation, and professional development training, COGIC Meals on Wheels, single-family homes for the elderly, and medical assistance.

Bishop Musgrove was actively involved in several community outreach projects and civic organizations throughout Mississippi, including the National Cancer Society, Stewpot Kitchen, Bethlehem Center, Flowers House, Sims House, Ronald McDonald House, and several local long-term nursing facilities. He was President of the Liberal Trinity Development Foundation, Inc., a lifetime member of the Oak Park Alumni Association, a member of the Ministerial Alliance of Jackson, the Board of Directors of Saints Academy in Lexington, and Mississippi Jackson State University Ministerial Group. In his honor, Bishop Musgrove was recognized by the City of Jackson in the renaming of Northside Drive from Watkins Drive to State Street as Bishop Hollis Musgrove Boulevard. He was also designated as Man of the Year and Bishop of the Year by the Church Of God In Christ, and Man of the Year by the City of Jackson, Mississippi.

During his pastoral tenure, Bishop Musgrove founded, built, and pastored nine churches. In 1975, Bishop Musgrove became Pastor of the Liberal Trinity Church of God in Christ in Jackson, Mississippi. At Liberal Trinity, he accomplished the following:·built a beautiful edifice (the Blue Palace) with a wooden floor and a fellowship hall; paid off the church mortgage eight years early;·developed the Liberal Trinity Development Foundation, Inc., with cash and investment assets valued over \$250,000; purchased land and buildings surrounding the church valued over \$500,000 to develop the Senior Saints Complex; renovated several homes surrounding the church for the elderly citizens; ·acquired the church's first "for-profit" entrepreneurial enterprise, Northside Wash and Dry; ·expanded and established numerous church auxiliaries and units; purchased modern technology and sound equipment; acquired two church vans for the elderly and handicapped; resurfaced the parking lot;·enhanced the financial management status of the church; established the Food Pantry Network to feed needy families; ·and created a Counseling Program which offers free counseling to help individuals and families.

Bishop Hollis Musgrove married his high school sweetheart, the former Bernice Wallace, in June 1949. Their marital union of over 69 years was blessed with three children: Deborah Dianne Yancy, Hollis La-voice Musgrove, and Faye Paulette Musgrove. He was blessed to have a special godson, Matthew (Mark) Donaldson. He was the grandfather of six: Stephanie K. Wingo, Hollie V. McDavid, Antonio Musgrove, Mario Musgrove, Asten Musgrove, and Endia N. O'Cain; and a gospel father to many.



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# Scholarship OVERVIEW

The Bishop Hollis Musgrove Scholarship objective is to award funds to deserving applicants who desire to further their education. Applicants should have demonstrated outstanding academic and professional abilities. In addition, applicants should be a member of the senior class in high school or currently enrolled in a full-time undergraduate accredited college, business or vocational school.

**AMOUNT: \$1,000.00**

## SCHOLARSHIP REQUIREMENTS

- Must be a member of the Mississippi Southern First Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction Church of God in Christ.
- Must complete and submit a scholarship application along with two (2) type-written letters of recommendation. One letter must be written by the applicant's pastor or church mother. Letter should not be from a family member.
- Must provide a Personal Statement of 500 words or less. Statement should include life goals as well as academic pursuits. Must be typed-written and double-spaced.
- Must show proof of cumulative 3.0 GPA. Official Transcript required.
- Must provide letter of acceptance from college, business or vocational school.

**GRADING PROCESS:** The following factors will be used to score applications.

- Academic Ability (GPA)
- Social Responsibility (student, community, civic activities)
- Church Activities (membership, participation)

**DEADLINE:** The completed application, letters of recommendation and Official Transcript must be received by June 11, 2022. Late or incomplete applications will not be reviewed. **Applicant will be notified about the award by July 8, 2022.**

**SCHOLARSHIP AWARDED:** This Scholarship will be awarded during the Annual Holy Convocation on Official Day. Applicant will be asked to be present, if possible.

**THE COMPLETED APPLICATION  
MUST BE RECEIVED BY JUNE 11, 2022**

Mail to:  
Dr. Gail G. Fulgham, Director  
Bishop Hollis Musgrove Scholarship Foundation  
5918 Fontaine Park Drive  
Jackson, MS 39206  
or  
Email to: fulgh62@aol.com



**Bishop HOLLIS MUSGROVE**

## BISHOP HOLLIS MUSGROVE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

**Date of Application:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Application Type:** First Time Applicant [  ]  
Returning Applicant [  ]

**Name** \_\_\_\_\_

FIRST MIDDLE LAST

DATE OF BIRTH (MONTH/DAY/YEAR)

**Address** \_\_\_\_\_

NO & STREET CITY STATE ZIP

MAILING ADDRESS, *if different from above*

[ ] HOME NUMBER CELL NUMBER E-MAIL ADDRESS

### High School Information

HIGH SCHOOL NAME

NO & STREET TELEPHONE NUMBER

CITY STATE ZIP CODE

**(High School Students only)**

**Date of Anticipated Graduation from High School:** \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_ (month, date, year)

**Cumulative GPA** \_\_\_/\_\_\_

**(College Students only)**

**Date of Anticipated Graduation from College:** \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_ (month, date, year)

**Cumulative GPA** \_\_\_/\_\_\_

### College/University Information

SCHOOL NAME

ADDRESS CITY STATE

ADMISSION STATUS

[  ] Accepted [  ] Pending [  ] Enrolled Full-Time, 12+ hours

TYPE SCHOOL

[  ] 4 year University/College [  ] Community College  
[  ] Other \_\_\_\_\_

ACCREDITED

[  ] Yes [  ] No

CLASS STANDING FALL SEMESTER/QUARTER

[  ] Freshman [  ] Sophomore [  ] Junior [  ] Senior [  ] Graduate



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**Major/Intended Major:**

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**Church Information**

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

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

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Pastor: \_\_\_\_\_

Pastor's Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

**Church Activities, Community Service or Volunteer Experience:**

*Please include name of organization, position, service performed and date.*

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**Extracurricular/Fine Arts Activities:**

*Attach an additional page if necessary.*

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**Honors and Awards:**

*Please include the title of award and the month/year received.*

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I have read and understood the Guidelines for the Bishop Hollis Musgrove Scholarship Application. I affirm that I plan to attend or am currently attending a college, university, or vocational school. I give permission to officials of my institution to release transcripts of my academic record and other information requested for consideration of the Scholarship Program. I hereby affirm that the completed application, including the personal statement, is my own work. I certify that all statements contained within are correct to the best of my knowledge.

**Name of Applicant (print):** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_