

DEADLINE
FEB. 23, 2024

*Applications must be emailed
and/or postmarked by above date*

PATTERSON / SHERMAN ***SCHOLARSHIP***

HISTORY

The Patterson/Sherman Scholarship was established by the Bishops' Wives Circle in 1985. It honors the life and legacy of Mother Deborah Mason Patterson and Mother Daisy Sherman. Since its inception, the Bishops' Wives Circle has awarded over \$100,000 in scholarship funds to deserving females in graduate school.

PURPOSE

As Bishops' Wives, we hold the firm conviction that higher education is critical to the success of our families, churches, and nation. We encourage career excellence by assisting female graduate students with funds needed to complete their Graduate studies

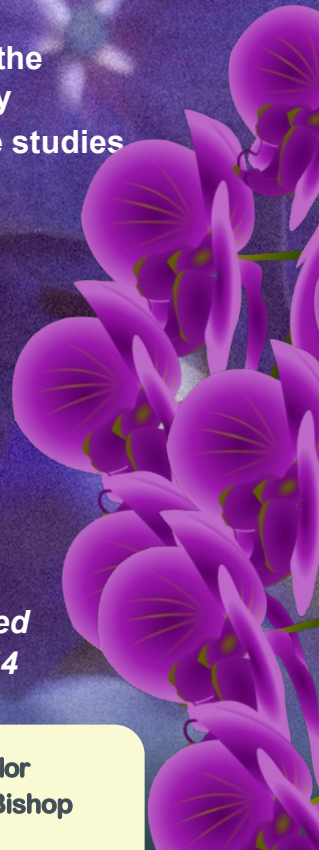
CRITERIA FOR ACCEPTANCE

- Applicant must be an active female member of the Church of God in Christ and must be recommended by her Jurisdictional Bishop's wife.
- Applicant must be enrolled or has been accepted into a Graduate program.

APPLICATION PROCESS

To Apply for the Patterson/Sherman Scholarship: Download and complete the application from the Bishops' Wives Circle website: bishopswivescirclecogic.org

Applications may be emailed to BishopsWivesCircleScholarship@aol.com or mailed to Bishops' Wives Scholarship Program at 5947 Waterscape Pass, Hoover, AL 35244





Bishops' Wives Circle Scholarship Committee

Mother Joe Ann Meadows, Scholarship Ambassador
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The Patterson/Sherman Scholarship

The Bishops' Wives Circle Scholarship, named the Deborah Mason Patterson Scholarship, was started under the direction of Mother Daisy Sherman after the death of Mother Deborah Mason Patterson. Mother Patterson was the wife of our first elected Presiding Bishop. This Scholarship was established to honor Mother Patterson's life and legacy. During the 2017, Bishops' Wives Circle meeting in St. Louis, Missouri, the name of the Scholarship was changed to The Patterson/Sherman Scholarship. By doing so, the Circle not only recognized the legacy of Mother Patterson, but also recognized the dedicated service of Mother Daisy Sherman, who was president of the Circle for more than 30 years.

As Bishops' Wives and leaders in our church, we hold the firm conviction that higher education is critical to the success of our families, churches, and nation. We want to assist deserving female students with funds that will aid in the completion of Graduate School degrees, encourage academic achievements, and help ensure career excellence throughout the Church of God in Christ.

**ALL JURISDICTIONAL AND AUXILIARY BISHOPS' WIVES PLEASE NOTE:
PLEASE READ BEFORE SUBMITTING TO APPLICANT**

The recommending Bishops' Wife must be the wife of a Jurisdictional or Auxiliary Bishop. As the recommending Bishops' Wife, you must be a financial supporter of the Circle for at least two consecutive years prior to the year of your recommendation. This financial support should include the amount asked for the Scholarship.

APPLICANTS PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING REQUIREMENTS PRIOR TO SUBMISSION

The recommending Bishops' Wife must be an active participant and financial supporter of the Circle for at least two consecutive years prior to the submission of any scholarship application.

Applicant must be a female graduate student, currently in school or has been accepted into the Graduate program.

Applicant must be an active member of the Church of God in Christ and is in good standing within her Jurisdiction. This scholarship is open to **ALL FEMALE MEMBERS OF THE CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST** (IT IS NOT JUST FOR BISHOPS' CHILDREN OR PASTOR'S CHILDREN)

APPLICANT MUST SUBMIT THE FOLLOWING ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION:

- Completed Scholarship Application (signed and dated).
- Letter of Endorsement from current Pastor on letterhead.
- Letter of Endorsement from recommending Bishop's Wife on letterhead.
- New enrollees are to submit an Acceptance Letter into Graduate School and a Transcript from their current or last school attended.
- A Graduate School Transcript (persons currently in second semester and beyond of graduate school).
- Application should be typed. All submissions (including applications, letters of endorsements, transcripts and essays) should be in the following forms: pdf or jpeg. The application may also be mailed. If mailed, it must be postmarked by the deadline date.
- An essay containing at least 300 words detailing your church involvement and intended career path. (Grammar and punctuation will be checked).

Upon receipt of the Scholarship, recipient(s) will be required to submit a thank you note to the Circle. Scholarships are presented at the Women's International Crusade Convention. If the recipient is unable to attend the Convention, a designated person may be present to receive the scholarship.

The Application deadline is **February 23, 2024**. Applications may be emailed to BishopsWivesCircleScholarship@aol.com or mailed to Mrs. Joe Ann Meadows at 5947 Waterscape Pass, Hoover, Alabama 35244.



Bishops' Wives Circle

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Name: _____ Home Number: _____

Mobile Number: _____ Email: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Parents/Guardian Name: _____

Jurisdiction Name: _____

Jurisdictional Prelate: _____

Local Church Name: _____ Pastor's Name: _____

Recommending Bishop's Wife Name: _____

Graduate School: _____

Address(City/State/Zip): _____

Graduate Degree Sought: _____

Projected Graduation Date: _____ GPA: _____

Church Activities/Auxiliaries Involved In: _____

Applicant Name(Printed): _____

Applicant Signature: _____ Date: _____