



## **The Sam A. Way Memorial Scholarship**

This scholarship reflects Mr. Sam's belief that investing in education is an investment in the future. By providing financial assistance to individuals seeking to further their education, the Sam A. Way Memorial Scholarship supports growth, opportunity, and community development—values Mr. Sam championed throughout his life.

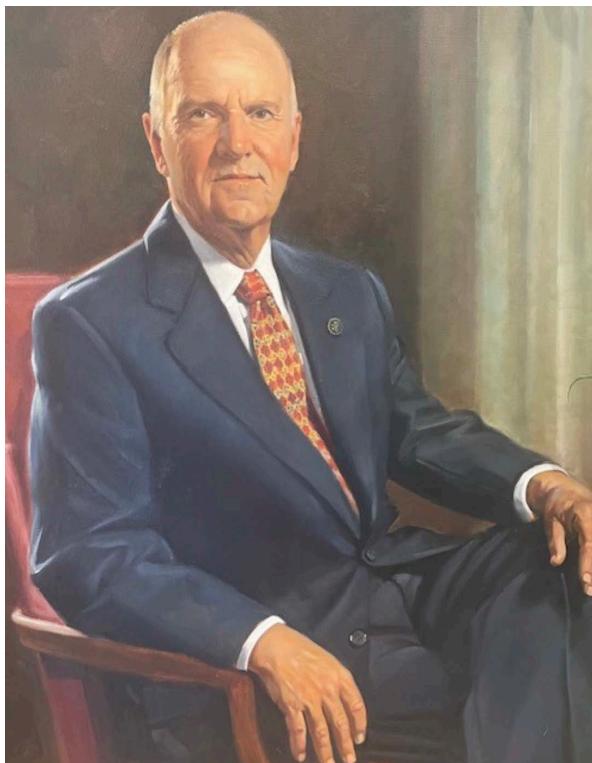
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## The Sam A Way Memorial Scholarship - \$1,000.00



The Sam A Way Memorial Scholarship was established to honor the enduring legacy of Mr. Sam A Way and his deep commitment to the community he served. Mr. Sam (as known by his employees and the community) believed strongly in the power of education to strengthen individuals, families, and the community as a whole. His passion for personal growth and lifelong learning continues to inspire our mission today.

Mr. Sam spent over 70 years as a Rotarian and was a Paul Harris Fellow. He served on the Board of Trustees of Baptist Village in Waycross, Chairman of the Hawkinsville-Pulaski County Development Board, the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia, Trustee at Mercer University, Chairman of the Steering Committee to develop a Hawkinsville Branch of Middle Georgia Technical College, the State Board of Economic Development, and was instrumental in bringing The University System of Georgia's Archway Partnership to Hawkinsville.



This scholarship exists to support members of the community in which we live and work by providing financial assistance to those seeking to further their education.

By investing in education, we aim to empower individuals to reach their full potential while contributing to the continued development and vitality of our communities, thereby reflecting the values and vision Mr. Sam championed throughout his life.

## **Eligibility:**

All students who are continuing their education at a post-secondary state-accredited school. Interested applicants must have a field of study related to banking and/or finance and must reside in our footprint\*. There are no exclusions for our employees or their children.

## **The Basics:**

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

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

City, State, ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

## **Academic Information:**

Current School: \_\_\_\_\_

GPA: \_\_\_\_\_

Intended Field of Study: \_\_\_\_\_

## **Short Essay (250–500 words):**

Please attach an essay detailing your various forms of volunteerism, community service, involvement in clubs, or what community involvement looks like to you or how you would like to contribute to the community upon completion of your education. Please detail what receiving this scholarship would mean to you and how it would help further your education.

## Scholarship Application Checklist



- Completed application form
- Essay
- Transcript
- Letter(s) of recommendation – Please provide a minimum of 2 letters of recommendation
- Proof of enrollment or acceptance for payment of scholarship
- Any additional required documents

Return completed package with all attachments to:  
[scholarship@plantersfirst.bank](mailto:scholarship@plantersfirst.bank)

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