



The 2024-2025 Forest C. Bowman, Sr.

Memorial Scholarship Application

Dear Applicant,

We are pleased to announce the Forest C. Bowman, Sr. Memorial Scholarship for the 2024-2025 academic year. This \$500.00 scholarship is designed to support students in Gadsden County who are pursuing higher education. To be eligible, applicants must meet the following criteria:

- Be a resident of Gadsden County
- Be a graduating high school senior with a cumulative 2.0 grade point average (GPA) or higher
- Have been accepted to an accredited college, university or vocational/technical school for the Fall of 2025.

Application Requirements

1. A fully completed scholarship application (attached)
2. A minimum 500-word essay responding to the prompt
3. A copy of the official acceptance letter from a college, university or vocational/technical school
4. A recent photograph (preferably cap and gown)
5. An official transcript to verify GPA

Submission Deadline

The completed application package must be submitted to The Forest C. Bowman, Sr. Memorial Scholarship Committee no later than

Tuesday, **April 15, 2025 at 5:00 p.m.** via email address: fcbscholarship@yahoo.com.

Late applications will not be accepted or considered.

Interview Process

After the application deadline, selected applicants will be invited to participate in a Zoom interview as part of the selection process.

We encourage all eligible students to apply. Should you have any questions, concerns or need additional information, please contact: Josephine Bryant (904) 728-8348.

Best Regards,

Josephine “Jodi” Bryant, Chairperson

FCB Memorial Scholarship Committee

ESSAY REQUIREMENTS

- Minimum 500-words
- Typed in a separate document, double-space using Times New Roman, 12-font

*Essay title choices (select one):

1. “The Man Known As Daddy Bowman”
2. “What did you gain from Forest C. Bowman Sr.’s pursuit of entrepreneurial endeavors that can assist you in your educational goals or career?”



Forest C. Bowman, Sr. was affectionally called “Daddy Bowman” in the community of Quincy, FL. Our father was born in Camilla, GA and he was the oldest of four siblings. He naturally led, guided and took care of his sister and brothers. He worked hard and was determined to leave a legacy that would be long remembered for his family and community. Our father and mother joined in matrimony and had eleven children, eight are living. Our dear beloved mother has passed also, but was a beautiful wife who supported her husband and children to be their best and use their God-given skills to make a difference in the world. Our father made a difference! He worked as a shoe repairman for many years at a shop called Carraway’s in downtown Quincy. He had a dream and aspiration to someday own his own shoe repair business and he did just that! He started Bowman’s Shoe Repair and people from all over the city would bring their shoes for a “glass” shine, heel/sole repair, taps, stitching, etc. Our father took pride in his work and often worked late hours to get the orders finished. His work ethics and customer service were impeccable and my siblings and I saw firsthand how business operations were managed. It wasn’t easy during the 60’s to open and maintain a business, however, our father taught us that with hard work and faith-you can achieve what you believe. Our father was a strong advocate of education. It is our esteemed pleasure to support a student in their educational endeavors by offering this scholarship in the name of our father, Forest C. Bowman, Sr.

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