

FANNIE BOWZER AND GOMILLION BYARS SCHOLARSHIP FUND

2024-2025 SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

\$700 AWARD

APPLICATION POSTMARK DEADLINE: APRIL 5, 2025

The Fannie Bowzer and Gomillion Byars Scholarship Fund is a non-profit organization promoting excellence in education while enhancing the opportunity for youth to seek higher education. We would like to offer young adults a financial scholarship while offering other children in the community tutorial and mentoring assistance. This organization is in memory of two of our family members, Fannie Bowzer and Gomillion Byars. These two people believed in educating our youth and lifting them up to glorify the Lord.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

ALL APPLICANTS MUST:

- Be a graduating high school senior at the date of application, class of 2025
- Be an African American
- Be a resident of one of the following counties in the Greater Austin area (Bastrop, Caldwell, Hays, Travis and Williamson)
- Have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale (or 4.0 on a 5.0 scale) or B average
- Seeking an undergraduate degree in Education, Theology, or Minor in Religion
- Plan to enroll in a degree-seeking program at an accredited U.S. college or university full-time in the fall of 2025

APPLICATION MATERIALS CHECKLIST

Complete a current 2024-2025 Fannie Bowzer and Gomillion Byars Scholarship Fund Application
Transcript(s) with cumulative GPA and SAT/ACT scores
An appropriate 2 x 3 recent photograph (may be used in publicizing our scholarship fund)
One page typed essay (see topic from application)
Letter of recommendation from two school officials
Letter of acceptance from college or university planning to attend

MAILING INSTRUCTIONS CHECK LIST

Complete application
Sign the application
Write name on each document you submit
Attach all required materials to application
Include a self addressed, stamped envelope for acknowledgment of receipt of application

MAIL YOUR APPLICATION PACKET BY APRIL 5, 2025 POSTMARK DEADLINE TO:

**FANNIE BOWZER AND GOMILLION BYARS SCHOLARSHIP SELECTION COMMITTEE
P.O. Box 151592
Austin, Texas 78715
512-376-6816**

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REQUIRED APPLICATION MATERIALS:

(Please mail all documents in one envelope.)

***TRANSCRIPT (S)**

Include an official copy of your high school transcript(s)

*Transcript MUST include a cumulative GPA that includes SAT and/or ACT scores must be submitted with application.

***PHOTOGRAPH**

Include one appropriate 2 x 3 recent photograph of you only. *Photograph becomes the property of the scholarship fund.

***PERSONAL STATEMENT**

Include a one page, typed essay from one of the following: (see application as well for same information)

- 1. Every generation faces its own unique challenges. Describe what you see is the most significant and unique challenge your generation faces in the 21st Century.**
- 2. Why you should be considered for the Fannie Bowzer and Gomillion Byars Scholarship.**
- 3 .Describe a leader that you admire. Explain the leadership qualities that he or she exhibits and why you look up to him or her. This individual does not have to be famous or well-known.**
- 4. Describe how the Fannie Bowzer and Gomillion Byars Scholarship will help you prepare for a global world that is both technologically advanced and culturally diverse.**

***LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION**

Include two letters from two school officials or teachers. Both references must include his or her contact information. Please ask school officials or teachers to address the following topics about you:

- *How long has he or she has known you.**
- *Personal qualities such as your leadership qualities.**
- *Academic and extracurricular achievements**
- *Potential for future success**

***ACCEPTANCE LETTER**

Include a copy of your acceptance letter from a college or university in Texas or United States of America. *Your letter must be from an accredited college or university.

The Scholarship Committee may interview applicants. If interviews are held each applicant will be notified by mail of the date, time, and location.

MAKE SURE YOU FOLLOW ALL THE DIRECTIONS CAREFULLY TO ENSURE THAT YOUR APPLICATION STANDS OUT, OUT!!!

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Type or write legibly in black ink.

Name: _____ Sex: _____ Age: _____ Ethnicity: _____
Last First

Address: _____ Phone: _____

Names of Schools Attended

Middle School _____ Senior High _____

Father's Name _____ Address _____

Occupation: Name/Address/Phone _____

Mother's Name _____ Address _____

Occupation: Name/Address/Phone _____

Guardian's Name _____ Address _____

(If applicable)

Occupation: Name/Address/Phone _____

Number of adults and children who are dependent on parents' financial support: _____

Number of children dependent on parents' financial support: ___ Ages __, __, __, __, __

Number of family members attending college: _____

Describe any existing conditions causing unusual financial expenditures for any dependents listed above. Ex: illness, bereavement, support of family by only one parent, etc.

In order of preference:

Colleges: 1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____

Intended Major(s) 1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____

What are your career plans after college? _____

COUNSELOR'S OFFICE USE ONLY:

PSAT ___ SAT ___ ACT ___ RANK/ ___ GPA

Printed Name _____
Attach additional pages if necessary.

Student's Employment Record:

Business	Type of Work	Approx. # Hours per Wk.	Dates Worked
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

Extracurricular Activities.

General Extracurricular Activities (school, community, religious)	Grade
_____	_____
_____	_____
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Awards and Honors: List individual, team honors and contest recognition.

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List organization memberships and offices held.

_____	_____
_____	_____
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_____	_____
_____	_____

Printed Name _____

Hobbies, Talents, or Interests not listed

Essay. In about **350** words please respond to **ONE** of the topics listed below. This is your chance to present your best self to the Scholarship Committee. Attach your one page response to your application.

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I hereby certify that all academic information submitted on this application by the applicant is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Student's Signature

Parent's Signature

Counselor's Signature

CERTIFICATION AND AUTHORIZATION (APPLICANT MUST READ AND SIGN BELOW TO BE ELIGIBLE):

All of the information on this application is true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I certify that I meet all eligibility requirements as specified in this application. I understand that application materials become the property of Fannie Bowzer and Gomillion Byars Scholarship Fund and cannot be returned. I hereby authorize FBGBSF to utilize information about my application and my likeness for public relations purposes, publicity or other scholarship opportunities without further compensation or notification.

Applicant Signature (**Required**) _____ Date: _____

Parent(s)/Guardian(s) Signature (**Required**) _____ Date: _____
(Parent/guardian signature is **only required** if applicant is under 21 or claimed as a dependent)