



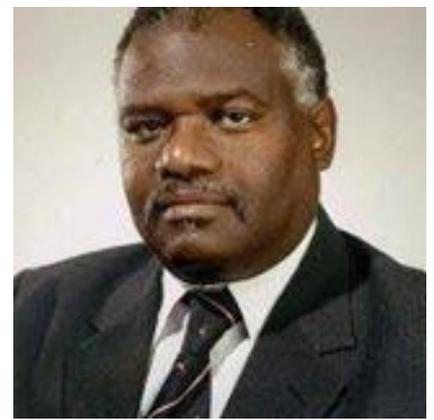
## **Dr. Joseph E. Bowman, Jr. Memorial Educational Scholarship**

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## ***Dr. Joseph E. Bowman, Jr.***



In recognition of her husband of 24 years and their dad's pursuit of ensuring access to education to students, the Bowman Family in April 2013 established a tribute to Dr. Joseph ("OJ") Bowman to benefit the creation of the Dr. Joseph E. Bowman, Jr. Memorial Educational Scholarship. The scholarship is funded by the Bowman Family and administered by their home of worship, Macedonia Baptist Church in Albany, New York.

Dr. Joseph Bowman Jr. was born in Brooklyn, New York on May 22, 1950 to Violetta and Joseph Bowman. Joseph was very active when growing up; he was part of the Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts Troop 731 and was the first "Mr. Bethany" at Bethany Methodist Church in Brooklyn, New York. Dr. Bowman graduated from Junior High School 210 and Midwood High School, in Brooklyn. He knew he wanted to go to college, but was not sure if he was ready for the college classroom and what degree program area he wanted to study. In the summer of 1968, he attended the Equal Opportunity Center in Brooklyn where he took college prep courses in Computer Science and English. Once he finished the courses, he was ready to pursue his college career. To his surprise Dr. Bowman's high school counselor recommended that he apply to the Equal Opportunity Program (EOP) at the University at Albany. There, he earned his bachelor's degrees in Africana Studies and Sociology in 1972 and his masters' degree in Library Science and Secondary Education in 1975. Joseph was very driven and dedicated to giving new opportunities to peers; he was instrumental in creating the African-American Studies Department at the University at Albany during his undergraduate tenure. Dr. Bowman continued his education at Teacher's College, Columbia University where he pursued other masters' degrees in Educational Technology in 1983 and Computer and Education in 1984 as well as a doctorate in Communications and Technology in Education in 1991. He was elected to the New York State Board of Regents in 2001.

Dr. Joseph "OJ" Bowman was a great human contributor to education and social issues in New York State. He continuously served as an advocate and spearheaded long and endless efforts for minority and economically disadvantaged students to ensure their inclusion in the revolution of educational technology. In 1990, during his graduate studies at Columbia University, he founded the Center for Urban Youth and Technology (CUYT) to create interest in education, community development, youth development, professional teacher development and technology in urban minority middle and high schools in New York City. Dr. Bowman never wanted to stop producing opportunities for the communities; in 2007 he created an Institute of Nanoscale Technology for Youth (INTY) that provided selected urban schools an opportunity to work with the College of Nanoscale Science and Engineering (now known as SUNY Polytechnic Institute).

The Macedonia Baptist Church Dr. Joseph E. Bowman, Jr. Memorial Educational Scholarship is a direct investment in the future of underrepresented students seeking careers at the college level in the areas of Science, Technology, Engineering or Mathematics (STEM).

*Nine tenths of education is encouragement. ~ Anatole France*

*His encouragement to the old and young to pursue their educational goals  
can never be forgotten. ~ The Bowman Family*

# ***Dr. Joseph E. Bowman, Jr. Memorial Educational Scholarship***

## **Program Overview**

The Dr. Joseph E. Bowman, Jr. Memorial Educational Scholarship is sponsored through donations and will be administered by the Macedonia Baptist Church Scholarship Fund Ministry in conjunction with the Macedonia Baptist Church Board of Trustees. The one-time non-renewable scholarship is available for students who will pursue a higher education career in the area of Science, Technology, Engineering or Mathematics (STEM). The scholarship will be awarded to eligible high school senior students who are underrepresented to include members and non-members of Macedonia Baptist Church that attend any Capital District Region high school and who plan to attend an accredited two-year or four-year college/university after graduation. The amount funded by donations is for a specified period. The amount designated will be awarded to a recipient to be used toward the purchase of books and/or assist with any college-related fees or tuition.

## **Eligibility Criteria**

The scholarship is available to high school senior students who exemplify the following characteristics:

1. Candidate's intended major at a two-year or four-year college/university must be in the area of Science, Technology, Engineering or Mathematics (STEM) to be considered for this scholarship.
2. Academic Achievement – Dedicated student who works hard and seeks continued growth inside and outside of the classroom.
3. Leadership – Know yourself and have a vision that is well communicated.
4. Character – Serve as a positive role model for their peers through conduct and attitude.
5. Community Service – Exhibit admirable and praiseworthy qualities of good citizenship.
6. Personal Poise – Able to articulate goals, abilities, skills and rationale for pursuing a particular career.

## **Application Process**

**All applications must be postmarked no later than April 15.** The application must be signed by both the student and their parent or guardian. When all parts of the application are completed, please submit as a package to: Macedonia Baptist Church, 26 Wilson Avenue, Albany, New York 12205 Attention: Scholarship Fund Committee. Please Note: Late or incomplete application packages will not be considered. A complete application package consists of:

1. A completed, dated and signed Dr. Joseph E. Bowman, Jr. Memorial Educational Scholarship application.
2. A sealed copy of an "Official School" transcript, and a copy of your resume or biographical sketch.
3. Three recent letters of recommendation from the following:
  - An individual who is not related to the student or affiliated with the academic institution you currently attend;
  - The student's Pastor or designee affiliated with the religious organization in which the student belongs; and
    - An Academic Advisor, School Counselor or School Administrator.
4. A copy of your college acceptance letter if available at the time of application (if not available, you will need to provide prior to the release of funds). College admissions letter should clearly indicate that you have been accepted into a program of science, technology, engineering, or mathematics.
5. A typed, double-spaced biographical essay, addressing the two questions on the application. In order to keep all application information together, please put your name on your essay and all other documents in the package. Please answer both questions and be specific.

**DR. JOSEPH E. BOWMAN, JR. MEMORIAL EDUCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP**  
**Application**  
**(To Be Completed By Applicant)**

Applicant's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Field of Study \_\_\_\_\_

GPA \_\_\_\_\_ Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

High School \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_ College/University \_\_\_\_\_

Religious Affiliation \_\_\_\_\_ Pastor's Name \_\_\_\_\_

**BIOGRAPHICAL ESSAY**

Use a separate sheet of paper and provide a typed, double-spaced, biographical essay by answering the following questions. Please ensure that appropriate signatures are affixed where required, and that all information is submitted as one package. Absence of any portion of the required information will result in the ineligibility of the applicant. All information must be post marked no later than **April 15th**.

1. Why are you interested in pursuing a major in the STEM area (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics = STEM). Please be specific.
2. How do you see yourself making an impact in this area of study in the future? Please be specific.

**CONDITION OF AWARD:**

All applicants will receive written notification of the Scholarship Fund Committee's decision no later than May 30th. The recipient will receive their one-time non-renewable Dr. Joseph E. Bowman, Jr. Scholarship on the Second Sunday in June at the 11:00 a.m. Worship Service.

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\_\_\_\_ I/We have reviewed the application and verified that all information is correct to the best of our knowledge.

\_\_\_\_ I/We understand and agree with the conditions herein. I/We hereby grant permission to the Macedonia Baptist Church Scholarship Fund Committee to publish personal biographical information submitted in conjunction with annual reports filed, website updates that are made, and/or newspaper articles published.

\_\_\_\_ I/We also give permission for Macedonia to use any photographs that may be taken of me as it concerns Macedonia's annual scholarships/awards, the Scholarship Fund website page, and all published literature.

Applicant's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**DR. JOSEPH E. BOWMAN, JR. MEMORIAL EDUCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP**  
**Eligibility Criteria**  
**(To Be Completed By School Official)**

The following Eligibility Verification form must be completed by a school official. The student must meet the following scholarship eligibility guidelines:

Student must:

1. Be eligible high school senior students who are underrepresented to include members and non-members of Macedonia Baptist Church that attend any Capital District Region high school, and who plan to attend an accredited two-year or four-year college or university after graduation.
2. Be enrolled in high school on the date of this application.
3. Be a high school senior, graduating at the end of the current school year and will pursue a higher education in the area of Science, Technology, Engineering or Mathematics (STEM) at a two-year or four-year university or college.
4. Demonstrate skills, abilities, character and aptitude for college matriculation.
5. Submit a sealed copy of an "Official School" transcript.
6. Submit a resume or biographical sketch.
7. Provide a copy of an acceptance letter from an accredited two-year or four-year college or university prior to release of funds.
8. Provide three recent letters of recommendation from the following:
  - An individual who is not related to the student and who is not affiliated with the academic institution the student is currently attending;
  - The student's Pastor or designee affiliated with the religious organization in which the student belongs; and
  - An Academic Advisor, School Counselor, or School Administrator.

**DR. JOSEPH E. BOWMAN, JR. MEMORIAL EDUCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP**  
**Eligibility Verification - To Be Completed By School Official**

Applicant's Name \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ Applicant's GPA \_\_\_\_\_

High School \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_

Name & Title of School Official \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address/Phone Number of School Official \_\_\_\_\_

**Social Adaptability/Relationships**

(1) Rate the applicant's relationship with others by assigning the appropriate number in the corresponding boxes.

1 = Outstanding      2 = Average      3 = Below Average      4 = Insufficient Opportunity to Observe

Relationship with students	( )
Relationship with teachers	( )
Relationship with other educational professionals	( )
Community Involvement	( )

Additional Comment (s):

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(2) Please comment on the applicant's involvement in extra-curricular and community activities.

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(3) Please comment on special skills and talents the applicant may possess.

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(4) What is your opinion of the applicant's aptitude and potential to succeed in college?

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Signature of School Official \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**All items must be completed, submitted in one package, and postmarked no later than April 15. A late or incomplete package will result in the ineligibility of the applicant.**