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To Whom It May Concern:

The City of Tampa Black History Committee, Inc. (COTBHC) will award a non-renewable scholarship in honor of our founder, **Bobby Bowden**. The applicant must be a graduating African American high school senior in Hillsborough County School District, must have a 2.5 GPA or better (unweighted), and have performed community service within their community via school, church, or through a social/civic organization. Please make sure the scholarship is legible and the essay is typed, double-spaced, and at least 500 or more words in length. **Essay Theme: In your own words, reflect on a situation - either one you personally witnessed, experienced, or learned about where a veteran or active service member demonstrated a form of leadership that made a lasting impact. Consider qualities such as integrity, discipline, teamwork, courage, adaptability, or compassion. Then connect how these qualities apply to everyday life, especially as you navigate your own path toward adulthood.**

Required attachments to be included in addition to the application and essay:

- Three (3) references, (Pastor/Adult Leader in your church, adult advisor of civic/social organization, principal/teacher, etc.) explaining why they think you deserve this scholarship. Note: The letter should be personal and highlight your contributions and accomplishments. NO computer-generated signatures. The letter must contain an original signature on each letter AND the letter must be submitted on letterhead, or it will NOT be accepted!
- Provide proof of at least 100 completed community service hours.
- A professional headshot photograph, or a senior photograph must be submitted. ONLY (1) photograph is needed if more than one scholarship is applied for. Note: NO cell phone selfies will be accepted.
- A sealed and official current transcript from your high school.
- A student biography of 8 to 10 sentences that highlights your academic accomplishments and explains your personal and future goals for life and your education.

The application, essay, and all required attachments must be returned and received (not postmarked) no later than **Friday, February 13, 2026**.

Please mail to:

City of Tampa Black History Committee, Inc.
Attention: Education/Scholarship Chairperson
PO Box 1782
Tampa, Florida 33602

Please adhere to the due date and include all required attachments with your application. Note: Any missing items not submitted with your application will be subject to a NON ACCEPTANCE for the scholarship you are seeking! There will be no exceptions!

If you have any questions, please email cityoftampabhcscholarships@yahoo.com.

Sincerely,

Mindi R. Rainey

Scholarship/Education Chair

**CITY OF TAMPA'S BLACK HISTORY COMMITTEE, INC.
BOBBY BOWDEN SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION**

Please Print (Black or Blue Ink) or Type legibly. Applicants

Name: _____
Last First

Parent/Guardian Name: _____
Last First

Address _____
 Street

_____ _____
City *State*

_____ _____
 Zip

Phone Number: _____ Email: _____
Day Number

EDUCATION

(UNWEIGHTED)

High School: _____ G.P.A.: _____ Graduation Date: _____

Address: _____

What university/college will you be attending: _____

General course of study or intended major: _____

Have you applied for or been awarded other financial aid or scholarships? If yes, please provide names:

Extra Curricular Activities: (clubs, organizations, volunteering, hobbies, etc.)

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____