

THEA BOWMAN INSTITUTE FOR EXCELLENCE & LEADERSHIP

The Thea Bowman Institute for Excellence & Leadership at Alverno College is a four-year leadership development program for Black undergraduate students enrolled at Alverno. The Institute provides renewable full-tuition scholarships (excluding room and board expenses) to students who exhibit a strong desire to serve as leaders in their communities and are seeking professional roles in pursuit of social change and service.

The institute gives students opportunities such as; working with dedicated advisors and alumna mentors, attending exclusive networking opportunities, and finding internship opportunities that will help them to become leaders who can make a difference.

To be accepted into the Institute, students must:

- Be admitted to Alverno College
- Graduate from high school in 2023
- Reside in Southeastern Wisconsin
- Have a demonstrated record of academic success and high achievement goals
- Provide clear evidence of civic and/or community engagement.
- Articulate their intended college major as well as their academic and career goals
- Complete a successful interview with the selection committee

To renew this scholarship each year, students must:

- Enroll full time each semester
- Maintain satisfactory academic progress as defined by Alverno
- Actively engage in all Institute program activities and opportunities
- Successfully progress toward completing their four-year degree



The Thea Bowman Institute honors the late Thea Bowman, FSPA, Ph.D., who gained national and international renown for her passionate advocacy for racial justice. Sister Thea was a black Franciscan nun from Mississippi who was educated in Wisconsin. Sister Thea held a doctorate in English and served as a professor at three universities.



**THEA BOWMAN
INSTITUTE**

**“ I want to be
in the room
where it
happens, and I
want to be the
one helping
to create
the change.”**

— Amira
Class of 2024

To Apply:

- Complete the Alverno College Admissions Application at alverno.edu/apply.
- Submit your official High School Transcript.
- Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Alverno code: **003832**
- Complete the application form at alverno.edu/bowman, and include your essay.



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