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

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.

Scan this QR code to learn more about the 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