

2021 William F. Taylor Memorial Scholarship

The Taylor Family will award one \$1,000 scholarship to a New Bedford High School graduating senior that plans on playing a sport at the NCAA collegiate level.

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Name of College You Plan on Attending _____

Major _____ Sport _____

Involvement at New Bedford High School and in the Community:

GPA _____ out of 4.0 Class Rank _____

List all extracurricular activities for the school and the community _____

FAMILY INFORMATION

Father's Name _____ Mother's Name _____

Occupation _____ Occupation _____

How many siblings and what are their ages? _____

Siblings Attending College? _____

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ESSAY

Essay should be between 250 and 500 words, typed in Times New Roman 12 point font and double-spaced.

What are your college and career goals and aspirations?

REQUIREMENTS

All applicants must submit the following with a completed application and essay:

- A valid high school transcript
- A letter of recommendation (From a teacher, coach, or leader in the community)
- A minimum of a 3.5 grade point average
- Be in the top quarter of their graduating class
- Be a U.S. Citizen
- Play a varsity sport that they plan on continuing to play at the collegiate level

THIS COMPLETED APPLICATION MUST BE SUBMITTED BY 2:00 PM ON FRIDAY, 4/30/21 TO THE MAIN OFFICE.

BRIEF HISTORY OF WILLIAM F. TAYLOR

Bill Taylor attended New Bedford High School and graduated in 1950. Bill was the starting quarterback for the years 1948 and 1949. With him in the backfield was Robert (Bobby) Watkins, Raymond Letourneau and Richard Bellotti. Bill was an outstanding quarterback and was called "The Magician" because of his uncanny ability to hide the ball. Bill was a very accurate passer who had a very powerful arm and a quick release. Bill was designated as "All Bristol County" for the years 1948 and 1949. He had the rare distinction of being allowed to call his own plays by Coach Win Dodge.

After graduating from New Bedford High School, Bill attended Admiral Billard Academy in New London, Connecticut, where he was a running back for the Academy and scored 11 touchdowns during the football year of 1950. He was the highest scorer and voted the Most Valuable Player on the Admiral Billard Academy football team.

Thereafter, Bill attended Boston University when the University was a IA team as opposed to a IAA team. While attending Boston University, he was made a defensive back. During that period of time, the Boston team played many large schools, such as Syracuse University, University of Miami, and University of Maryland. In his last year at Boston, Bill had the distinction to play against Jim Brown.

After graduation from Boston University, Bill Taylor became an officer in the United States Marine Corps during which time he served distinctively for a period of three years. Upon his discharge from the Marine Corps, Bill worked in the steel industry and did so until his death in March 1994.

The 1949 football team is deemed to be one of the best teams to come out of New Bedford High School and has the distinction of having its photograph installed in the sports memorabilia that exists near the gym at the present New Bedford High School.