



# COLLEGE PREP SCHOLARS PROGRAM

FOR HIGH SCHOOL JUNIORS

A pathway to top colleges  
for outstanding low-income  
high school juniors



## QUESTBRIDGE PATH TO COLLEGE



### HIGH SCHOOL JUNIORS

College Prep Scholars Program



### HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS

National College Match



### COLLEGE STUDENTS

QuestBridge Scholars Network

### THE NATIONAL COLLEGE MATCH

The National College Match pairs high-achieving, low-income seniors with admission and full four-year scholarships to our college partners.

### THE QUESTBRIDGE SCHOLARS NETWORK

Students who become Finalists through the National College Match and enroll at a college partner become QuestBridge Scholars. The QuestBridge Scholars Network offers these students a supportive community and access to growth, service, and leadership opportunities.

QuestBridge is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization founded in 1994. Our mission is to increase the number of outstanding low-income students who attend leading colleges and to support them to achieve success in college and beyond.

**WE KNOW** the vast majority of very high-achieving, low-income students do not apply to selective colleges or universities.

**WE BELIEVE** the right information can change the way outstanding low-income students see their futures.

**WE PROVIDE OPPORTUNITIES** to high-achieving, low-income students to help them understand that an education at a top college is possible.

**WE'VE HELPED THOUSANDS** of students gain admission with scholarships or excellent financial aid.

### QUESTBRIDGE COLLEGE PARTNERS:

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|---------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Amherst College           | Pomona College                    |
| Bowdoin College           | Princeton University              |
| Brown University          | Rice University                   |
| Caltech                   | Scripps College                   |
| Carleton College          | Stanford University               |
| Claremont McKenna College | Swarthmore College                |
| Colby College             | Tufts University                  |
| Colorado College          | University of Chicago             |
| Columbia University       | University of Notre Dame          |
| Dartmouth College         | University of Pennsylvania        |
| Davidson College          | University of Southern California |
| Duke University           | University of Virginia            |
| Emory University          | Vanderbilt University             |
| Grinnell College          | Vassar College                    |
| Haverford College         | Washington and Lee University     |
| Macalester College        | Wellesley College                 |
| MIT                       | Wesleyan University               |
| Northwestern University   | Williams College                  |
| Oberlin College           | Yale University                   |

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## Want an advantage in the admissions process to top colleges and universities?

### THE COLLEGE PREP SCHOLARS PROGRAM WAS DESIGNED TO GIVE YOU JUST THAT.

College Prep Scholars are among the nation's brightest high school juniors who have demonstrated academic excellence despite facing economic challenges. **Top colleges are looking for outstanding students like you,** and the College Prep Scholars Program can give you an early advantage in the admissions process – now in your junior year.

The College Prep Scholars Program will provide you with everything you need to know about getting into a leading college with a full scholarship. As a College Prep Scholar, you will receive specialized guidance to develop a strong college application that shares your unique story.

The **majority of College Prep Scholars** are selected as Finalists for the QuestBridge National College Match, our program that connects high school seniors with admission and full four-year scholarships to the nation's best colleges.

#### ALL COLLEGE PREP SCHOLARS RECEIVE:

- > **An invitation to a QuestBridge National College Admissions Conference:** Learn from admissions officers at top colleges
- > **The distinction of being a College Prep Scholar:** Our college partners are among the nation's best institutions, and they all identify College Prep Scholars as outstanding potential candidates to highly selective colleges
- > **A head start on applying to college:** Use your College Prep Scholars Program application to apply to top colleges through the National College Match in your senior year

#### YOU COULD ALSO RECEIVE:

- > **Full scholarships to college summer programs** at Stanford, Yale, Emory, Penn, and more that cover travel, tuition, and room & board
- > **Quest for Excellence Awards,** such as laptops, college visits, personalized essay review, and more
- > **All-expense-paid campus visits** to our college partners
- > **One-on-one admissions telementoring** from Amherst College students



The College Prep Scholars Program is open to all high school juniors currently attending high school in the United States, regardless of their citizenship status.

#### TYPICAL COLLEGE PREP SCHOLARS:

- > Earn mostly A's in the most challenging courses available
- > Come from families earning less than \$65,000 annually (for a typical family of four) with minimal assets
- > Are in the top 5-10% of their class
- > Typically score greater than 1270 on the PSAT or SAT, or greater than 26 on the ACT
- > May be eligible for free or reduced-price lunch
- > May be among the 1st generation in their family to attend a four-year college

#### APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS:

- > Academic and financial information
- > An essay and short answers
- > Current high school transcript
- > Letter of recommendation from a high school teacher



Being a College Prep Scholar definitely helped me realize that top colleges were looking for students like me. I felt like I had a shot at attending my dream school.

**CALVIN GOAH**

2014 College Prep Scholar  
QuestBridge Scholar  
Columbia University  
Class of 2019



**February:**

College Prep Scholars Program application opens



**Late March:**

Application deadline



**Late April:**

College Prep Scholars selected



**Summer:**

Benefit from opportunities to strengthen your application for the National College Match

**Apply at [www.questbridge.org](http://www.questbridge.org)**