

QuestBridge is part of the Quest Scholars Program, a (501)(c)(3) nonprofit organization founded in 1994 to help outstanding low-income students access top-tier educational opportunities.

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. QuestBridge's mission is to increase the number of outstanding low-income students who attend leading colleges.

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

OUR PROGRAMS

- The College Prep Scholarship for high school juniors
- The National College Match for high school seniors
- The Quest for Excellence Awards program

OUR PARTNER COLLEGES ARE AMONG THE BEST IN THE NATION:

Amherst College	Scripps College
Bowdoin College	Stanford University
Brown University	Swarthmore College
Caltech	Trinity College
Carleton 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
Emory University	University of Virginia
Grinnell College	Vanderbilt University
Haverford College	Vassar College
MIT	Washington and Lee University
Northwestern University	Wellesley College
Oberlin College	Wesleyan University
Pomona College	Williams College
Princeton University	Yale University
Rice University	



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College Prep Scholarship

FOR HIGH SCHOOL JUNIORS

QUEST FOR EXCELLENCE AWARD PROGRAM

Quest for Excellence offers customized awards to College Prep Scholars on the basis of geography, talents, special interests, personal history, or other individual criteria. Through these awards students can receive additional summer program opportunities, standardized test preparation, laptops, expense-paid college visits, and more.

THE NATIONAL COLLEGE MATCH

The National College Match program pairs high-achieving, low-income seniors with admission and full scholarships to our partner colleges.

THE QUEST SCHOLARS NETWORK

Students who apply through the QuestBridge National College Match and enroll at a partner college become members of the Quest Scholars Network, a national network of outstanding students committed to leadership and service.

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*Connecting America's
outstanding students
with top colleges*

The College Prep Scholarship for high school juniors provides opportunities that help talented low-income students understand an education at a top college can be both possible and affordable—and provides resources to help them get there.

HOW IS IT POSSIBLE?

Leading colleges are specifically looking for students who have achieved academic excellence despite facing economic hardship. These students often don't realize that their academic success qualifies them for admission to top schools, and that the schools have enough funding to make it possible for them to attend affordably, if not for free.

HOW IS IT AFFORDABLE?

Because financial aid at these schools covers 100% of students' demonstrated financial need, attending a highly selective college can actually be less expensive than going to a community or state college. Often, low-income families do not need to contribute at all.

College	Yearly Cost	EFC*	Financial Aid	Unmet Need	You Pay
TOP COLLEGE	\$61,000	\$1,500	\$59,000	\$0	\$1,500
STATE UNIVERSITY	\$31,000	\$1,500	\$19,500	\$10,000	\$11,500
TWO-YEAR OR COMMUNITY COLLEGE	\$19,000	\$1,500	\$9,000	\$8,500	\$10,000

*Expected Family Contribution

COLLEGE PREP SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

Through one FREE application, students who are selected as College Prep Scholars may receive one or more of the following awards:

Full scholarships to college summer programs

Approximately 40 students will receive full scholarships to summer school programs at Brandeis, Emory, Harvard, Notre Dame, Penn, Stanford, and Yale. The scholarship will cover the cost of travel, tuition, and room & board.

National College Admissions Conference invitation

More than 2,000 students will be invited to attend one of our conferences held at our partner colleges, where students will learn about how to successfully apply to leading colleges as a high-achieving, low-income student and will interact with admissions officers.

One-on-one college admissions counseling

More than 60 students will be paired with a trained counselor for individualized admissions guidance.

All-expense-paid college visit

At least 100 students will be nominated to have travel expenses and room & board covered by a QuestBridge partner college to visit their campus.

Telementoring with college students

Approximately 300 students will be paired with Amherst College students who have been trained in providing admissions advice to low-income students.

HOW TO APPLY

The College Prep Scholarship is open to high school juniors who are planning to apply to college in the fall of their senior year.

The application opens in mid-February and is due at the end of March. Fill out a free online application: www.questbridge.org.

To apply, we require:

- Detailed academic and financial information
- Essay and short answers
- Current high school transcript
- Letter of recommendation from a high school teacher
- Any available standardized test scores



ELIGIBILITY

The College Prep Scholarship is open to high school juniors who have shown academic excellence despite facing long-term economic challenges.

SELECTION CRITERIA:

We review applications holistically, and consider many factors, including:

Academic Achievement: Unweighted GPA above a 3.5 in challenging courses and strong writing ability. If applicable, standardized test scores and class rank.

Financial Need: Household income of less than \$60,000 per year for a typical family of four. Limited assets.

TYPICAL COLLEGE PREP SCHOLARS:

- Are in the top 5–10% of their class
- Scored >1300 (CR+M) on the SAT or >29 (COMPOSITE) on the ACT (if taken)
- Are in the 1st generation in their family going to college
- Are eligible for free or reduced price lunch



Mid-February:
College Prep Scholarship becomes available



Late March:
College Prep Scholarship due



Late April:
College Prep Scholars selected; applicants notified



August:
College Match application becomes available

Applicants to our College Prep Scholarship program are well-prepared to apply to the National College Match during their senior year. Students do not need to apply to the College Prep Scholarship in order to be eligible for the College Match.

College Prep Scholarship (juniors)

College Match (seniors)

Quest Scholars Network (college students)