

Harvard Medical School

Health Professions Recruitment & Exposure Program



2020-2021 Mentoring Handbook

HPREP Mission Statement

“To recruit high school students from **underrepresented and disadvantaged** backgrounds into **science, medicine, and public health** by equipping them with the excitement, knowledge, skills, confidence, and community necessary to pursue education and careers in these fields. By eliminating **educational disparities** and **increasing representation** of underrepresented and disadvantaged groups in science and health professions, we ultimately seek to improve health access and outcomes in communities that face **health disparities**.”

III. Summer Programs

**Confirmed that undocumented students can apply. If you do not see **, this does not necessarily mean that undocumented students cannot apply. Please specifically inquire with the program about undocumented eligibility.

Boston-area STEM Programs

Free programs

[Project Success at the Harvard Medical School DICP](https://mfdp.med.harvard.edu/dicp-programs/k-12/high-school-programs/project-success)

<https://mfdp.med.harvard.edu/dicp-programs/k-12/high-school-programs/project-success>

Application Due: Early February 2021

Description: A program for Boston and Cambridge high school students only, currently in grades 11 and 12, particularly students from groups underrepresented in medicine and/or disadvantaged students, to participate in paid, mentored, summer research internships at Harvard Medical School and its affiliated institutions. Paid research positions for 8 weeks, from June through August.

Grades: 11 and 12

Eligibility:

- Reside in Boston or Cambridge, Massachusetts.
- Be a Boston or Cambridge high school student, particularly a student from a racial or ethnic background underrepresented in medicine and/or from a disadvantaged background.
- Have completed the junior or senior year of high school and be at least 16 years old at the time of application.
- Have demonstrated an interest and ability in science, interest in pursuing a biomedical science or health-related career, and commitment to attending college.
- Have maintained a Grade Point Average (GPA) of at least B-, and have completed biology, algebra, and chemistry.
- Be willing to complete all required formal oral and written reports; attend all Project Success-sponsored seminars; and maintain good attendance and performance on required research projects.
- Be committed to participating in selected Harvard Medical School Educational Outreach Programs for a year after completing the program.
- Have parental/guardian commitment.

Cost: Free

[Dana-Farber YES for CURE Program](http://www.dfhcc.harvard.edu/research/cancer-disparities/students/yes-for-cure/)

<http://www.dfhcc.harvard.edu/research/cancer-disparities/students/yes-for-cure/>

Application Due: November 23, 2020

Description: The Young Empowered Scientists for ContinUed Research Engagement (YES for CURE) Program is a three-year training initiative for highly motivated high school and undergraduate students interested in pursuing a career in scientific research. Through engagement in mentored summer research projects, participation in an advanced scientific

curriculum during the academic year, and year-round professional skills training, students will acquire scientific knowledge and technical skills, and increase their understanding of how to conduct biomedical research.

Program Features:

- Extensive program orientation and scientific skills training
- Two summers of mentored cancer research experiences at Dana-Farber/Harvard Cancer Center
- Experience in composing an abstract and delivering an oral or poster presentation of your research
- Networking with students in other research programs, and with research scientists
- Seminars on research and professional development topics
- Journal club meetings focused on understanding scientific articles
- Mentoring and curriculum development experience with middle school students in Boston Public Schools
- Opportunity to present research at local and/or national conferences
- Summer stipends

Grades: 10-11

Eligibility:

- Be a high school sophomore or junior or a college freshman or sophomore
 - At least 16 years old at start of program
 - Meet at least one of the following criteria:
 - Be from a racial or ethnic group considered underrepresented in the sciences*
 - Be a first-generation college student
 - Be from an economically disadvantaged background
 - Demonstrate a strong interest and ability in science
 - Show interest in pursuing a biomedical science or health-related career
 - Be able to commit to THREE YEARS of program participation
- *Blacks, Hispanics, Native Americans/Alaska Natives, Native Hawaiians, and Pacific Islanders.

Cost: Free

[CURE - Summer Only](http://www.dfhcc.harvard.edu/research/cancer-disparities/students/cure-overview/)

<http://www.dfhcc.harvard.edu/research/cancer-disparities/students/cure-overview/>

Application Due: February 5, 2021

Description: The Continuing Umbrella of Research Experiences (CURE) program introduces Massachusetts high school and college students from underrepresented populations to the world of cancer research by placing them in real research settings at local cancer research institutions. Our goal is to encourage students to pursue future careers in the biosciences—particularly cancer research—giving practical meaning to academic course work and to expand and extend their interest in basic, clinical and/or population science research. At the same time, students make a valuable contribution to the DF/HCC research mission. By participating in a program at DF/HCC—an NCI comprehensive cancer center with more than

1100 researchers across seven Harvard institutions—students will learn from experts who are devoted to preventing, treating and curing cancer.

Program Features:

- A full-time, hands-on summer experience in a cancer research environment at Dana-Farber/Harvard Cancer Center
- Comprehensive orientation program
- Scientific and professional/career development seminars and journal clubs with researchers and YES for CURE and CURE – Summer Only students.
- Preparation and presentation of an abstract and either a poster or a 10-12 minute PowerPoint oral presentation of their research project at the end of the summer.
- Stipend

Grades: 10- 12

Eligibility:

- Be a high school sophomore, junior or senior OR college freshman, sophomore, or junior
- Be at least 16 years old as of the start of the program
- Be a MA resident or attend school in MA
- Be a US citizen or a permanent resident
- Be at least one of the following:
 - From a racial/ethnic group that is underrepresented in the sciences*
 - A first generation college student
 - Economically disadvantaged
- Show a strong interest and ability in science
- Have an interest in pursuing a biomedical or health-related research career
- Be able to commit to a full-time experience

* Underrepresented minorities in the sciences include Blacks, Hispanics, Native Americans/Alaska Natives, Native Hawaiians, and Pacific Islanders.

Cost: Free

[Saturday Engineering Enrichment and Discovery \(SEED\) Academy](https://oeop.mit.edu/programs/seed/program-details)

<https://oeop.mit.edu/programs/seed/program-details>

Application Due: December 1, 2020

Description: On Saturdays during the academic year, public school students from Boston, Cambridge and Lawrence take hands-on courses that expose them to new areas of science and engineering. Students also attend seminars from college admissions and industry professionals. Each SEED Academy module focuses on a different technical discipline – from mechanical engineering to robotics to biological engineering. Through a hands-on instructional approach, students increase their mastery of academic subjects, strengthen their understanding of the practical application of math and science concepts, discover new academic and professional opportunities, and gain exposure to a college environment.

Grades: 7th, 8th, 9th, or 10th grade

Eligibility:

- Boston, Cambridge or Lawrence, Massachusetts public school students
- Boston, Cambridge or Lawrence, Massachusetts residents

- 7th, 8th, 9th, or 10th grade students
- U.S. citizens or permanent residents
- Passion for science, technology, engineering and math
 - This can be demonstrated through extracurricular activities, essays, and letters of recommendation
- Strong academic record
- There is no minimum GPA to apply. Students are expected to maintain a B+ average in school throughout their time in SEED Academy.
- We strongly encourage students from the following backgrounds to apply:
 - Underrepresented in science and engineering, defined as being African American, Hispanic/Latino or Native American
 - Underserved, defined as coming from low socioeconomic means, which may be indicated by qualification for free/reduced lunch
 - Potentially the first family member to attend college

Cost: Free

[Minority Introduction to Engineering and Science \(MITES\)](https://oeop.mit.edu/programs/mites/program-details)

<https://oeop.mit.edu/programs/mites/program-details>

Application opens mid-November 2020

Description: MITES is a rigorous six-week residential academic enrichment program for rising high school seniors – many of whom come from underrepresented or underserved communities – who have a strong academic record and are interested in studying and exploring careers in science and engineering. This national program stresses the value and reward of pursuing advanced technical degrees and careers while developing the skills necessary to achieve success in science and engineering.”

Grade: 11

Eligibility:

- U.S. citizens or permanent residents
- High school juniors or equivalent
- Passion for science, technology, engineering and math
- Strong academic record

[MIT Online Science, Technology, and Engineering Community \(MOSTEC\)](https://oeop.mit.edu/programs/mostec/program-details)

<https://oeop.mit.edu/programs/mostec/program-details>

Application opens mid-November 2020

Description: In the six-month MOSTEC program, rising high school seniors from across the country who have a strong academic record and interest in science and engineering complete online coursework and projects in science, engineering, and science writing during the summer in the Academic Phase (July through August). When the summer ends, students enter the Enrichment Phase (August through January) and continue to learn more about science and engineering; interact with faculty, researchers, and professionals via webinars and Q&A sessions; and receive online mentorship from undergraduates, graduate students, and industry

professionals. Students also have the opportunity to ask admissions and financial aid questions in the Admissions Corner, which is run by admissions office staff.

Grade: 11

Eligibility:

- U.S. citizens or permanent residents
- High school juniors or equivalent
- Passion for science, technology, engineering and math
- Strong academic record

Cost: Free

MIT Research Science Institute

<https://www.cee.org/research-science-institute>

Description: Each summer, 80 of the world's most accomplished high school students gather at MIT for the RSI. RSI is the first cost-free to students, summer science & engineering program to combine on-campus course work in scientific theory with off-campus work in science and technology research. Participants experience the entire research cycle from start to finish. They read the most current literature in their field, draft and execute a detailed research plan, and deliver conference-style oral and written reports on their findings. RSI scholars first participate in a week of intensive STEM classes with accomplished professors. The heart of RSI is the five week research internship where students conduct individual projects under the tutelage of mentors who are experienced scientists and researchers. During the final week of RSI, students prepare written and oral presentations on their research projects.

Grades: 11

Eligibility:

It is recommended that PSAT Math Scores be at least 740 or higher and the Evidence-Based Reading and Writing Score be 700 or higher. ACT math scores should be at least 33 and verbal scores at least 34. Lower scores must be offset by strong indicators of mathematical, scientific, and academic potential exemplified in recommendations, high school grades, and science activities. There are two types of applications, US Citizens/Permanent Residents and International Applicants. Please note that high school seniors are not eligible to apply.

US Citizens and Permanent Residents: All U.S. students, including US Citizens studying at non-DoD schools overseas, with one year remaining before graduation from high school, may apply to RSI. US Citizens and Permanent Residents applications are submitted directly to CEE. Students are not nominated or selected by their schools. Successful applicants will have demonstrated superior scholastic achievement in mathematics, the sciences, and verbal arts. They will have shown the potential for leadership in science and mathematics through their activities in and beyond the classroom. Many will have a lengthy record of participation in mathematics, science, and engineering competitions at the regional, state, and national levels. Some will have completed university-level coursework, worked in a research laboratory, or conducted original scientific research. Others will have completed hands-on projects displaying significant ability in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics design, implementation, and analysis. Most will have been leaders in community and school activities.

International Applicants: Each participating country has its own selection procedure and selection schedule. Please contact Ms. Maite Ballesterro, Executive Vice President of Programs to determine if your country participates. If it does, her team will put you in contact with the appropriate representative at the agency conducting selection for your country. For more information, click [here](#).

Cost: Free

[Biogen Community Lab - “Adventures in Biotechnology”](https://www.biogen.com/en_us/community-lab-summer.html)

https://www.biogen.com/en_us/community-lab-summer.html

Information about sessions for the summer of 2021 will be posted in early 2021.

Description: Conduct a hands-on lab project, meet and interact with scientists and other biotech professionals and get an inside view of a biotech company! You will learn about the drug development process while also learning and doing a series of biotech laboratory techniques. Each day will focus on lab work, but there will also be opportunities to hear from and speak with employees from a wide range of departments. The laboratory component for most of our sessions will focus on modifying DNA in order to then produce and purify green fluorescent protein! To accomplish this, you will learn and do the following techniques: bacterial transformation, site-directed mutagenesis, protein extraction, affinity purification and PAGE. But don't worry if you are not familiar with these lab techniques as that's what you will learn during the program! All of our programming is free and lunch will be provided each day.

Grade: 9-12

Eligibility: The Biogen Community Lab admissions committee is looking for students who are interested in learning more about Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) and who are currently enrolled in high school (9th grade or above).

Cost: Free

[Requires payment](https://stem.neu.edu/summer/ysp/)

[Young Scholars Program at Northeastern University](https://stem.neu.edu/summer/ysp/)

<https://stem.neu.edu/summer/ysp/>

Cost: \$150 commitment fee upon entrance into the program

Key Dates:

- **2021 Program Dates:** TBD
- Application **OPENS** mid-January 2021 (subject to changes due to COVID-19)
- Application **DUE** by the end of March 2021
- Results posted by beginning of April 2021
- **Program time commitment:** Monday through Thursday 8am-4:30pm

Description: The Young Scholars Program offers future scientists and engineers a unique opportunity for a hands-on research experience while still in high school.

- Laboratory research experiences
- Career exploration
- Education and career counseling
- Field trips
- Experience college life

Grade: 11

Eligibility:

- Students must be permanent Massachusetts residents.
 - Only students in 12th grade following the program/current juniors are eligible to apply. Students from any schools (public, private, home schooled, etc) are eligible.
 - An even number of males and females will be selected, from a diverse range of demographic backgrounds.
 - Immediate family members of Northeastern University faculty may apply to the program but are not given any special preference. They must still follow all other eligibility rules.
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Boston-area medicine and health programs

[Tufts University School of Medicine Teachers and High School Students Program \(TAHSS\)](https://medicine.tufts.edu/local-global-engagement/pipeline-programs/TAHSS)

<https://medicine.tufts.edu/local-global-engagement/pipeline-programs/TAHSS>

APPLICATION DUE JANUARY 16, 2020

Description: The Teachers and High School Students (TAHSS) Program was founded in the fall of 1989 with the goals of exposing interested high school students of varied backgrounds to health care and related professions, and providing support in their academic and personal development. Students participate in a 5 week-long program, and spend time in various clinical and bench research positions throughout our Boston Health Sciences Campus.

Program Information:

- Students take Anatomy and Physical Diagnosis courses taught by medical students. Through these courses, they gain knowledge and exposure to graduate-level laboratory-based science.
- Mentors will be assigned to students in various clinical and bench research positions throughout our Boston Health Sciences Campus.
- Research and clinical experiences may span the Tufts Medical Center, School of Medicine, Public Health and Community Medicine Department, Freidman School of Nutrition, Sackler School of Biomedical Research, and School of Dental Medicine.
- All TAHSS students complete an independent project, and are expected to present their findings at the end of the program.
- TAHSS provides exposure to role models and health career opportunities, as well as information on the college application process and financial aid.
- Students can establish lifelong connections with their mentors as well as with their fellow students, and mentors are also available to write letters of recommendation.
- The mentoring and support for high school students continue after the conclusion of the summer program. Our office keeps in touch to inform TAHSS Alums of conferences and other program opportunities.

Grades: 10-12

Eligibility:

While all applications will be considered, the program aims to provide an opportunity especially to students from socioeconomic and educationally disadvantaged backgrounds, and students

under-represented in medicine communities. Students must also be at least 16 years old and in grades 10-12 to apply.

Cost: Free

[UMass Med High School Health Careers Program \(HSHCP\)](https://www.umassmed.edu/gsbs/outreach-programs/high-school-health-careers-program/)

<https://www.umassmed.edu/gsbs/outreach-programs/high-school-health-careers-program/>

Application Due: March 1, 2020 (opens November 15th)

Description:

The High School Health Careers Program (HSHCP) is a four week, tuition-free, residential program. It offers current sophomore and junior high school students unique opportunities to learn about the broad spectrum of careers in Biomedical Research, Biotechnology and the health professions (BBHP). It is designed to improve academic study and communication skills of the participants.

The program includes enrichment classes and classroom sessions including Language Arts skills, Mathematics, Science/Biology, and Information Technology and Cultural and Contemporary Health Issues Seminars. Additionally, the HSHCP offers participants internships that give them the opportunity to interact with physicians and other healthcare professionals. Upon successful completion of the program, each participant is awarded a Certificate of Achievement and a stipend.

Grades: 10-11

Eligibility:

The program is open to:

- Massachusetts residents who attend a Massachusetts high school.
- Massachusetts students who are a U.S. citizen or have permanent resident status.
- Current Massachusetts high school sophomores/juniors:
- Under-represented individuals in medicine, nursing, biomedical research, biotechnology and the health professions (BBHP) are African Americans, Latinos, Native Americans and South East Asians.
- Disadvantaged individuals include those from economically disadvantaged (i.e. meets Federal guidelines for low income, poverty and/or free and reduced lunches) and/or educationally disadvantaged backgrounds (i.e. first generation college graduates).
- Applicants must meet the first three criteria and at least one item in the last two bullet points.

Cost: Free

[BIDMC Summer Health Corps Program](https://www.bidmc.org/about-bidmc/helping-our-community/volunteer-services/agress-summer-health-corps)

<https://www.bidmc.org/about-bidmc/helping-our-community/volunteer-services/agress-summer-health-corps>

Application Due: December 31, 2020 (Opens December 1)

Description: The Summer Health Corps Program is an educational hands-on program for high school students ages 14 through 17. Through this program teens can explore various careers while gaining experience in a hospital setting. The students may work in departments such as admitting, outpatient clinics, Post Anesthesia Care, the Emergency Department and other

areas. In addition to learning from the actual volunteer experience, volunteers will attend weekly tours of specific departments. These tours provide information on the functions of various medical center staff and their departments. Some of the departments may include the Neonatal Unit (premature babies), the Emergency Department, and Radiology. Students also attend orientation and training sessions. Students will learn about routine medical center policies and procedures such as fire safety and infection control precautions. They will also take a tour of the Medical Center.

Grades: 9-12

Eligibility:

- Age requirement: 14-17 by the start of the program.
- Must be available to participate in entire program: Monday – Thursday, 9 AM – 2 PM.
- Must submit two letters of recommendation from persons who know you well and are not related to you.
- Candidates will be contacted to schedule an interview.
- Must provide documentation of immunization history.
- Accepted candidates will be required to have tuberculosis (TB) screening.

Cost: Free

[Student Success Jobs Program \(SSJP\) at Brigham and Women's Hospital](http://www.brighamandwomens.org/about_bwh/communityprograms/ssjp/default.aspx)

http://www.brighamandwomens.org/about_bwh/communityprograms/ssjp/default.aspx

Description: The Student Success Jobs Program (SSJP) is a year-round internship program at Brigham and Women's Hospital designed to introduce 90 Boston high school students to medical, health, and science professions. Students are matched with health care professionals who provide mentoring and serve as role models.

SSJP partners with Boston public high schools and The Boston Private Industry Council (PIC) to recruit students from the following eight schools: Boston Latin Academy, Community Academy of Science and Health, Edward M. Kennedy Academy for Health Careers, Fenway High School, John D. O'Bryant School of Math And Science, Madison Park Technical and Vocational High School, New Mission High School, and Urban Science Academy.

SSJP is a comprehensive program with opportunities for students to embark on the college application and selection process, to develop relationships with peers with similar goals, engage in educational and engaging monthly seminars, have access to tutoring in science and math, and apply for financial scholarships for college. SSJP supports its alumni by offering summer internships in BWH departments that coincide with students' college majors.

Grades: 10 and 11

Eligibility:

- Eligible to work in the United States
- Interested in math, science, and/or health
- Willing to learn
- Committed to participating in all aspects of the program
- Able to work 7-10 hours a week after school
- A student at one of the 8 partnering BPS schools below:
 - Boston Latin Academy

- Community Academy of Health and Science
- Edward M. Kennedy Academy for Health Careers
- Fenway High School
- John D. O'Bryant School of Math and Science
- Madison Park Technical and Vocational High School
- New Mission High School
- Urban Science Academy

Mentoring and College Prep Programs

[Minds Matter](#)**

<https://www.mindsmatterboston.org/>

Virtual: 2020-21

Application Due: October 13, 2020

Note - the application deadline has passed for this, but freshmen should keep this opportunity in mind for next year!

Description: Minds Matter's mission is to transform the lives of high achieving high school students from low-income families by broadening their dreams and preparing them for college success. At Minds Matter we believe that no student dedicated to earning a college education should be hindered by his or her socioeconomic status. We equip highly-motivated, low-income students with the tools & resources needed to gain admission & graduate from four-year colleges. High school students are admitted as sophomores and spend three years in the program, receiving:

- Free, 1.5 hour ACT prep course from our professional partners (The Princeton Review)
- Weekly 2 hour mentorship from two dedicated young professionals
- Paid tuition for college summer programs at leading universities
- 3-year writing, public speaking, and professional development program
- Expert guidance from our affiliate college preparatory partners
- Full support in the college application process

Grade: 9-10

Eligibility:

Maintain a strong overall grade point average of 3.0 or higher

Are committed to pursuing a college education

Are in the Class of 2023

Qualify for free or reduced lunch under federal guidelines

Demonstrate strong academic potential, motivation, maturity, and responsibility

Are active in extracurricular and/or community activities (part-time jobs included)

Cost: Free

[Summer Search](#)**

<https://www.summersearch.org/home>

Virtual: 2020-2021

Description: A national college success nonprofit, SUMMER SEARCH helps low-income students develop the skills they need to become college-educated leaders who give back to their families and communities. Our program aims to strengthen non-cognitive skills that are critical to success in school and in life. We partner with high schools to identify sophomores to enroll in Summer Search's long-term program, which runs through college graduation (7-9 years total).

CONSTELLATIONS OF SUPPORT

Students and alumni are provided with opportunities to build their social and professional networks through events, career coaching and internships, and engagement with volunteers.

START TO FINISH COLLEGE SUPPORT

We work with students, step-by-step, to gain admission to a best-fit college, secure financial aid and scholarships, and persist to a bachelor's degree with mentoring support throughout.

INSIGHT MENTORING & TRANSFORMATIVE SUMMER EXPERIENCES

With roots in adolescent development, our program pairs professional insight mentoring with challenging summer experiences, a powerful combination designed for personal growth. Insight mentoring helps students build their capacity to chart a bright future.

Grade: 10

Eligibility:

- Be a sophomore in high school attending a partner high school (<https://www.summersearch.org/OurProgram/OurSupporters/SchoolPartners>).
- Qualify to receive free or reduced lunch according to federal guidelines.
- Be born on or after August 1, 2003

Cost: Free

[Questbridge College Prep Scholars Program](https://www.questbridge.org/high-school-students/college-prep-scholars)**

<https://www.questbridge.org/high-school-students/college-prep-scholars>

Description: The QuestBridge College Prep Scholars Program gives outstanding low-income high school juniors an early advantage in college admissions. College Prep Scholars are uniquely prepared to gain admission and full scholarships to top-tier colleges through QuestBridge. The majority are also selected as Finalists for the National College Match. Being selected as a College Prep Scholar is a notable distinction that celebrates your achievements and gives you an early start in applying to college.

All College Prep Scholars will 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

Awards to College Prep Scholars may include:

- Full scholarships to college summer programs at Stanford, Yale, Notre Dame, and more that cover travel, tuition, and room & board

- Quest for Excellence Awards, such as a laptops, college visits, personalized essay review, and more
- All-expense-paid campus visits to our college partners
- One-on-one college admissions telementoring from Amherst College students

Grade: 11

Eligibility:

- Any high school junior, regardless of citizenship, currently attending high school in the U.S.
- Applicants must also be planning to apply to college during the fall of their senior year.
- Additionally, U.S. Citizens and Permanent Residents living abroad are eligible for the program.
- International students living outside the U.S. are not eligible.
- Scholars typically come from households earning less than \$65,000 annually for a family of four, but students who feel they have faced significant financial hardship are encouraged to review the financial criteria
(<https://www.questbridge.org/high-school-students/college-prep-scholars/who-should-apply>)

Cost: Free

[Questbridge National College Match](https://www.questbridge.org/)**

<https://www.questbridge.org/>

Description: The QuestBridge National College Match is a college and scholarship application process that helps outstanding low-income high school seniors gain admission and *full four-year scholarships* to the nation's most selective colleges.

College Match Scholarships, which are provided by participating colleges, cover the full cost of tuition, room and board, are loan-free, and require no parental contribution.

If you are a student who has achieved academic excellence in the face of economic challenges, we encourage you to apply. QuestBridge's college partners are committed to making college affordable for all students — regardless of financial background — and offer generous financial aid packages that cover 100% of demonstrated financial need.

Grade: 12

Eligibility:

The QuestBridge National College Match is open to all:

- U.S. Citizens and Permanent Residents or
- Students, regardless of citizenship, currently attending high school in the United States.

Important considerations for students who are not U.S. Citizens or Permanent Residents, but are attending high school in the United States: Only some of our colleges will consider non-U.S. Citizens or Permanent Residents for admission and full scholarships through the College Match. (List of these colleges:

<https://www.questbridge.org/high-school-students/national-college-match/additional-citizenship-requirements>)

Finalists typically come from households earning less than \$65,000 annually for a family of four, and often less. This is not a strict cut-off and we encourage students who feel they have faced significant financial hardship to review these financial details carefully to see if they may qualify.

[Harvard Pre-College Program](#)

<http://www.summer.harvard.edu/high-school-programs/pre-college-program>

Description: Join other intellectually curious high school students on campus at Harvard, where you can explore topics as wide ranging as American law, philosophy, computer programming and public speaking. During your two weeks at Harvard, you attend class for three hours a day and participate in college readiness workshops or team-building events. In the evenings, you eat in the dining hall, finish homework in your dorm and attend social activities.

Application Opens: December 1, 2020

Grades: 9 and 10

Eligibility (Applies to previous years, may possibly change):

- Will graduate in 2023 or 2024
- Are at least 15 years old by December 1, 2020, and will not turn 19 years old before July 31, 2021

Session Dates:

- Session I: June 27 - July 9
- Session II: July 11 - July 23
- Session III: July 25 - August 6

Cost (Applies to previous years, may possibly change): The application fee is \$75 and nonrefundable. The total fee for a Harvard Pre-College Program session is \$4,600. In addition, we awarded a limited number of scholarships to students on the basis of financial need.

The Pre-College Program cost includes:

- Course tuition
- Housing and all meals
- Co-curricular activities—transportation, and most entrance fees

Still in planning stage, but can sign up for updates here:

<https://www.summer.harvard.edu/request-information>

Scholarships

[John and Abigail Adams Scholarship](#)

<http://www.doe.mass.edu/mcas/adams.html>

The John and Abigail Adams Scholarship provides a tuition waiver for up to eight semesters of undergraduate education at a Massachusetts state college or university. The scholarship covers tuition only; fees and room and board are not included. The scholarship must be used within six years of a student's high school graduation.

In order to be eligible for the scholarship, students must

- score at the *Advanced* performance level on one of the three high school state assessment tests in ELA, Mathematics, or STE (Biology, Chemistry, Introductory Physics, or Technology/Engineering); and

- score at the *Proficient* level or higher on the remaining two high school state assessment tests; and
- have combined scores from the three tests that place them in the top 25 percent of students in the graduating class in their district.

Scholarship eligibility is based on each student's first attempt at taking the spring grade 10 MCAS tests in ELA and Mathematics (and for students in the class of 2016 and beyond, first attempt at taking one of the four STE tests). In order to receive the scholarship, a student must be enrolled in a Massachusetts public high school in his or her senior year. Students who qualify for the scholarship will receive award letters and further information in the fall of their senior year.

Students in charter schools and students who participate in school choice or METCO are eligible for the scholarship if they meet the eligibility requirements for either the school they attend or the district in which they reside.

In order to claim the Adams Scholarship, the student must

- be a permanent legal resident of Massachusetts for at least one year prior to entering college as a freshman;
- United States Citizen or a non-citizen authorized by the federal government to live and work in the United States on a temporary or permanent basis;
- be a graduate of a Massachusetts public high school;
- be accepted at a Massachusetts public college or university;
- complete the online Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA);
- submit the Adams Scholarship award letter to the financial aid office; and
- enroll as a full-time student.

[Tuition Free Community College Plan](https://www.bostonpublicschools.org/Page/6095)

<https://www.bostonpublicschools.org/Page/6095>

Mayor Walsh launched the Tuition-Free Community College Plan to make college more affordable for eligible graduates of Boston high schools. Specifically, the plan pays for the costs of tuition and mandatory fees that are not covered by the Pell grant.

If eligible for the plan, you can attend [Bunker Hill Community College](#) (BHCC), [MassBay Community College](#), or [Roxbury Community College](#) (RCC), as long as you apply and are accepted.

Eligibility:

- Graduate from a high school in Boston (BPS, private or charter school) within a year of starting the plan
- Have a grade-point average of at least 2.0
- Be able to complete community college in 3 years (if you finish in 2 years, that's fantastic!)
- Be eligible for a Pell Grant, as determined by the FAFSA
- Require no more than three developmental courses by the start of the semester

- Be accepted to either Bunker Hill Community College, MassBay Community College, or Roxbury Community College
- Be a Boston resident
- Have low to moderate household income, per HUD guidelines

[Boston University scholarships for Boston Public High School students](https://www.bu.edu/financial/apply/boston-public-high-school-students/)

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Thomas M. Menino Scholarship

This prestigious four-year, full-tuition scholarship is awarded to high school seniors graduating from Boston Public Schools. Thomas M. Menino Scholarship recipients are selected for their ability to face the intellectual challenges at Boston University and for their potential to contribute to the University community and society.

Students must be nominated by their high school principals or guidance counselors. Nominated students will submit an additional essay. Nomination forms and more information about the essay will be distributed to schools as an interactive PDF attachment and web form. Both may be returned via email to scholars@bu.edu, submitted online, or printed and mailed to:

Boston University Admissions
Scholarship Coordinator
881 Commonwealth Avenue, 6th Floor
Boston, MA 02215

For the 2020/2021 academic year only, the requirement that full-tuition scholarship recipients must live in BU housing has been suspended to align with the Learn from Anywhere options available to students during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Students must submit applications for admission and all supporting credentials by December 1, 2020.

Cardinal Medeiros Scholarship

These four-year, full-tuition awards are available to selected graduating seniors from parochial high schools in the Archdiocese of Boston. Recipients are chosen for academic achievement, leadership ability and dedication to community service. Eligible nominees are invited to visit campus for a personal interview.

Students must be nominated by their high school principals or guidance counselors. Nomination forms are distributed to schools as an interactive PDF attachment and may be returned via email to scholars@bu.edu or printed and mailed to:

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Students must submit applications for admission and all supporting credentials by December 1, 2020.

National Merit

High school seniors who have been chosen as National Merit finalists, and are offered admission to Boston University, will be recognized with a four-year \$20,000 tuition Boston University Presidential Scholarship. Applications for admission and all supporting credentials are due by January 2. Applicants should designate BU as their first-choice college with the National Merit Scholarship Corporation before March 1.

National Hispanic Recognition Program (NHRP)

Students recognized by the National Hispanic Program who have exceptionally strong academic records will be considered for the \$20,000, renewable, Boston University Presidential Scholarship. Recipients are chosen by the Boston University Board of Admissions and the Scholarship Committee. To be eligible, candidates must apply to Boston University by January 2 and are encouraged to send a scanned copy of their National Hispanic Program Recognition letter to scholars@bu.edu by January 2.

V. Resources for Undocumented Students

TheDream.us scholarship

<http://www.thedream.us/>

TheDream.US provides college scholarships to highly motivated Dreamers who want to get a college education but cannot afford it. The scholarship is available to high school seniors or high school graduates who demonstrate financial need, first-time college students and seek to earn a career-ready associate's or bachelor's degree at one of their Partner Colleges. The scholarships are intended for those who have demonstrated significant unmet financial need and the determination to succeed in college and in life. The scholarship award is a maximum of \$12,500 for an associate's degree and \$25,000 for a bachelor's degree. The mission of TheDream.US is to support DREAMers college access and success through a scholarship to Partner Colleges that are committed to their success and advocacy for tuition and aid equity.

The National Scholarship

We think of our National Scholarship as the "Pell Grant" for highly motivated DREAMers with significant, unmet financial need. While we consider your GPA and test scores, we place great emphasis on your demonstrated ability to overcome the barriers and challenges that DREAMers face each and every day. Check out this video that gives you reasons to apply on how to do it!

****NOTE:** If you are DACA eligible but decide not to apply for DACA at this point in time, you can still apply for our scholarship. In place of applying for DACA, you can complete the Declaration of DACA Eligibility document and upload it as a part of your application.

The National Scholarship Award will cover your tuition and fees up to a maximum of \$14,500 for an associate's degree and \$29,000 for a bachelor's degree, at one of our Partner Colleges. Please note, some Scholars may be eligible for an additional stipend of up to \$4,000 (or \$1,000 per year) for books, supplies, and transportation.

The Award is renewable each year – you simply have to meet the continuing eligibility criteria – including continuous full-time enrollment (more than 12 credits per term) and a college GPA of 3.0. If you struggle, your Scholar Advisor will be there to help you get back on track.

UndocuAllies Initiative at Harvard on College Access

<https://uai.gse.harvard.edu/college-access>

List of colleges with DACA-friendly financial aid

<https://getmetocollege.org/financial-aid/info-for-undocumented-students/school-policies-towards-undocumented-students>

Undocumented Students' Guide

<http://www.bestcolleges.com/resources/undocumented-students-guide/>