



The 6-Year Program.

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Our mission.

With **25 years** of proven success, Thrive Scholars empowers **high-achieving students from low-income backgrounds** with the skills, guidance, and professional networks they need to excel in **top colleges** and launch **careers that lead to economic mobility**.





What we do.

- 01 College Readiness
- 02 Career Development
- 03 Economic Mobility





Why top colleges matter.

- Graduation rates
- Meets financial need
- Economic opportunity



Cornell University



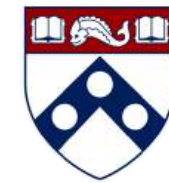
Northwestern University



Stanford



BROWN



Penn
UNIVERSITY of PENNSYLVANIA



USC University of Southern California

Duke
UNIVERSITY



Massachusetts Institute of Technology

Our Scholars thrive in meaningful careers.



Program results.



College Access

88%

Admitted to top colleges

37%

Enrolled in Ivy+

College Success

99%

4-year college graduation rate

**80% graduated with little to no debt*

90%

Internship placement by senior year

Career Success

\$74K

Average starting salary

80%

Job placement rate after graduation

**Data reflects our last four graduating cohorts*

The 6-Year Program.

A **free college and career success program** designed to support Scholars on their journey from high school to top colleges, and into meaningful careers.

12TH GRADE

Year 1



Summer Academy 1

5 weeks intensive summer program

College Access

College admission counseling

Career Exploration

Aligning interest and values to career pathways

COLLEGE

Year 2



Summer Academy 2

4-week intensive hybrid summer program

College Success

College success counseling

Specialized Career

Exposure

Career pathways specific programs and events

COLLEGE

Years 3–5



Career Development

+ Mentorship

Career Preparation and counseling

CAREER

Year 6



Thrive Alumni Network

Community network and continued career counseling and support

Career preparation is integrated across all program years.

YEAR 1

College access.

Build a standout **college essay** that highlights your story

Create a balanced **college list** with reach, target, and likely schools

Participate in **mock admissions workshops** to understand what colleges value

Get **personalized guidance** on financial aid and scholarships

Attend **college fairs** and connect with admissions officers



YEAR 2

College success.



Strengthen **writing and math skills** through courses taught by college professors

Learn **time management and study strategies** for rigorous college classes

Receive ongoing **mentorship** to navigate challenges and stay on track

Build **community** with peers from across the country who share your goals

Develop **confidence and resilience** through workshops and coaching



YEARS 3 – 6

Career development.

Explore different industries through **career workshops and panels**

Practice **networking and interview skills** with professionals

Gain hands-on experience through **internships and fellowships**

Learn how to build your **personal brand** and professional presence

Join the **Thrive alumni network** for mentorship and job connections



Career pathways.

Business & Management

Consulting

Engineering & Technology

Exploration

Public Service

Finance

Law

Life Sciences & Healthcare

**Media, Entertainment &
Creative Arts**

Summer Academy experience.



Summer Academies are required and take place during years 1 & 2 of the program.

Summer Academy experience.



LOCATIONS:

Chicago, Los Angeles, New York City, St. Louis

Academic Preparation

Build strong academic skills through engaging, college-level learning.



Campus Experience

Take classes on a college campus and get a feel for university life.



College Admissions & Success Counseling

Personalized guidance to navigate the college admissions and success journey.



Career Exploration & Development

Explore career paths and develop skills to achieve your goals.



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Who should apply?

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

You must be enrolled as a **junior** in a high school in the U.S.

Your unweighted, cumulative GPA must be **3.60** or higher.

Your annual household income must not exceed **\$125,000**.



A Thrive Scholar is...

OUR SCHOLARS COME FROM ALL WALKS OF LIFE, BUT TYPICALLY

Take advantage of the most rigorous courses available at their school (e.g., AP and IB) and earn mostly As

Are involved in extracurricular leadership, family responsibilities, and/or part-time work

Demonstrate integrity and motivation to succeed

Are open to ongoing expert coaching

Are interested in attending a highly-selective college

Commit to attending two Summer Academies their junior and senior years

Come from low-income, limited-resource, and/or first-generation backgrounds



Application overview.

1

Start Application

- Be sure to use a personal email & spellcheck
- Be sure to save your password!

2

Application Components

- One essay and short answer
- One response activity about top colleges
- One recommendation form from a teacher
- One recommendation form from a counselor

3

Upload Documents

- High school transcript (freshmen-sophomore year grades)
- Financial documents to confirm family adjusted gross income of \$125,000 or less

4

Submit Application

- Congratulations! You should receive a confirmation email of your submission
- Be sure to check your email for updates.

Application & enrollment timeline.

September

Application opens
September 8th

December

Applications close
on **Dec. 20th**

January

Recommendations
are due **mid-**
January

March

Decisions will be
released mid-
March

April – June

Scholars join
onboarding
sessions and
submit paperwork

June – August

Summer Academy

Deadline is Dec. 20th, 2026 at 11:59 PST

So... why join Thrive Scholars?



SCHOLARS HAVE ACCESS TO

Two **Summer Academy** programs hosted on a college campus, taught by college professors

A **free laptop**

Monthly coaching sessions with a college and/or career advisor

Competitive **internships**

Career **networking** opportunities

Thrive's extensive **alumni network**

Other **high-achieving Scholars** focused on their futures



Resources.

- Start your application
- Check out our **application** toolkit
- Register for an upcoming info session

Visit us at thrivescholars.org



SCAN TO START YOUR
APPLICATION



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