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A black and white photograph of a student holding a large pennant. The pennant features the 'GW' logo on the left and the text 'COLONIALS' in a stylized script, with 'THE GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY.' in a smaller sans-serif font below it. The student's hand is visible on the right side of the pennant. The background is white, and the top right corner of the page shows the text 'A COLLEGE STUDENT SUPPORT PROGRAM' and the 'PLU' logo.





scholarship **plus**

our mission

To discover and support
hardworking, low-income
New York City high
school graduates, entering
their lives before they
begin college and staying
with them until they
graduate and beyond.

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our program

Since 2010, Scholarship Plus has provided a substantial, four-year scholarship PLUS individualized support to nearly 80 students — a powerful combination that has helped all our scholars reach their goals. **We have a 100% college graduation rate.** This is 25% higher than the national average of our scholars' more affluent peers.*

Scholarship Plus scholars confront daunting hurdles — paying for the tremendous cost of college without taking on loans and navigating life on campuses that lack diversity both racially and socio-economically. We enter their lives before they begin college and stay with them until they graduate — and beyond. We commit to four years so that students can count on the continuity of our support and confidently graduate debt-free.

Students from low-income families (even high-achieving students) are far less likely to complete college than students who are better off — 41% versus 75%



In addition to a scholarship, the **PLUS** includes:

financial advice

We help students obtain the strongest financial aid package possible from their chosen schools and fill the gap in college costs so they graduate debt-free.

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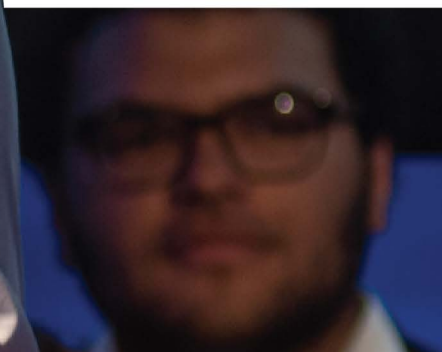
The summer before college our scholars participate in an orientation program to help prepare them for the transition to and academic rigors of college. Our program exposes them to new cultural and educational experiences in New York City and helps students get to know one another, form friendships, and build a support network.

academic progress

We monitor each student's progress through regular check-ins, and offer advice on academic decisions, tutoring and counseling opportunities on and off campus. Our volunteer counselors are experienced academicians, mentors, and social workers.

employment

We provide a paid internship the summer after high school with our partner, New York Public Radio. Throughout college, we help our students explore summer jobs or paid internships to prepare them for the competitive workplace.



our scholars

100% of our scholars graduate college.

\$21,717 is their average household income.

55% of our current undergraduates
major in STEM fields.

95% is the high school GPA of our scholars.

91% of our scholars are first-generation college
graduates, changing the trajectories of their families
for generations forward and often becoming leaders
in their communities.

**After graduation, our scholars have entered
fields of business, engineering, finance, law,
medicine, research, teaching, academic
counseling, and public policy.**



our scholars attend selective colleges & universities:



Amherst College	Mount Holyoke College
Barnard College	Northeastern University
Bentley University	New York Institute of Technology
Boston College	New York University
Boston University	Princeton University
Brown University	Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
Colby College	Rochester Institute of Technology
Colgate College	School of Visual Arts
Columbia University	Skidmore College
Cornell University	Smith College
CUNY Baruch College	Stanford University
CUNY Brooklyn College	SUNY Binghamton
CUNY City College	SUNY Oneonta
CUNY Macaulay	SUNY Stony Brook
Honors College	Swarthmore College
CUNY Sophie Davis	Syracuse University
Dartmouth College	Trinity College
Duke University	University of Pennsylvania
Fordham University	University of Rochester
Franklin & Marshall College	University of Southern California
Gettysburg College	Vassar College
Hamilton College	Wesleyan University
Harvard University	Yale University
Haverford College	
Howard University	
Lehigh University	
Middlebury College	

our future

Every year when we select our new class, we have to turn down hundreds of students who have extraordinary academic and leadership potential and could benefit from our program.

We can do more with the support of partners like you.


Bright and hopeful seniors graduating from New York City's high schools who have shown the drive and determination to overcome daunting personal challenges deserve the opportunity to fulfill their dreams of a college education.

“Scholarship Plus is a community of supporters. They believe in my ability to succeed. They instill in me confidence, dedication, and stability. It is with their love and kindness that I am where I am today and I am forever grateful.”



"When I felt alone watching my peers ask their parents to read over papers or for internship connections, messages from SP would remind me that I wasn't alone. When people ask me about SP, I make sure they hear about the 'plus'. Because the plus matters."

Scholarship Plus is expanding



Because of our success and passion for what we do, we are strategically increasing our program size to 20 students per cohort, totaling 80 students in college.



Increasing our size allows us to help more students and improve the quality of our **Plus**. This will enable us to enhance our educational workshops, develop a more robust mentoring program, and expand our internship opportunities.



"As a minority student, you face many obstacles that are different. When times get really hard, it's imperative to have a support network. SPlus has been a source of unwavering support during a pretty challenging four years of undergrad."



our need

We need your help to serve more students
and grow our program.
Help make our growth strategy a reality!

Please visit our website to learn more.
www.scholarshipplus.org

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