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SCHOLARSHIP PLUS
A COLLEGE STUDENT SUPPORT PROGRAM
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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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.

*National Center for Education Statistics, 2015 report*
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 to so they graduate debt-free.

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