

OUR GUIDING PRINCIPLES

High-achieving, low-income students need support to ensure that they thrive in school and beyond. Based on more than a decade of experience, we understand what such students need in order to realize their academic potential.

RESEARCH SHOWS:

- There is a profound and widening excellence gap through elementary and secondary school.
- High-achieving, low-income students are less likely to pursue rigorous coursework or to score highly on standardized achievement tests.
- High-achieving, low-income students are less likely to apply to or enroll in highly competitive colleges and less likely to complete college than their low achieving, high-income peers.
- High-achieving, low-income students often exist in isolation.

TO IMPROVE THEIR EDUCATIONAL OUTCOMES, HIGH-ACHIEVING, LOW-INCOME STUDENTS NEED:

- to be academically challenged and inspired during school, after school, and in the summers.
- information about how to successfully navigate transitions to high school and college and prepare for, identify, and apply to competitive colleges.
- financial resources that enable them to develop their academic and artistic talents.
- a peer community that challenges, supports, and inspires them.

THEREFORE, WE:

Challenge and inspire, by

- ensuring that our Scholars have access to rigorous curricula in high school and college and engage in meaningful, high-quality summer experiences.
- ensuring, through grants, that high-achieving, low-income students throughout the country have access to meaningful, high-quality educational experiences.

Provide information, by

- counseling and guiding our Scholars about how to prepare for, apply for, select, pay for, and navigate a college that is the best fit.
- supporting organizations and institutions through grants that advise students about how to apply for, select, and pay for a college that is the best fit.

Provide financial resources, by

- offering among the most generous scholarships in the nation for students in high school, college, and graduate school.
- awarding grants to organizations so that high-achieving, low-income students can participate in high-quality summer and arts programming.

Create a peer community, by

- connecting our Scholars to one another through in-person events, mentoring opportunities, and online communities.