

Opportunity Programs and Scholarships

Leadership Enterprise for a Diverse America (LEDA)

- ▶ Apply in fall of 11th grade
- ▶ Includes:
 - ▶ 7-week program summer after 11th grade
 - ▶ Extensive help applying to college
 - ▶ Support while in college

Leadership Enterprise for a Diverse America (LEDA)

▶ Who?

- ▶ Looking for leadership, drive to succeed, high achievement
- ▶ Over 3.6 GPA and top 10% of class
- ▶ Especially looking for first-generation or low-income background
- ▶ Must attend public school in the US
- ▶ US Citizen, Permanent Residents, DACA

Posse Foundation

- ▶ Admissions partnership and scholarship program
- ▶ If you're accepted:
 - ▶ Learn in December where you're going to college
 - ▶ Put into a "posse" of 10 students all from NYC going to the same college
 - ▶ Support in college
 - ▶ Full-tuition scholarship

Posse Foundation

- ▶ Who?
 - ▶ Leadership potential
 - ▶ Academic motivation
- ▶ Must be nominated by another organization
 - ▶ BEAM or your school or other program
 - ▶ Nominations happen in spring of 11th grade
 - ▶ Tell us if you're interested!

Questbridge

- ▶ College Prep Scholars
 - ▶ Apply January of 11th grade
 - ▶ Preparation for college admissions, connects you with summer programs
- ▶ Questbridge
 - ▶ Apply summer before 12th grade
 - ▶ Can land you early admissions and a full-scholarship

Questbridge

▶ Who?

- ▶ U.S. Citizens and Permanent Residents OR students, regardless of citizenship, currently attending high school in the United States.
- ▶ Very high achieving
 - ▶ mostly As, top 5-10% of your class, taking hard classes
- ▶ No strict cutoff but generally looking for financial hardship
 - ▶ Most of their scholars come from households earning less than \$65,000 annually for a family of four

Jack Kent Cooke Foundation College Scholars Program

- ▶ Very large scholarship (up to 40,000/year for 4 years), as well as mentoring and support
- ▶ Who?
 - ▶ Very selective, min 3.5 GPA and 1200 SAT
 - ▶ Financial Need (family income <95k but average was 26k)
- ▶ Apply in October of 12th grade

Gates Scholarship

- ▶ Large scholarship program
- ▶ Who?
 - ▶ African American, American Indian/Alaska Native, Asian Pacific Islander American, or Hispanic American
 - ▶ Pell eligible
 - ▶ Academic excellence (3.3+ GPA)
- ▶ Apply 12th grade – September 18 deadline!

Opportunity Programs

- ▶ Must be eligible for free and reduced price lunch.
- ▶ Primarily schools in New York State.
- ▶ Different names:
 - ▶ HEOP for private schools
 - ▶ EOP at SUNYs
 - ▶ SEEK/College Discovery/ASAP at CUNYs

Opportunity Programs

- ▶ Offers:
 - ▶ Easier to get in
 - ▶ Added support, advising, tutoring
 - ▶ Summer prep “bridge” programs
 - ▶ Special financial aid packages or scholarships
- ▶ How to apply depends on school
 - ▶ Checkbox on the main application
 - ▶ Special application, sometimes emailed later!
 - ▶ Sometimes no application