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SCHOLARSHIP
A COLLEGE STUDENT
SUPPORT PROGRAM **PLUS**





scholarship plus

our mission

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

from left to right

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our program

Since 2010, Scholarship Plus has provided financial assistance to more than 60 students. **We have a 100% college graduation rate.** This is 25% higher than the national average of their more affluent peers.*

These students confront daunting hurdles – paying for the tremendous cost of college without taking on substantial loans and navigating life on campuses that lack diversity both racially and socio-economically.

Scholarship Plus provides a substantial four-year scholarship for each scholar PLUS a number of ongoing strategies to support our students on campus. We are one of the few programs in the city to provide both – a powerful combination that has helped our scholars reach their goals.

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 financial award, 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 as best we can to avoid student loans.

college prep

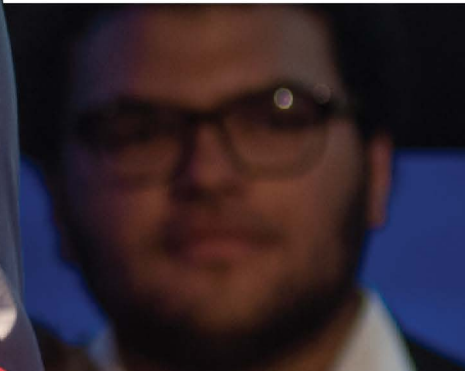
The summer before college our scholars participate in an orientation program to help prepare them for the transition to and academic rigors of college. Our program exposes them to new cultural and educational experiences in New York City and helps students get to know one another, form friendships, and 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
Harvard University
Haverford College
Lehigh University
Middlebury College
Mount Holyoke College
Northeastern University
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



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 grit 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.”

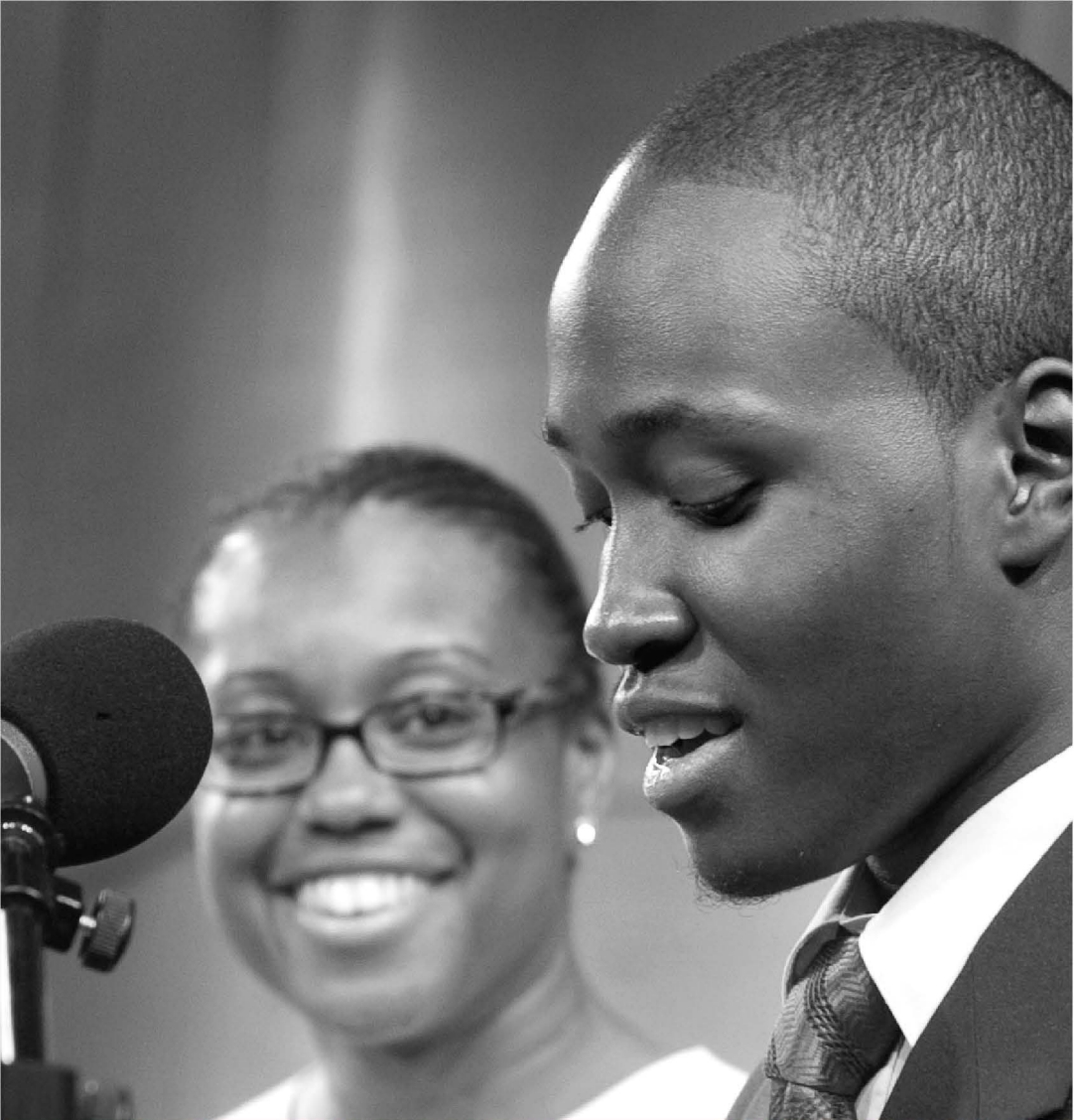


"When I felt alone watching my peers ask their parents to read over papers or for internship connections, messages from SP would remind me that I wasn't alone. When people ask me about SP, I make sure they hear about the 'plus'. Because the plus matters."

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 allow 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 contact our Executive director for more
ways to get involved, or visit our website at
www.scholarshipplus.org

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