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Chicago Star Scholarship Program



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Overview & Eligibility

Since its inception in 2015, the Star Scholarship has provided access and opportunities to eliminate the financial burden of college for CPS students to earn an associate degree at no cost and transfer to 4 year-institutions with additional scholarships.

Original qualifications:

- ★ Must have a 3.0 GPA or better
- ★ Test completion-ready
- ★ Graduate from a CPS or CPS Charter High School
- ★ Complete FAFSA or Certification of FA ineligibility
- ★ Enroll in a City Colleges of Chicago academic pathway



Star Scholarship Transfer Partners

Our 26 four-year college and university Star Scholarship Transfer partners are offering packages ranging in monetary value between \$2,500 and \$50,000 each year for bachelor degree work.



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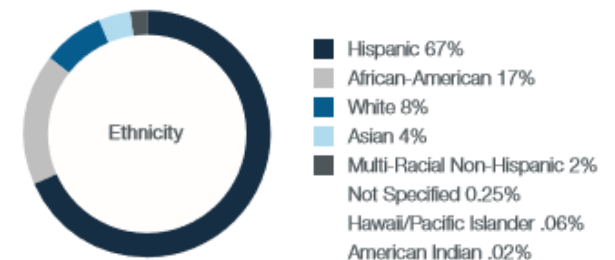
Star Successes

- ★ 6,478 students awarded from all 4 cohorts
- ★ Over 200 CPS and CPS Charter Schools represented within the program
- ★ 2.91 average GPA for Star Scholars, compared to a 2.75 average GPA for the general population
- ★ Average 86% retention rate for Star Scholars, compared to 42% average retention rate for the general population
 - ★ Fall 2017 semester to Fall 2018 semester

- ★ 1,053 degrees awarded
 - ★ 511 conditionally approved to complete Spring 2019
- ★ 373 Basic Certificates awarded
- ★ 61 Advanced Certificates awarded
- ★ Star Scholars graduation rate of 49% compared to CCC graduation rate of 23.9% (national grad rate is 26%)
 - ★ IPEDS 150 graduation rate for 2015 cohort

- ★ 26 Star Transfer Partner universities and colleges
- ★ 823 Star Scholars have transferred to 95 different 4 year colleges and universities

Race/Ethnicity of Star Scholars:



Star Scholar Ambassadors

Star scholars giving back to their communities on behalf of CCC.

- ★ 20 Star Scholar Ambassadors hired for the Spring 2019 semester at all colleges
- ★ Over 50 visits to CPS high schools completed
- ★ Over 1,000 CPS student interactions
- ★ Requirements:
 - ★ Must be a Star Scholar for two semesters
 - ★ Must have a 2.75 GPA or higher
 - ★ Must be in good academic standing



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Star Scholarship Expansion – Big Shoulders Fund

Students from Big Shoulders schools are now eligible for Star Scholarship. This expansion enables the Star Scholarship to reach more of Chicago's high-achieving students who do not have the financial means to pursue a college education.

- ★ Big Shoulders mission is to provide support to inner-city schools which provide quality, values-based education for Chicago's children
- ★ Big Shoulders students mirror CCC demographics:
 - ★ Majority of students qualify for free or reduced-priced lunch
 - ★ More than 80% are African-American or Latino
- ★ Star requirements for expansion population:
 - ★ Graduate from one of 12 Chicago-based Big Shoulders Fund partnered High Schools
 - ★ High School GPA of 3.0 or higher
 - ★ Completion-ready
 - ★ Chicago resident
 - ★ Family income of \$50,000 or less