AN INTRODUCTION TO QUESTBRIDGE
Connecting high-achieving, low-income students to top colleges
Our programs help bright, motivated students from low-income backgrounds navigate college admissions, access the nation’s top colleges, and have additional opportunities after college graduation.

- **90,000** Students served by our programs
- **30,000** College students admitted to a QuestBridge college partner
- **20,000** QuestBridge Scholars and Alumni worldwide
An Intro

THE RESEARCH BEHIND US

Students who apply to **no** selective schools that are an academic fit.

Students who might apply to just **one** selective school, or similar strategy.

Students who apply to a **range** of reach, match, and safety schools.

**High Income**
- 64%

**Middle Income**
- 8%

**Low Income**

Adapted from The New York Times

*Source: “The Missing ‘One-Offs’: The Hidden Supply of High-Achieving, Low Income Students,” by Caroline M. Hoxby and Christopher Avery; National Bureau of Economic Research*
Our College Partners

Committed to meeting 100% of demonstrated financial need.
Our Programs for Students and Alumni

QuestBridge Alumni Association
A worldwide network that helps QuestBridge Alumni navigate careers and life after college.

QuestBridge Scholars Network
A network of National College Match Finalists who are attending a QuestBridge college partner.

National College Match
A college admissions and scholarship process that connects high school seniors to full four-year scholarships at our college partners.

College Prep Scholars Program
Special awards and resources to prepare high school juniors to apply to the nation’s best colleges.
Who We’re Looking For

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

General
• Are U.S. citizens or Permanent Residents, or attend high school in the U.S., regardless of citizenship status

Academic Achievement
• Earn primarily A’s in the most challenging courses offered and fall within the top 5-10% of graduating class
• Score >1280 on the SAT or >27 on the ACT (if taken)
• Demonstrate strong writing skills and intellectual curiosity

Financial Qualifications
• Typically from households earning less than $65,000 annually with minimal assets (for a family of four members)
• May have extenuating circumstances impacting family finances

Personal Circumstances
• Demonstrate strength in character and motivation to succeed
• Involved in or hold leadership roles in activities
• Are often first-generation college students
An important note:

We do not have absolute criteria or cut-offs for GPA, standardized test scores, or income, and we take a holistic approach in reviewing applications.

We consider questions such as:

- Does this student have the motivation and academic ability to thrive at one of our college partners?
- Does this student display resilience and good character despite personal adversity?
- Is this student from a low-income background with minimal assets?

Strength in character and extracurricular achievement despite personal adversity
- Parents’ level of education; often first-generation college students

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We’re Looking For

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA
A head start in the competitive college application process

Awards, resources, and opportunities to help students develop a strong college application

A notable distinction recognized by all of our college partners

A supportive community of motivated students who are also applying to top colleges

**Juniors: College Prep Scholars Program**

**APPLICATION DEADLINE: LATE MARCH**
Juniors: College Prep Scholars Program Timeline

- **February**: Application opens
- **Late March**: Application closes
- **Late April**: College Prep Scholars notified
- **Summer**: College Prep Scholars benefit from awards and opportunities
- **Late Summer**: Apply to the National College Match as a senior in high school
Seniors: National College Match

APPLICATION DEADLINE: LATE SEPTEMBER

- Full four-year scholarship with no loans or parent contribution (if matched)
- Free application to 48 college partners
- Consideration for early admission at up to 15 college partners at once
- Multiple opportunities for admission
- QuestBridge Scholars Network and Alumni Association
Seniors: National College Match Timeline

**Late Summer**
Application opens

**Late September**
Application closes

**October**
National College Match Finalists notified

**Early December**
Match Scholarship Recipients notified

**Spring**
Begin your college journey as a QuestBridge Scholar
QuestBridge Scholars Network & Alumni Association

FOR FINALISTS WHO ATTEND A COLLEGE PARTNER

✅ Community of peers from similar backgrounds

✅ Leadership development, nationwide events, and networking opportunities

✅ Resources for life during and after college
Key Information – www.questbridge.org
A TOP COLLEGE is within reach.

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