



Thrive Academy Chicago Cultivating Potential in Chicago

The **Thrive Academies** Program is a **free** academic enrichment program designed to position Scholars for success on their journey to top colleges and into meaningful careers.

This two-year program includes:

YEAR 1 | High School Senior Year

Thrive Academy I

6-Week summer commuter program
College-level math and writing courses

College Compass

Weekly summer college exposure workshops
Optional virtual workshops offered during the fall and spring

Career Exploration

Career workshops & events

YEAR 2 | College First Year

Thrive Academy II

4-week summer commuter program
College-level math and writing courses

College Success

College success workshops

Career Exploration & Readiness

Industry-based career workshop & events

Scholars have access to:

- A free laptop and annual stipend
- Admissions officers from top colleges
- College-level math and writing courses
- Collegiate commuter experience
- College and career workshops
- Networking and career recruitment events

Our Results

Thrive Scholars are attending schools such as:



Cornell University



Northwestern University

Amherst College



BROWN



Penn
UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA



THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO

Our alumni Scholars thrive in meaningful careers:



UCLA Health

J.P.Morgan



Microsoft



Deloitte.

92%

Admitted to Top Colleges

99%

College Graduation Rate

75K

Average Starting Salary

2023 6-Year Program Data



How to Apply

Scholar Profile

- Mostly A's in the most challenging courses
- Average GPA of 3.9
- SAT or PSAT score of 1250+ / ACT or Pre-ACT score of 26+ (optional)
- Extracurricular leadership, family responsibilities, and/or part-time work
- Demonstrated proficiency in writing
- Desire to build a network of like-minded Scholars in your community
- Willingness to participate in our 6-week summer commuter program

Who Should Apply?

High school juniors who:

- Are currently enrolled in a high school in Chicago
- Have a **minimum GPA of a 3.6**
- Are from a under resourced community and/or first-generation college goer

APPLICATION CHECKLIST

- Essay
- High School Transcript
- Application

Application & Enrollment Timeline

Application has two rounds

December 15, 2024*

Deadline to Apply

Mid-to-late January 2025

Round Two Advancement

Mid-March 2025

Admission Decisions Released

April–June 2025

Program Onboarding

June–August 2025

Thrive Academy



Start Your Application Today!

You can start your application and finish it later.

“Thrive Academy has shown me new ways for exploring the depths of college course material. I have achieved better understanding for college level calculus and writing, giving me the experience I need to succeed. I also greatly found value in the workshops like the college fair and ‘Why Top Colleges?’”

–Thrive Academy Scholar 2024

*Deadline is at 11:59pm PT