

Private Prep “Learn to Thrive” Scholarship Program Class of 2023

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The Private Prep “Learn to Thrive” Scholarship Program Core Values:

- We are committed to creating a more just and equitable society.
- We believe that education is power.
- We are dedicated to creating space and opportunity for students to self-reflect and self-actualize.

What our program offers:

Our program is modular and flexible to provide students with support based on their individual needs. Students may be awarded any of the following offerings in addition to an initial consultation with a director who will serve as an ongoing resource throughout the process.

1) Test Prep

- Diagnostic tests and analysis to determine whether a student should pursue testing and whether the SAT or ACT would be a better fit
- 1:1 *online* tutoring sessions for 4-6 months to prepare for up to two real administrations of the exam
- Materials for independent work assignments in between sessions
- Proctored practice tests and analysis of results

2) Comprehensive College Admissions

- Comprehensive and personalized 1:1 guidance and mentoring through the full college application process, including:
 - Building a college list that fits a student’s goals and preferences
 - Discussion of different admissions strategies
 - Managing the application timeline
 - Filling out applications, and support with brainstorming, editing, and refining all application essays, for up to twelve colleges and universities, in addition to college scholarship applications and fly-in programs if appropriate

3) College Essay Support

- Support with brainstorming, editing, and refining all application essays, including college scholarship applications and fly-in programs if appropriate

Ideal candidates meet the following criteria:

All candidates:

- Possesses a strong desire to attend a four-year college or university
- Demonstrated extracurricular interests, commitment to community, and/or significant family responsibilities
- Unweighted GPA of 3.5 or above in a rigorous course load within their school context (AP, Honors, IB)
- Eligible for free or reduced lunch or 90%+ scholarship at an independent school
- Preference will be given to students from historically underrepresented communities and to 1st generation college-bound students
- US citizen or DACA student

Candidates for the test prep scholarship:

- Diagnostic SAT score of 1100+ or ACT of 22+
- Completion of Algebra 2/Trigonometry prior to 11th grade strongly recommended
- Students who do not meet the testing threshold will be considered for a college admissions scholarship

Private Prep “Learn to Thrive” Scholarship Program Application

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This scholarship program is awarded to students who demonstrate financial need, a track record of academic excellence, and a commitment to the “Learn to Thrive” program. Our application review is holistic, and is designed to mirror the college application process. We hope that this can be a useful exercise and want it to be as helpful as possible, so please feel free to ask questions and seek feedback at any point in the process.

Submit your application and supporting documents **by September 21, 2021** to scholarship@privateprep.com.

- Completed Application
- Counselor form (attached)
- Current high school transcript showing classes, grades, and state test scores where applicable (including Regents exams)
- School profile (provided by school counselor)
- PSAT Scores (if applicable)
- A letter of recommendation from a teacher or counselor at your high school that explain why you are an excellent candidate for this scholarship program
- Expectations Contract (attached)
- Optional* Release Form (attached)

We look forward to considering your application!

Personal Information

Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

How you heard about the Private Prep Scholarship: _____

Demonstrated Financial Need:

- I qualify for free or reduced lunch
- I receive a 90+% private school scholarship

Select Citizenship Status:

- US Citizen or US National
- US Dual Citizen
- US Permanent Resident
- US Refugee or Asylee
- DACA eligible
- Other (non-US)

College History (please check one):

- Yes, I will be the first generation in my family to attend a 4-year college
- No, I will not be the first generation in my family to attend a 4-year college

Note: If you have a sibling who has attended college, you are still considered a first-generation college student.

Ethnicity: _____

Languages spoken (please check all that apply)

- English
- Spanish
- Mandarin
- French
- Arabic
- Italian
- Other: _____

Participation in other programs that offer test prep and/or college admissions support:

- No
- Yes

If yes, list the name of the program(s): _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Email Address: _____

Parent/Guardian Phone Number: _____

Parents Highest Level of Education

- None
- Some grade/primary school
- Completed grade/primary school
- Some high school/secondary school
- Completed high school/secondary school
- GED
- Some trade school or community college
- Graduated from trade school or community college
- Bachelor's degree
- Graduate degree

High School Information

Name of current school: _____

Address of school: _____

School Contact Name/Title: _____

School Contact Email Address: _____

School Contact Phone Number/Extension: _____

Current grade level: __10th __11th

Current math class: __ Geometry __ Alg2/Trig __ PreCalc __ Calc

Note: For students applying for test prep support, completion of Algebra 2/Trig prior to 11th grade is strongly recommended.

Will you have access to a computer for tutoring during the school day?

Note: This is not a requirement.

Yes

No

Written Response

1) List and briefly describe all extracurricular activities you have participated in during the last twelve months, both inside and outside of school. This can include family commitments, leadership positions, school clubs, sports, jobs, community service, volunteer activities, hobbies, etc. Everything counts!

2) Tutoring will be online (unless available in-person) and will take place during or after school hours. Sessions typically run 60-90 minutes long. Please indicate ALL of your availability for weekly tutoring sessions from October through June.

Midweek Monday-Friday:

Weekend Saturday-Sunday:

Any additional comments about scheduling/availability:

3) This scholarship program will demand a significant investment of time and effort. As such, we are seeking students who will take full advantage of this opportunity as a part of their journey to college. In 250 words or fewer, please describe your goals — academic, career, and/or personal.

4) College application essays aren't just sources of stress — they also offer chances for self-reflection, and can even be fun. To that end, we've chosen a few of our favorite questions asked by real colleges on their applications. You are invited to respond with either a traditional essay (300 words maximum) OR a two-minute video (filmed on a phone is fine! We can accept m4v, .mp4, and .mov files). No preference is given to either format in our admission decision.

1. What is your favorite word and why? (UVA)

2. We know you lead a busy life, full of activities, many of which are required of you. Tell us about something you do simply for the pleasure of it. (MIT)

3. Tell us about the place, or places, you call home. These can be physical places where you have lived, or a community or group that is important to you. (Brown)

Question selected: _____

Private Prep “Learn to Thrive” Scholarship Expectations Contract

Private Prep commits the following to each recipient of the program:

- Personalized attention and support from a caring, trustworthy and collaborative team of experts
- Proactive communication with students, families, school counselors, and/or other community partners
- Customized curriculum and guidance tailored to specific learning styles and students’ unique needs and goals
- Empowerment of students to make informed choices for themselves

I, _____, as an applicant to the Private Prep “Learn to Thrive” Scholarship, affirm the following if selected a scholarship recipient:

- I will meet with my tutor on a regular, weekly basis (except for holidays/vacations) and/or will meet with admissions coaches at scheduled meetings.
- I will do my independent work between sessions and will attend practice tests when advised.
- I will respond to all emails, phone calls and communications from my tutor, coach, or director in a timely manner.
- I understand that a failure to do the above may result in Private Prep's termination of services.
- I give Private Prep permission to collaborate with my school guidance counselor if deemed appropriate to support me in my college application process.
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- I will not apply to or participate in another program that provides the same services that I will be receiving from Private Prep (i.e. one-on-one test prep tutoring and/or college admissions coaching).

Signed,

Student name date

Parent name date

School Counselor/Admin date

Stefanie Lob
Director of Social Impact Initiatives

Scholarship Release Form

From time to time, our marketing team will reach out to scholarship students and their families in an effort to learn more about their experience with our program. Our goal is to celebrate the hard work of our students and highlight their educational journey through occasional blog and social media posts, featured website content, and more. This is a completely voluntary opportunity and refusal will in no way will impact a student's eligibility for our scholarship program. By signing this form, you are granting permission for our team to utilize the name and likeness of your child in these efforts.

I, _____, the parent or legal guardian of _____
[Child] grant Private Prep NYC LLC DBA The Coding Space permission to use photographs of, quotes from, and/or my child's name and likeness to spread the word about Private Prep "Learn to Thrive" Scholarship Program. Uses may include, but are not limited to: publicity, copyright purposes, illustration, advertising, and web content. Furthermore, I understand that no royalty, fee or other compensation shall become payable to me by reason of such use. Private Prep agrees, to the extent possible and to the best of their ability, to partner with families in advance to secure approval of select photos, quotes, names, and likeness.

Parent/Guardian's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian's Name: _____

Child's Name: _____

Parent's Phone Number: _____

This page to be filled out by a principal, counselor, or school administrator.

Name and relationship to student: _____

Please briefly indicate any measures by which the applicant demonstrates financial need, including participation in a free or reduced-price lunch program or scholarship to their current school.

In comparison with other college preparatory students at your school, the applicant's course selection is:

- Most demanding
- Very demanding
- Demanding
- Average
- Less than demanding
- Prefer not to respond

I confirm that, to my knowledge, this student has not enrolled in nor will not apply to another program with the same offerings (ie, college admissions and/or test prep).

- Yes
- No

If No, please explain. _____

Any additional information that would be important for Private Prep to know.

PLEASE SUBMIT THE HIGH SCHOOL PROFILE AND STUDENT TRANSCRIPT ALONG WITH THIS STUDENT'S APPLICATION