

CHICAGO STAR SCHOLARSHIP



Progress Report May 2018



Letter from Mayor & Chancellor

The students of Chicago have shown us that when we raise our expectations for what our children can achieve, and provide them with the resources and guidance they need to succeed, there is no limit to what they can accomplish. And the Star Scholarship is proof.

We created the Star Scholarship in 2014 to reward high-achieving Chicago Public Schools graduates and ensure more students could access a viable pathway to college at no cost. Now more than 4,500 students from more than 75 zip codes and more than 200 high schools citywide have used the scholarship as a stepping stone.

Chicago students are working hard, and we are proud to help them college degrees and the career opportunities that come with it, regardless of financial means and regardless of immigration status. That includes Star Scholars like Octavia Coaks, who graduated from Olive-Harvey College and went on to pursue criminal justice and criminology at Loyola University, and Ozzy Ordonez who graduated from both Sarah E. Goode STEM Academy and Richard J. Daley in the same year before entering the University of Illinois at Chicago.

These stories can be your stories. Students who maintain a 3.0 GPA and test nearly college-ready can access the Star Scholarship. For the students who choose to continue on to pursue a bachelor's degree after City Colleges, more than 20 four-year colleges and universities offer significant transfer scholarships to graduates. That means students can complete the first two years of college for free, and the second two years at a significant discount.

We also encourage you to read on and explore what makes this such a unique opportunity. Talk to your high school counselor, or reach out to CCC at starscholarship@ccc.edu or call 312-553-3071. To learn more about the Star Scholarship, visit www.ccc.edu/futurestar. To learn more about the City Colleges of Chicago and its programs, visit www.ccc.edu.

Regardless of where your educational journey takes you, we encourage you to continue to work hard as you strive to reach all of your goals. You make us proud today and we know you will make our City even prouder in the future.

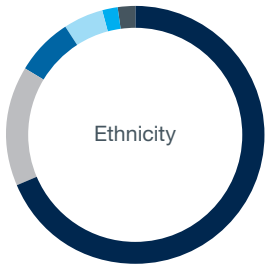
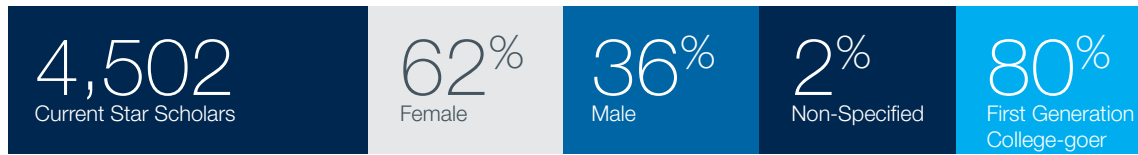
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Mayor, City of Chicago

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Chancellor, City Colleges of Chicago



Star Scholar Profile

Star Scholars hail from more than **75** Chicago zip codes and more than **200** high schools



Hispanic	67%	(3,022)
African-American	18%	(803)
White	8%	(355)
Asian	4.5%	(207)
Multi-Racial Non-Hispanic	2%	(94)
Not Specified	0.4%	(17)
Hawaii/Pacific Islander		(3)
American Indian		(1)

Retention:
85.3%
Fall 2016 Cohort
(Fall 2016–Fall 2017)

GPA:
2.75
(All Star Scholars)



Star Scholar Success

Jada DeJesus, Chicago Star Scholar

Jada began attending Wright College in fall 2015 as one of the members of the inaugural class of Chicago Star Scholars.

After Wright, she transferred to Northwestern University where she is pursuing studies in international business. Northwestern is one of 21 Chicago-area colleges and universities partnering with City Colleges to provide special scholarships to Chicago Star students like Jada. As a participant in the STAR partnership program, Jada receives up to \$50,000 per year toward the completion of her bachelor's degree at Northwestern.

She is extremely glad she made the decision to attend Wright. "Community college for me was not the end but rather a new and better beginning," says Jada. "Not only did I save \$20,000 in student loans by attending Wright, I was also admitted to one of the top schools in the country. I am grateful for the Star Scholarship, and I wouldn't be where I am today without it."



Completion

Star Scholars are expected to graduate at a rate more than **double** the national average

National 2-year public college graduation rate (latest available)

22%

Star Scholar graduation rate (projected)

49%

This is the projected IPEDS FY2018 cohort graduation rate for Star Scholars, including spring and summer expected completers.

49% of Star Scholars in the FY2018 IPEDS cohort have or are expected to graduate **on time**

Transfer

More than **250** Star Scholars have already transferred to a four-year college or university.

Star Scholars have been offered additional scholarships from Star Transfer partners to continue to a bachelor's degree totaling:

\$2.6 Million

Star Scholarship Transfer Partners

Columbia College	North Park University
DePaul University	Northeastern Illinois University
Dominican University	Northwestern University
Governors State University	Robert Morris University
Elmhurst College	Roosevelt University
Illinois Institute of Technology	Saint Xavier University
Illinois State University	Southern Illinois University Carbondale
Kendall College	The School of the Art Institute of Chicago
Loyola University	The University of Chicago
Marquette University	University of Illinois at Chicago
National Louis University	

CME Group, the Star Scholarship's first corporate partner, has awarded **\$250,000** in additional scholarships and connected Star Scholars to paid internships at Chicago financial firms.

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