Facts Worth Talking About

Our Success

Everything we do is driven by our desire to see our students succeed personally, professionally, and educationally.

- Since 1998, 100% of our graduating students have been accepted into college or the military.
- Overall, 84% of our graduates have gone to college; 16% enter the military.

Eligibility Requirements

Delaware Futures recruits at-risk, economically disadvantaged youth who:

- Are in the eighth grade and attend a school in New Castle County.
- Qualify for the Federal Free or Reduced Lunch Program.
- Are academically capable and scholastically underachieving.

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What Is Delaware Futures?

Our Mission

Delaware Futures provides academic, social, motivational support and cultural enrichment that empowers economically disadvantaged high school students to recognize and fulfill their unrealized potential and become matriculated college students.

The Path to Success

Our Program

Starting in the summer after eighth grade, like-minded young people find their path to success together. Because Delaware Futures understands the developmental process, the program requires a four-year, year-round commitment. During that time, students experience the following:

- **Academic Enrichment.** Students get the help they need to achieve academic success. Volunteer tutors assist students during weekly homework sessions.
- **Adventure-Based Learning.** Students are challenged to manage their temperament, grow their problem-solving skills, and create an atmosphere of group cooperation.
- **Group Meetings.** In a safe, interactive environment, students learn how to verbally and creatively communicate their feelings, thoughts, and ideas.

Partnerships That Work

Our Partners

- **Community Service.** Each year students experience the satisfaction of giving back through community service projects.
- **Internships.** Through on-the-job career exploration, students gain invaluable workplace experience. They discover their strengths, employment preferences, and the importance of having a strong work ethic.
- **One-on-One Advisory.** Students and their families get the advice they need. Delaware Futures' experienced staff guides course selection, test-taking, and the college admission process.

For students who complete Delaware Futures' program and meet admission requirements, full and partial scholarships are available to attend our partner colleges:

- Berry College
- Cheyney University
- Delaware State University
- Delaware Technical & Community College
- Drexel University
- Goldey-Beacom College
- Lincoln University
- Sewanee, The University of the South
- Swarthmore College
- University of Delaware
- Wesley College
- Wilmington University

Primarily targeting young people who live in Wilmington and other New Castle County areas, Delaware Futures recruits up to 25 new students annually. Students who qualify for the Federal Free or Reduced Lunch Program, are academically capable, and scholastically underachieving meet the minimum requirements for admittance into Delaware Futures program.

By offering academic support, internships, and positive interaction with peers and adult mentors fully committed to their futures, participants are set on the path to college.