

# SOPHOMORES (CLASS OF 2018)

## EVANSTON SCHOLARS IS LOOKING FOR YOU!!

Are you ambitious and thinking of college?  
Will you be among the first in your family to finish college?  
Do you need extra resources and a support system to help you get to and through college?

**\*If so, apply to Evanston Scholars!**

**APPLY@**

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APPLICATIONS FOR  
CLASS OF 2018  
**DUE MAY 13**

Founded in 2011, Evanston Scholars is a non-profit organization that improves college access and success for a diverse group of ambitious Evanston students who are primarily first-generation, low-income, and students of color. Our six-year program currently serves students from 11th grade through college graduation.

### WHY DO WE EXIST

- While 50% of all people from high-income families have a bachelor's degree by age 25, only 10% of people from low-income families do
- Only 21% of low-income students who enter college earn a degree in 6 years
- A graduate of a four-year college will earn almost \$1 million more than a high school graduate over a lifetime

### WHO WE SERVE

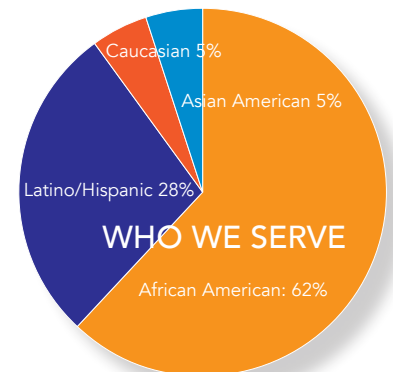
- Over 100 College Scholars
- 30-40 Evanston Township High School (ETHS) sophomores selected each year according to the following criteria:
- **Academic potential (minimum 2.7 GPA)**
- **Qualify for free or reduced lunch (85% of our Scholars)**
- **1st Generation – First in their families to graduate college (80% of our Scholars)**
- **Demonstrate qualities essential for college success that we call PERRCs (Persistence, Engagement, Resourcefulness, Responsibility and Connectedness)**

### OUR PROGRAM

#### COLLEGE ACCESS (HIGH SCHOOL YEARS)

Help Scholars identify, apply to, and enroll in a “good fit” college

- College visits; access to summer college and fly-in opportunities
- ACT prep class taught by a reputable ACT tutoring firm
- Workshops throughout junior and senior year
- Cohort-building activities



**EvanstonScholars**

**MAKE IT HAPPEN!**

## OUR PROGRAM

### COLLEGE SUCCESS (COLLEGE YEARS)

- Our College Success team contacts Scholars to ensure college persistence, academic success, and access to internships and professional opportunities.
- Individual meetings each semester with ES staff
- "Tuesdays in July" – weekly summer gatherings for all ES College Scholars
- Peer mentoring
- Ongoing contact with adult mentors and staff through college graduation

### MENTORING

- College-educated community members help Scholars matriculate to and graduate from college.
- ES provides training, regular communications and resources to ensure mentors are well-equipped to support Scholars through the complexities of identifying and succeeding at a "good fit" college.



## OUR IMPACT

### MORE APPLICATIONS

Scholars submit an average of 10 college applications (national average = 3)

### ACT SCORE IMPROVEMENT

Juniors have improved by an average of 3 points

### RETURN ON INVESTMENT

Evanston Scholars earn an average of \$101,000 in debt-free scholarships and financial aid over four years of college.

### FINANCIAL HEALTH

Over 70% of the recent 2 graduating classes earned full-tuition scholarships

### COLLEGE CHOICES

100% of Evanston Scholars enrolled in college after high school. Scholars are currently enrolled at 41 colleges and universities across the country.

### COLLEGE PERSISTENCE

94% Persistence Rate (vs. 11% national graduation rate for first-generation, low-income students)

## WHERE EVANSTON SCHOLARS ATTEND COLLEGE

Amherst College (2)  
Augustana College (4)  
Ball State University  
Barry University  
Boston College  
Bowling Green State  
Colgate University  
Colorado College  
Dominican University (4)  
Elon University  
Grinnell College  
Hampton University  
Hope College  
Howard University  
Illinois State University  
Illinois Wesleyan University (3)  
Indiana University  
Kent State University  
Knox College (2)  
Lake Forest College (3)  
Lewis University  
Manhattanville College  
Marist College  
Marquette University  
Millikin University  
Morgan State University  
Northern Illinois University (2)  
Oakton Community College  
Purdue University – Calumet  
Ripon College  
St. Olaf College  
Triton College  
University of Dayton  
University of Illinois  
Urbana-Champaign (7)  
University of Iowa  
University of Minnesota  
University of Missouri (3)  
University of Pennsylvania  
Vanderbilt University  
Wellesley College  
Western Illinois University (2)

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