COLLEGE POSSIBLE™ CHICAGO

We believe a young person’s ability to earn a college degree should be driven by their talent, motivation and effort not their income.

THE NATIONAL DEGREE DIVIDE

58% of upper-income students graduate from college

12% of lower-income students graduate from college

THE ILLINOIS OPPORTUNITY GAP

1:665 is the college counselor to student ratio in Illinois

86% of students live in low-income households

Only 18% of ALL Chicago Public School students graduate from a four-year institution

COLLEGE POSSIBLE CHICAGO IMPACT & RESULTS

Average SAT score increase of 90 POINTS

98% of last year’s seniors were accepted into a four-year college

90% of our 2018 high school graduates enrolled in college

83% of our first year college students returned for their second year

OUR HIGH SCHOOL PARTNERS

Amundsen High School
Lincoln Square Neighborhood

Bowen High School
South Chicago Neighborhood

Lake View High School
Lakeview Neighborhood

Mather High School
West Ridge Neighborhood

Morgan Park High School
Morgan Park Neighborhood

Thomas Kelly High School
Brighton Park Neighborhood

COMMUNITIES WE SERVE

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COLLEGE POSSIBLE NATIONALLY

OUR MISSION
We make college admission and success possible for students from low-income backgrounds through an intensive curriculum of coaching and support.

18 YEARS of experience
6 SITES
Chicago, Milwaukee, Minnesota, Omaha, Philadelphia, Portland
25,000 STUDENTS REACHED annually nationwide

OUR PROVEN MODEL
We begin working with students from low-income backgrounds during their junior year of high school, meeting with them twice a week after school through their senior year. We continue to support them until they earn a college degree—regardless of where they go or what obstacles they face.

HIGH SCHOOLS
Juniors
• Finding best ‘fit’ colleges
• Campus visits
• SAT registration and essay strategies
• Application coaching
• College costs and financial aid coaching
• Goal setting
Seniors
• Intensive college application assistance
• Scholarship application coaching
• Financial literacy and aid coaching
• Professional communication and essay skills
• Preparation for transition to college life

SUMMER BRIDGE
High School Grads
• Professional communications
• Continued financial aid coaching
• Academic interests and majors
• Social support systems
• Academic expectations and responsibilities

COLLEGES
College Students
• Support through graduation in collaboration with partner colleges
• Connection to campus resources and opportunities
• Ongoing financial aid coaching
• Developing study skills and self-advocacy

6+ YEARS OF SUPPORT

OUR UNIQUE ADVANTAGE
NEAR-PEER MODEL
Our coaches are all recent college graduates—with insight into student experiences and the challenges of contemporary higher education.

1/5 OF THE COST
The AmeriCorps model allows us to have a dedicated team and operate at a fraction of the cost of comparable government programs.

HIGHLY TRAINED
Coaches participate in an intensive month-long training course before entering schools and attend weekly trainings throughout the year.