

## SEEDS – ACCESS CHANGES EVERYTHING

is an education-access nonprofit organization committed to providing promising students with access to top-tier education with little to no cost to families. Through three challenging academic programs, SEEDS prepares students for eventual placement into competitive independent schools and colleges across the country.

### SEEDS BY THE NUMBERS

**3000+** Number of SEEDS alumni to-date



**\$17,000** the amount that SEEDS invests in each student



**\$145+ million** amount of tuition aid secured for students since organization's founding in 1992



**99%** percentage of SEEDS graduates who matriculate into competitive colleges + universities



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#### STAY CONNECTED



Interested in attending a  
**PRIVATE INDEPENDENT  
HIGH SCHOOL**  
with **substantial  
financial aid?**



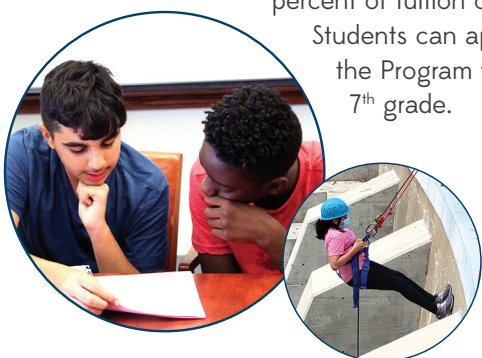
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**SCHOLARS PROGRAM**

Is a private education at a day or boarding high school an option for your child's future? If so, then the SEEDS Scholars Program is for you.

**THE SEEDS SCHOLARS PROGRAM** is a FREE, 14-month academic program that prepares high-achieving 8<sup>th</sup>-grade students from low-income households for 9<sup>th</sup>-grade placement at academically rigorous, private day or boarding high schools. Through financial guidance and support, SEEDS also helps students and families secure substantial financial aid directly from those schools, oftentimes covering 90 to 100 percent of tuition costs.

Students can apply to the Program while in 7<sup>th</sup> grade.



## APPLICATION + PROGRAM TIMELINE

### SEVENTH GRADE YEAR

**September:** Application Period Begins  
**January:** Early Decision Deadline  
**March:** Regular Decision Deadline/ Application Period Ends  
**June/July:** Summer Challenge Program  
**August:** Leadership Retreat

### EIGHTH GRADE YEAR

**Sept-June:** Scholar Academy Saturdays begins  
**June:** The Capstone Experience  
**July:** Program Graduation

## PROGRAM COMPONENTS

The program consists of two separate three-week summer sessions at a boarding school, a team-building retreat, and Saturday classes during eighth grade. Transportation to and from our partner schools is provided by SEEDS.

### Summer Challenge Program (SCP):

A three-week residential program at a boarding school, consisting of academic classes and extracurricular activities. SCP is the final phase of the admissions process.

**The Leadership Retreat:** A three-day summer retreat consisting of outdoor team-building activities such as hiking, camping, rope courses, dam rappelling, and canoeing.

**Scholars Academy Saturdays (SAS):** Saturday classes during eighth grade that focus on preparing for the Secondary School Admissions Test (SSAT), completing school applications, financial aid workshops, academic classes, mock interviews, and visiting schools. Classes take place at local private day schools.

**The Capstone Experience:** A second three-week residential program with classes focusing on Business and Finance, Culture and the Arts, Law and Society, and Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM). Capstone also takes place on a boarding school campus and occurs during the summer after eighth grade.

**Guidance + Alumni:** Upon graduation from SEEDS, students receive yearly visits from our Guidance + Alumni team and are provided with a range of services designed to help students and families navigate the academic, social, cultural, and emotional challenges that may arise during the transition to their new school. Alumni can also take advantage of financial aid workshops, college tours, SAT test prep, internship opportunities, social outings, and networking events.

## ELIGIBILITY

Students are eligible for consideration if they:

- Are in 7<sup>th</sup> grade at the time of application;
- Are a US citizen or permanent resident;
- Live in and attend a traditional public, charter, or parochial school in an eligible district;
- Meet SEEDS' household income requirement.

## START THE APPLICATION PROCESS

Complete the Inquiry Form at [www.seedsaccess.org/inquiryform](http://www.seedsaccess.org/inquiryform). In addition to the application, supporting documents and recommendation forms must be submitted.

## LEARN MORE

Visit [www.seedsaccess.org/eligibility](http://www.seedsaccess.org/eligibility) for application details, eligible districts, and additional requirements.

