The Admission Department at Steppingstone is pleased to provide you with a guide to Greater Boston Youth Programs. In this booklet you will find a list of organizations that offer opportunities for personal and academic enrichment for your child.

The resources listed in this guide are by no means exhaustive. There are many people and organizations that can assist you directly with your quest for an enrichment program. See the Further Resources listing for additional programs and information.

It is our hope and intention that this booklet serves as a jumpstart to your enrichment program search. Please note that the brief descriptions of these opportunities were taken directly or excerpted from organizations’ collateral materials. More detailed information can be found on the web site addresses noted in each section. Please call the organizations directly for clarification, specific deadlines, and information on eligibility.

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1. PATHWAYS TO COLLEGE

Balfour Academy
https://balfouracademy.northeastern.edu/
Northeastern University
151 Cahners Hall
Boston, MA 02115
Office: (617)-373-4300  Fax: (617)-373-8562
c.curran@northeastern.edu
For students in the summer before 7th grade (the program will help them through high school)

Goal: Our summer courses are designed to increase motivations as well as to develop basics skills. Leadership and athletic skills are developed in the afternoon sports program. Field trips serve as an enjoyable reward for working and as a time for the entire student body and faculty bond. In all our activities we seek to fulfill our motto, “Striving for Excellence.

About: Balfour Academy provides a 6-week summer program of enrichment courses and an academic year tutoring program to supplement each student’s regular school program. Students in grades seven to nine take courses designed to broaden their knowledge as well as to motivate them to learn. These courses include English, Mathematics, Science, Current Events and Spanish. Students in grades ten through twelve attend Northeastern courses such as African History, Psychology, Sociology and Critical Writing, along with a study skills course, which develops skills needed to succeed in the college course. These students also take an English and Math MCAS or SAT prep as appropriate for their grade. During the school year, after-school tutoring is provided two days a week.

Students apply in April and preference is given to those entering the 7th grade.

Bottom Line
www.bottomline.org
500 Amory Street, Suite 3
Jamaica Plain, MA 02130
Office: (617)-524-8833  Fax: (617)-524-9559
mike@bottomline.org
For students in grades 11th and 12th

Mission: Bottom Line is dedicated to help first-generation students from low-income backgrounds get into college, graduate, and go far in life. Our vision is to dramatically transform urban communities by producing thousands of new career-ready college graduates

History: Bottom Line began as a small operation supporting 25 high school seniors from Boston. In a time when 1 in 7 low-income students who began attending college would finish, Bottom Line’s founder Dave Borgal helped all 25 students get accepted to college and 80% graduate in six years or less. Since then, Bottom Line has maintained a high level of success.

Students who are in grades 11 and 12 in order to be able to apply, must live in Dorchester, Roxbury, or Mattapan neighborhoods.
Breakthrough Greater Boston
http://breakthroughgreaterboston.org/
P.O. Box 381486
Cambridge, MA 02238-1486
(617) 349-6647

Office Address:
Fletcher Maynard Academy
Room 005
225 Windsor St. Cambridge, MA 02139
Boston Office Phone:
617-635-1615 ext. 31138
info@breakthroughcambridge.org
For students in the 6th grade to apply and are able to participate up to the 11th grade

History: Founded in Cambridge in 1992, Breakthrough Greater Boston (BTGB) is a year-round, tuition-free program that offers six years of a academically intensive out-of-school time services to highly motivated, traditionally underserved middle and high school students in greater Boston. The program is comprised of an academically intensive two-year middle school program and a high school support program that works with students until college.

About: Unique to Breakthrough is the Students Teaching Students model which offers diverse, high achieving college and high school students the opportunity to teach classes, while benefiting from professional mentorship and research-based training. After operating in Cambridge for more than 20 years, BTGB has opened a new site in Dorchester. These expansions will double the number of students and teachers benefiting from BTGB’s successful college access and teacher training programs.

Only students who are in the 6th grade can apply. The application is due in January. To be able to apply the student must be in Cambridge public school system, Somerville Public school system or attend TechBoston Academy, New Mission Collegiate Academy, Neighborhood house charter School, Codman Academy, Academy of the Pacific Rim, or Boston Prep

College Bound Dorchester
http://collegebounddorchester.org/
222 Bowdoin Street
Dorchester, MA 02122
Office: (617)-944-1086
Fax: (617)-265-6020
For all ages

Mission: To equip Dorchester students with the attitude, skills and experience to graduate college and to use education as a means to transform the neighborhoods of Dorchester.

About: College Bound employs a place-based strategy to identify, engage and serve the most influential and disconnected youth. Doing this will create a shift in the system-moving from a small number of individuals in Dorchester that is college bound to a community where the majority are pursuing higher education.
Students of all ages can apply. In order to apply for the programs offered for ages 0 to 6, call 617-282-5034. To apply for older students, call 617-506-5973. Don't have to live in Dorchester to apply, as long as able to have transportation to the place, able to apply.

Freedom House PUSH (Preparing Urban Students for Success in High School and Higher Education) Program

www.freedomhouse.com
5 Crawford St.
Dorchester, MA 02121
Office: (617)-445-3700
info@freedomhouse.com
Selina Ruiz, Program Coordinator
sruiz@freedomhouse.com

Mission: Freedom House’s mission is to promote educational excellence, economic self-sufficiency, community engagement and social justice in order to alleviate poverty in Boston’s most distressed urban neighborhoods.

About: Freedom House is a community-based, social action agency. Freedom House has also served as a major convener to engage citizens of Boston in civic participation and social justice issues. Whether promoting education, economic development, adult engagement, or helping to develop social capital, our ultimate goal is to promote and model collaboration between people of different backgrounds.

For students in grades 10 and 12. And then the College program is for freshman through senior year in college.

Higher Education Resource Centers

www.bostonherc.org
HERC – Boston
68 Northampton St.
Boston, MA 02118
Office: (617)-442-5608 Fax: (617)-541-1357
info@bostonherc.org

Mission: Boston HERC equips Latino and other disadvantaged youth and their families to obtain a higher education, break the grip of poverty, and become agents of change in the community.

About: The Boston Higher Education Resource Center (HERC) serves under-represented urban students in grades 9-12 and their families. It does so through out-of-school academic enrichment, career advising, and academic support and retention services to help them graduate from high school and college. HERC awakens vision and purpose in the lives of the participants. HERC equips and empowers them to achieve their vision, to realize their potential and to transform their lives and communities.

One of the programs, The Passport Program, is for 10th graders who apply and start a 18 month program at the start of their junior year in September and meet once a week to talk about preparation for college which carries over into their senior year. The other program is for middle school students.
Talented and Gifted (TAG) Hispanic Program

http://www.umb.edu/tag
Graduate College of Education
University of Massachusetts Boston
Wheatley Hall, 4th Floor, room 124
100 Morrissey Blvd.
Boston, MA 02125
Ilyitch Tábora, TAG Associate Director
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Ilyitch.Tabora@umb.edu
Angel Cosme, Program coordinator
angel.CosmeJr@umb.edu
Leidy Quiceno, Assistant program Coordinator
Leidy.Quiceno001@umb.edu

For students in grades 6 through 12th, depending on the program

Mission: The mission of the TAG Program is to ensure that Boston Public School Latino students and English Language Learners excel academically, socially and personally, so as to improve their ability to succeed in high school and at the postsecondary levels. The philosophy of the TAG Program is, that every student is talented and gifted and it is the responsibility of adults and educators to help students discover, develop and manifest their talents and gifts.

About: Students who participate in TAG and successfully complete high school are guaranteed admission to UMass Boston. TAG is made up of six components: academic tutoring, vacation and Saturday academics, mentoring, school-based TAG clubs, college awareness activities and scholarships, and a summer program at UMass Boston. Although the TAG Program is open to all students in BPS, its services are geared towards Latino and ELL students, with strong partnerships with Boston International High School, Boston Latin Academy, Boston Latin School, Brighton High School, Burke High School, English High School, and the John D. O’Bryant School of Math and Science.

Applications are for students currently in 6th through 12th grade.

Trinity Education for Excellence Program (TEEP)

www.trinityinspires.org/teep
206 Clarendon Street
Boston MA 02116
Paul Bowen, Director, 617-536-0944 ext. 358
pbowen@trinityinspires.org
For students in grade 6 (but must be enrolled since 6th grade since program starts from 7th on.)

About: TEEP is a tuition-free, out-of-school time program for Boston Public School students. Our programming includes a five-week summer program and many year-round offerings, all based upon our core values, the 5 R’s: Respect, Responsibility, Restraint, Reciprocity, and Redemption. A holistic understanding of these five values provides students a decision-making framework that can help shape their choices, both at TEEP and in all aspects of their lives.
Mission: Our mission is to establish a safe and supportive community with Boston’s Youth of Color where every member is inspired to discover, empowered to achieve, and individually affirmed.

Applications are available to 6th graders that are currently going to 7th grade.

Upward Bound

Upward Bound at Boston University
www.bu.edu/ub
2 Silber Way
Boston, MA 02215
Office: 617-353-3551 Fax: 617-353-2395
Reggie Jean, Project Manager Upward Bound
reggie@bu.edu
ub@bu.edu
For students in high school

About: Upward Bound (UB) at Boston University is a federally funded college preparatory program for potential first-generation college and low-income Boston Public High School students. The program, which is a part of Boston University’s Boston Public Schools Collaborative Office within the School of Education, serves 86 students who are recruited from either one of four target high schools or one of five target neighborhoods in Boston. The high schools served are Brighton High School, The English High School, Community Academy of Science and Health, and Snowden International High School at Copley. Program services include an academically intensive six-week summer residential program and an afterschool program of tutoring and academic courses during the school year.

Mission: Students are expected to remain with the program until their graduation from high school.

Students who are applying who are from the targeted schools, The high schools served are Brighton High School, The English High School, Community Academy of Science and Health, and Snowden International High School at Copley and targeted areas, Dorchester, Roxbury, Mattapan, East Boston, Hyde Park, are given priority in admissions. Must be a high school student.

Upward Bound at Boston University: Math & Science
www.bu.edu/ubms
2 Silber way
Boston, MA 02215
Office: (617)-353-3551 Fax: (617)-353-2395
Allison Cox, Project Manager
acox@bu.edu
For students in high school

About: The Upward Bound Math and Science Program is designed to strengthen the math and science skills of participating students. The goal of the program is to help students recognize and develop their potential to excel in math and science and to encourage them to pursue post-secondary degrees in math and science, and
ultimately careers in math and science profession. During the academic year students attend two hours of class and two hours of study hall after school each week. Also, during February and April school vacation weeks the students participate in hands-on science and math classes. The students are also able to participate in the summer in a 6-week program at BU where they stay at BU for the whole time and take 6 classes.

_students applying for the program must be at least starting the ninth grade and priority given to students who are from these schools, Charlestown, Brighton, and Chelsea High or live in these neighborhoods, Chelsea, Dorchester, East Boston, Hyde Park, Mattapan and Roxbury._

**Upward Bound at UMASS-Boston**

[https://www.umb.edu/academics/vpass/support_programs/upward_bound](https://www.umb.edu/academics/vpass/support_programs/upward_bound)

Upward bound program Office
McCormack Hall, 3rd floor, Room 706
University of Massachusetts Boston
100 Morrissey Blvd.
Boston, MA 02125
Lizette Rivera, Director,
(617)287-5846
Office: (617)-287-5845  Fax: (617)-287-5815
For students age’s 13-19

Mission: Our mission is to assist low-income, first-generation college bound high school students in the successful completion of secondary education and prepare them academically and socially for enrollment and completion of higher education.

About: Upward Bound is an intensive, year-round college-preparatory program. This is accomplished by providing participants with rigorous and nurturing academic courses; tutoring services; college-preparatory workshops; academic, college, and financial aid advising; career exploration; leadership opportunities; and cultural enrichment. Upward Bound offers services to students through an after-school program and monthly Saturday Seminar series at UMass Boston during the school year and a six-week residential academic program at Regis College during the summer.

_students applying must be at least 13 years old and not older than 19. They also must be a student at Jeremiah E Burke High School, Madison Park High School, or Excel High school. Mostly looking for ninth and tenth graders._

**Math/Science Upward Bound at Noble and Greenough School in conjunction with UMASS-Boston**

[https://www.nobles.edu/school/upper-school/excel-experiential-learning/upward-bound/](https://www.nobles.edu/school/upper-school/excel-experiential-learning/upward-bound/)

Noble and Greenough School
10 Campus Drive
Dedham MA, 02026
Edgar De Leon, Director
Edgar_DeLeon@nobles.edu
(781)-320-7246
For students in high school
**About:** The UMass Boston-Noble and Greenough School Math/Science Upward Bound Program (MSUB) is a six-week residential program, serving 50 high school students from the city of Lawrence with promising academic records and a desire to improve their future prospects. MSUB specifically identifies students interested in math and science who wish to pursue advanced study and careers in related fields.

*Students should have completed the 9th grade, and be enrolled in one of the six academies that encompass the Lawrence high school system.*

**Urban Scholars Program**

[https://www.umb.edu/academics/vpass/support_programs/urban_scholars](https://www.umb.edu/academics/vpass/support_programs/urban_scholars)

McCormack Building, 3rd Floor, Room 008
University of Massachusetts Boston
100 Morrissey Blvd. Boston, MA 02125-3393
Office: (617)-287-5830 Fax: (617)-287-5818

**Mission:** We aim to identify and to prepare academically motivated high school students from select Boston Public Schools (ages 14-19). In particular, to serve those who are low-income and/or first-generation college bound students, giving them the tools necessary to successfully enroll in and complete college.

**About:** The Urban Scholars Program at the University of Massachusetts Boston is a year-round program featuring advanced after-school classes, seminars, tutoring, and supervised study. The Urban Scholars community believes that education is at the core of a successful, enriching life. We offer gifted and academically talented students a comfortable environment promoting learning and educational exploration. The staff and teachers work with students building the skills and motivation necessary for achievement at the highest level of their potential.

*Students applying must attend one of these schools and be in grades 9-10 for the high school program, Jeremiah E. Burke, Dorchester Academy, TechBoston Academy, and South Boston Educational Complex (Excel, Monument and Odyssey). For the middle school program, students need to be in grades 6-7 and attend these schools, Young Achievers, Gavin, Tech Boston Academy, and McCormack. (Eighth graders from TechBoston only).*
2. ACADEMIC ENRICHMENT

826 Boston
www.826boston.org
3035 Washington Street
Roxbury, MA 02119
617-442-5400
For students ages 6 through 18

Goal: All of our free programs seek to strengthen each student’s power to express ideas effectively, creatively, confidently, and in his or her individual voice.

About: 826 Boston is a nonprofit organization dedicated to supporting students ages 6-18 with their creative and expository writing skills, and to helping teachers inspire their students to write. We provide drop-in tutoring, field trips, after-school workshops, in-schools tutoring, help for English language learners, and assistance with student publications.

A Better Chance
www.abetterchance.org
253 West 35th street, 6th floor
New York, NY 10001
Office: (646) 346-1310 Fax: (646) 346 1311
Admissions
admissions@abetterchance.org
Jonathan Gibson, Senior Program Manager
jgibson@abetterchance.org

For students in grades 4 through 9th (but since it takes 18 months the 4th graders would apply for the 6th grade and then the 5th graders for the 7th grade etc.)

Mission: Our mission is to increase substantially the number of well-educated young people of color who are capable of assuming positions of responsibility and leadership in American society.

History: A Better Chance is the oldest and only national organization of its kind changing the life trajectory for academically talented youth of color via access to rigorous and prestigious educational opportunities for students in grades 6-12. We carry out our mission through our signature College Preparatory Schools Program, which annually recruits, refers and supports about 500 Scholars at more than 300 Member Schools in 27 states. We have been opening the doors to greater educational opportunities since 1963 and more than 12,000 Alumni have now gone on to distinguished careers as physicians, artists, educators, lawyers, politicians and corporate executives.

Applications need to be filled out 18 months before being enrolled.
Achieve
https://www.theachieveprogram.org/
Noble and Greenough School
10 Campus Drive
Dedham, MA 02026
Nora Dowley- Liebowitz
achieve@nobles.edu
Office: (781)-320-7125
For students in the 6th grade

Mission: Achieve partners with families to empower motivated students from underserved Boston communities to close the opportunity gap.

About: Achieve is a tuition-free educational program serving low-income middle school-age children. Achieve seeks to increase our students’ academic skills, motivation and self-confidence and put them on the path to college. We expect our students to attend ALL sessions during the summer and academic year. Attendance is essential in order to receive the full benefit of the program, and families must commit to the entire experience in order to be considered for admission. Each student will participate in three consecutive six-week summer sessions and two academic year programs.

Students applying must be in the 6th grade going into the 7th grade since the program starts in the summer before they go into 7th grade.

BellXcel
https://www.bellxcel.org/
60 Clayton Street
Dorchester, MA 02122
Office: (617)-282-1567 Fax: (617)-282-2698
For students in K through 8th grade

About: BELL was founded in Boston in 1992 and first served students at the Tobin Elementary & Middle School in the city’s Roxbury neighborhood. In addition to long-standing programs and partnership with Boston Public Schools, Boston continues to serve as BELL’s national headquarters and center for research and program development. The organization first piloted its Boys of BELL initiative, tested a wide range of enrichment courses and partners, and developed an alumni engagement strategy in the city. BELL Summer was first proven to be effective in Boston through a rigorous, independent study. The organization continues to serve as a strategic partner to Boston Public Schools and welcomes opportunities to form new partnerships with schools and districts throughout Massachusetts. BELL’s programs are free for parents whose children attend partner schools. The program offers a summer program and after school program.

To apply parents must send an interest form to the program because it is only available in certain communities and schools.
MIT Educational Studies Program
http://esp.mit.edu
84 Massachusetts Avenue
Room W20-467
Cambridge, MA 02139
esp@mit.edu
For students in middle school and high school

Mission: To make a difference in the community by sharing our knowledge and creativity with local high school students

About: The MIT Educational Studies Program (ESP) is a student group at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology that recruits MIT students and community members to teach classes for high school and middle school students from the Boston area and beyond. We are all MIT undergraduates, graduate students, alumni, and community members who volunteer for ESP out of a love for teaching, organizing, and service. The program has several programs that run in the summer and during the school year for different age groups.

MIT Office of Engineering Outreach Programs
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Cambridge, MA 02142
Shawna Young, Executive Director
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(617)324-7199
Julian Green, Program Manager
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(617)253-5063
For middle school and high school students

About: MIT’s Office of Engineering Outreach Programs (OEOP) in the School of Engineering (SOE) runs five core programs for middle and high school students. Since its inception, more than 1,600 students have participated in MITES, of which 32 percent have matriculated at MIT and over 80% have gone on to major in technical fields. In 2002, OEOP launched the Saturday Engineering Enrichment and Discovery (SEED) Academy as a companion program to MITES focused on exposing high school students from the Boston area to engineering fields.
Project Alerta
http://www.umb.edu/alerta
Sonnya Espinal, Director
(617)-287-7634
sonnya.espinal@umb.edu
Stephanie Laura, Project Coordinator
(617)-287-7659
Stephanie.lara@umb.edu
For students in grades 4 through 5th

Mission: The mission of Project ALERTA is to provide enrichment programs for Latino students and English Language Learners in grades 4 through 5 in the Boston Public Schools for the primary purpose of helping improve their academic skills. ALERTA also aims to cultivate young citizens and civic leaders who can respond to their local and global communities’ needs in the areas of art, math and science, education, social development, and social justice.

About: The program sought to accomplish two broad goals: reduce the dropout rate among Latino students in Boston schools and increase the number of Latino students enrolled in Boston’s three academic high schools known as exam schools. Project ALERTA was developed to complement the Talented and Gifted Latino program (TAG), by providing supplementary academic enrichment services to Latino students in the more critical early years of school (grades 4-5).

Project D.E.E.P. (Dorchester Educational Enrichment Program)
www.projectdeep.org
Leahy-Holloran Community Center
1 Worrell Street
Dorchester, MA 02122
Office: (617) 635-5027  Fax: (617)-635-5298
Beth Connell, Executive Director
Beth@projectdeep.org
Mallory Toomey, Program Coordinator
Mallory@projectdeep.org
For students entering grades 5th, 6th, and 8th

Mission: The mission of the program is to foster the educational, athletic and social growth and development of middle school children of all races, creeds and ethnic backgrounds throughout the Dorchester community.

History: Back in 1995, Brendan used his experience as a teacher, youth coach, student-athlete, and community center program director to develop the unique concept of employing athletic summer camp scholarships as an incentive for students to work in after-school educational programs. These programs include individualized tutoring, mentoring, creative writing, examination preparation, community service projects, and an expansive summer camp program. Today, the organization annually serves more than 250 Dorchester children in several, successful programs.

Students entering 5th, 6th, and 8th grade can apply for the D.E.E.P programs, but must be a member of the Leahy-Holloran Community Center.
The Paraclete Foundation  
www.paraclete.org  
207 E Street  
South Boston, MA 02127  
(617)-268-5552  
Eileen McNeil DeMichele, Executive Director  
(617)-286-2739  
edemichele@paraclete.org  
For students going into the 4th, 5th, and 6th grade

Mission: To enrich the lives of young people and their communities through education

About: The Paraclete Academy offers a wide range of high-quality, hands-on classes in science, math, engineering and English for urban students. We are an educational resource for our families, often immigrants, and work with each family and child to help them find the best educational opportunities, providing support as needed through high school graduation. Our faculty is a cadre of volunteers from first rate universities who live at the Paraclete building and are a full time presence in the community. We also call upon the assistance of local universities and businesses for their expertise.

The Paraclete Academy accepts promising 4th, 5th and 6th graders. Student applications to the Paraclete Academy are accepted year round, but students are enrolled into the program as openings become available. Third grade students who will be entering the 4th Grade in the fall may apply to the Paraclete as early as May of their 3rd grade year.

South Boston Neighborhood House  
https://sbnh.org/  
136 H Street  
South Boston, MA 02127  
Office: (617)-268-1619  
Preschool program  
1187 Columbia Road  
South Boston, MA 02127  
(617)-269-4090  
Kathy Lafferty, Executive Director of Administration  
Klafferty@sbnh.org  
For students of all ages

Mission: The SBNH helps children and families in an underserved neighborhood to succeed and thrive. We do this by providing comprehensive supports to children and their families.

About: The South Boston Neighborhood House’s modern out-of-school-time program for school age children is designed primarily for working parents and their children. Agency goals in the provision of quality care are two fold: providing support to working families and promoting the growth of the children in our care. Our priority is to serve children from the community, including children who may have special needs. All Neighborhood House programs: Senior Center, Adolescent Services, and Early Education and Care, are focused on education. Beginning with the infants and toddlers in our Preschool Program, up to the seniors in our "Jet Setters” group, our mandate is to promote the healthy development of families and the community in which they live.
Victory Generation
https://bmaboston.org/victory-generation/
Black Ministerial Alliance
2010 Columbus avenue, Lower level& first floor
Roxbury, MA  02119
617-445-2737 ext. 115
Janine Spinola Taylor, Director of Education
(617)445-2737 ext. 115
jstaylor@bmaboston.org
For students ages 5 to 14

Mission: Victory Generation provides spiritual nurturing, professional development, technical assistance and program support that ensure the provision of quality care and academic support to youth ages 5 to 14.

About: The Victory Generation Out-of-School Time Program (VG), a program of the Black Ministerial Alliance of Greater Boston, is a network of faith-based after-school programs geographically dispersed throughout the city of Boston. VG serves as an intermediary to our affiliated programs by helping to build the capacity of their programmatic and organizational functions. We provide networking and financial support, professional development workshops and technical assistance to our affiliated programs as well as other churches interested in or currently providing after-school program services to youth. VG also provides workshops and training to help parents learn how to advocate for their children and how to build positive relationships with their children’s schools.
3. CIVIC EDUCATION

Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Massachusetts
http://www.bbbsmb.org/
75 Federal St., 8th Floor
Boston, MA 02210
Office: (617) 542-9090
For students ages 7 through 12

Mission: To partner with under-resourced families to provide their children with transformational, one-to-one professionally-supported relationships with caring adult mentors, so that their children will thrive.

About: For more than 60 years, Big Brothers Big Sisters of Massachusetts Bay has worked to ensure that every child has the support from caring adults that they need for healthy development and success in life. Big Brothers Big Sisters of Massachusetts Bay makes meaningful, monitored matches between adult volunteers ("Bigs") and children ("Littles"), ages 7 through high school graduation, in communities across Massachusetts Bay.

Boston Area Health Education Center
http://www.bphc.org/whatwedo/Teens/boston-area-health-education-center/Pages/bahec.aspx
727 Massachusetts Ave
Boston, MA 02118
Office: (617) 534-5258
bahec@bphc.org
For students in 8th grade and up to high school

Mission: Founded in 1978 and the first program of its kind in the city of Boston, BAHEC's mission is to increase racial, ethnic, and linguistic diversity among Boston's healthcare workforce by raising the proportion of youth from underserved populations who successfully pursue careers in health and public health.

About: The Boston AHEC, hosted by the Boston Public Health Commission, focuses on increasing the racial, ethnic and linguistic diversity of Boston’s health-care workforce. The Boston AHEC provides both a Youth to Health Careers Program (Y2HC) and Medical Interpreter Training Program. Over the past 25 years, more than 10,000 students have participated in programs emphasizing careers in preventive and primary care medicine, allied health, public health, and complementary medicine. The Youth to Health Careers Program offers educational programs designed in such a way that a student can start in the 8th grade and continue through high school. Our model works because the teaching tools are designed by teens for teens. A summer program and after school program are offered.
The City School  
www.thecityschool.org  
614 Columbia Road  
Dorchester, MA 02125  
Office: (617)-822-3075  Fax: (617)-822-3073  
Anne Wright, Co-Executive Director  
myriam@thecityschool.org  
For students from ages 14 through 19  

Mission: The City School develops and strengthens youth to become effective leaders for social justice.  

About: The Summer Leadership Program was a collaboration between Cathedral High School, Boston Latin School, and Milton Academy bringing together a diverse range of teens for hands-on leadership training, seminars on some of the most pressing issues of the day, and a focus on building community and bridging relationships. Today, the Summer Leadership Program brings together youth from across Boston’s diverse neighborhoods and from many suburbs, and has expanded to include internships at local nonprofits for all teen participants, and Community Action Projects where the students develop and implement concrete, meaningful projects throughout the city. The City School has grown into a vibrant center for youth leadership development, offering after-school, weekend and summer programs that focus on critical thinking, community building, service work, reflection and action.  

Goodwill’s Youth Initiative  
http://www.goodwillmass.org/programs/youth-programs.html  
Morgan Memorial Goodwill Industries  
1010 Harrison Ave. Boston, MA 02119  
Larry Merritt, Director of Youth Services  
Office: (617)-541-1226  
lmerritt@goodwillmass.org  
For students in grades 5 through 12th  

About: The Youth Initiative has two main programs, the Youth Mentoring Program and the Melon Academy for Girls as well as connections to a summer camp.  

Goodwill’s year-round Youth Mentoring Program helps teens finish high school and transition into productive careers through the guidance of trusted adults. The overall goal of Goodwill’s mentoring program is to help youth build career plans and skills, and prepare for school completion, post-secondary training and productive work by providing structured and supportive relationships with trusted adult mentors. Goodwill’s program matches youth ages 12 to 17 with committed, caring adults in one-on-one relationships for a year.  

Goodwill’s BNY Mellon After-School Academy for Girls encourages academic achievement, leadership development, civic engagement and career success in girls in grades 5 through 12 from communities surrounding Goodwill’s Roxbury headquarters. The Academy, which runs Monday through Friday from 2:00 to 6:00 p.m. during the academic year, offers the girls structured homework assistance, individualized learning plans, other academic enrichment support services, computer access and leadership development. Some Saturday programming is also offered, focusing on college and career preparation, and special programming takes place during school vacation weeks.
Paul Robeson Institute for Positive Development
Concerned Black Men of Massachusetts, Inc.
136 Warren Street
Boston, MA 02119
info@cbmm.net

For boys ages 7 through 18

Mission: To Improve the Quality of Life in the Black Community by Reaffirming the Viability of the Black Male.

About: In the Fall of 1989, The Concerned Black Men of Massachusetts, Inc. (CBMM), under the leadership auspices of its Standing Committee on Education initiated The Paul Robeson Institute for Positive Self-Development. The Paul Robeson Institute was founded to provide a vehicle of educational, emotional and personal support to young Black males and their families. Predicated on the grounds that Black children and their families are at acute risk in today's society, the Institute was formed to provide a range of early intervention and self-awareness options for youth and their families. There are different programs ranging from physical fitness and academics, to mentoring.
4. ARTS AND SPORTS

Boston SCORES
https://www.bostonscores.org/
29 Germania Street
Jamaica Plain, MA 02130
(617)-472-6737
For students in elementary school (as early as 3rd grade) and middle school

Mission: To provide urban youth with team-based education programs that promote health & well-being, academic engagement, and civic leadership.

About: Boston Scores partners with the Boston Public School teachers, our coach-mentors, to provide urban youth in grades K-12 with after-school soccer & enrichment programs. Students typically participate 5 days per week, including 2 days of girls & boys soccer practices, 2 days of enrichment classes (poetry or civic leadership) & a soccer game day in which teams are transported to play other BPS schools. When students enter high school, our enrichment programs add in college & job readiness workshops.

Students applying must be in elementary or middle school and part of the partner school in the BPS district.

Courageous Sailing
http://www.courageoussailing.org/youth/summer-programs
Pier 4 Charlestown Navy Yard
One First Avenue,
Boston, MA 02129
Office: (617)-242-3821  Fax: (617)-635-3263
Aston Smith, Director of Youth Programs & Outreach
ashton@courageoussailing.org
(617)- 452-1763
For students ages 8 through 18 (but should start the program before age 12)

About: Courageous Sailing works to transform children’s lives through sailing programs that inspire learning, personal growth, and leadership. Our 5-Step Youth Program takes students from basic "learn-to-sail" classes, to more advanced cruising and racing classes, right through to instructor training. This building-block approach helps young sailors to grow and thrive as members of the Courageous community. And by the way, "Step" is Courageous lingo for "Level." They offer a summer program and an afterschool program during the school year.

For students applying, the best age would be between 8 and 12 to get the most out of the program because they offer programs that help train the students from beginner to intermediate and then offer a program to learn how to be an instructor.
Dot Art
http://www.dotart.org/
1231 Adams Street
c/o Walter Baker Artists Lofts
Dorchester, MA 02124
Office: (617) - 905-7432
office@dotart.org
For ages 3 through 10 (and an after school program at the Henderson for grades 1 through 5)

Mission: We teach children to use with imagination and explore new possibilities, be courageous on the canvas, and to take risks with their creative impulses. And perhaps most importantly, we teach children to be delightfully surprised by the unexpected. “If something doesn’t go your way, make it into something new, that drip can become something else. What begins as a horse can become a butterfly.”

About: Founded in 1998 when an Art Educator living in the community saw a need for quality art classes, she and 16 Dorchester residents created classes for youth, which filled to capacity almost immediately. As classes began to develop, the group decided to incorporate as the Dorchester Community Center for the Visual Arts - which quickly became known as Dot Art. As a 501(c) (3) non-profit organization, Dot Art functions under a traditional board structure with a 12 - member volunteer Board of Directors. Dot Art offers four types of programs to engage the community in different ways to create and nurture an environment where art is valued: Sequential programs, usually a series of classes of 8-10 weeks’ duration; Workshops, which are usually one session of duration; Exhibitions, which bring Dot Art’s students and their families together with hundreds, and sometimes tens of thousands of art viewers; and Performances and Installations, which enable our students to present their artwork in surprising ways and places.

For students applying the classes at the program during the summer and spring are for ages 3 through 10 and then the Henderson School offers a program during the school year for students in grades 1 through 5

Harlem Lacrosse- Boston
https://www.harlemlacrosse.org/boston
Harlem Lacrosse- Boston
PO Box 260982
Mattapan, MA 02126
Pat Cronin, Director of Community Programs
coachpat@harlemlacrosse.org
(857)- 334-9289
Rod Henriques, Director of High School Programming
coachrod@harlemlacrosse.org
For students in 4th through 12th grade who live or attend schools in Chelsea or Boston

Mission: Harlem Lacrosse’s mission is to empower the children who are most at risk for academic decline and dropout to rise above their challenges and reach their full potential. Harlem Lacrosse inspires children to dream about tomorrow while working hard on the field and in the classroom today.

History: From 2012-2016, Harlem Lacrosse added at least one program each year growing to serve over 400 students by the fall of 2016 including expansion sites in Boston and Baltimore. In January of 2017, Harlem Lacrosse added more than 250 boys and girls through its merger with City Lacrosse (now Harlem Lacrosse Los Angeles) and in September, Harlem Lacrosse launched its first programs in Philadelphia thanks to the
generous support of the Live Like Blaine Foundation. Harlem Lacrosse now serves over 850 students nationwide across nineteen programs in five cities. Since 2011, Harlem Lacrosse students have maintained a 100% on-time middle school graduation rate, have passed their classes at a rate 20% higher than that of their peers at our school sites, and have earned over $15 million scholarship offers to independent schools and colleges.

**Let’s Row Boston**

[https://www.communityrowing.org/inclusion/let-s-row-boston](https://www.communityrowing.org/inclusion/let-s-row-boston)

20 Nonantum Road  
Brighton, MA 02135  
Office: 617-779-8277  
Kasha J. Ambroise, Head Coach & Program Coordinator  
Telephone: (617)- 631- 7028  
kasha.ambroise@communityrowing.org  
For students ages 12 through 18

**About:** Let’s Row Boston is a boys and girls rowing program geared towards Boston Public School students in middle school and high school. Throughout the academic school year, ROW Boston provides student-athletes with weekly one-on-one tutoring, the opportunity to row competitively during the fall and spring seasons of the academic school year, weekly swimming lessons during the winter season, visits to colleges and universities in the New England area, mentorship, and a life long supportive community and network. Let’s Row Boston offers after-school and summer programs at no charge to anyone in the Boston Public Schools. Transportation is provided to and from the Harry Parker Boathouse in Brighton.

**Squash Busters**

[http://squashbusters.org/](http://squashbusters.org/)

795 Columbus Avenue  
Roxbury Crossing, MA 02120  
Office: (617)-373-7782  
info@squashbusters.org  
Charles Levinson, Program Director  
c.levinson@squashbusters.org  
For students of different ages

**Mission:** Squash Busters’ Mission is to challenge and nurture urban youth – as students, athletes and citizens – so that they recognize and fulfill their fullest potential in life.

**About:** SquashBusters was founded in 1996 as the first after-school program of its kind in the United States - combining squash, academics, and community service. The organization’s aim was to serve students from Boston and Cambridge Public Schools through the most crucial years of their development, with the goals of building strong personal character, ensuring that students matriculate to and graduate from college, and improving the overall physical and emotional health of our students.
Mission: Tenacity’s mission is to enable post-secondary success by improving the scholastic, character and physical development of less advantaged urban youth through a combination of literacy, life skills development, family engagement, and fitness/tennis.

About: The summer program focuses on tennis instruction and play, combined with a half-hour of reading activities in the morning and the afternoon. The program is open to any Boston resident between the ages of 6-16. There are several locations throughout Boston. Tenacity’s Middle School Academy delivers an intensive three-year experience for middle school students. It integrates literacy-based programming and supervised tennis activities in a structured, supportive environment. Our activities focus not only on building tennis and literacy skills but promoting resilience among young people facing challenges on the path to adulthood. It is a free program open to all students at the Washington Irving Middle School, Lilla G. Frederick Pilot Middle School, Jackson/Mann K-8 School, Dever-McCormack K-8 School, and Mario Umana Middle School Academy for the Tenacity Middle School Academy. There is also an elementary school program and a college prep program. The other programs don’t require you to attend certain schools, they are open to everyone.
5. SUMMER PROGRAMS

The Crimson Summer Academy
www.crimsonsummer.harvard.edu
Harvard University
126 Mount Auburn Street
Cambridge, MA 02138
Office: (617) 496-0652 Fax: (617) 495-0412
 crimsonsummer@harvard.edu
For students in ninth grade

About: Over the course of three consecutive summers, 30 high-achieving students from Boston and Cambridge high schools engage in a stimulating mix of classes, projects, field trips and cultural activities as they prepare for success in college and beyond. After a period of orientation, Crimson Scholars live on Harvard’s Cambridge campus from Sunday evenings through Friday afternoons, returning to their homes on weekends. Through small group instruction, sustained support, and close mentoring relationships with Harvard undergraduates, Crimson Scholars expand their vision of what’s possible as they prepare for admission to challenging four-year colleges and universities. Public and parochial school students who currently attend ninth grade in Boston or Cambridge; have been nominated by a principal, teacher, or guidance counselor familiar with their academic and personal potential; and who come from financially disadvantaged backgrounds are invited to apply. Successful applicants receive full financial support for room, board and tuition, as well as a stipend of $800 for the first summer and $200 per week during the second and third summers. Crimson Scholars who successfully complete the three-year program are awarded a $3,000 scholarship for use at the college or university of their choice.

The application process is in fall of the student’s freshman year and in order to apply should talk to student’s counselor or someone in the school because the process is very long.

Math Power Algebra Plus Summer Camp
https://web.northeastern.edu/mathpower/
42BV- Northeastern University
360 Huntington Avenue
Boston, MA 02115
Office: (617)-373-5934 Fax: (617)-373-7575
mathpower@neu.edu
Kevin Nelson, Director of Operations
kevin@mathpower.us
For students in grades 6 through 9th

Mission: MathPOWER is dedicated to transform the lives of urban youth by developing proficiency in advanced mathematics and personal resiliency. We envision a world in which all students achieve competency in advanced mathematics, which serves as a gateway to lifelong learning and a productive career

About: Since its inception, MathPOWER has played a key role in providing professional development (coaching) to teachers within the Boston Public Schools. MathPOWER began offering a summer learning program more than a decade ago; our Algebra Plus Summer Academy located at Northeastern University
continues to support students’ learning of advanced mathematics. In 2007-2008, Math POWER introduced a math intervention program - Math*GAINS (Grow Academically In Number Sense) - at the K-8 level. Our research results indicate positive trends of students’ improved scores, an outcome that begins to close the existing achievement gap. MathPOWER opened its first afterschool program (Math*STARS) in 2008. As of September 2011, MathPOWER supports three after-school programs located within community-based organizations or schools, Yawkey Club of Roxbury, South Boston, and Dearborn Middle School.

Smith College Pre-College Programs
www.smith.edu/summerprograms/ssep
30 Belmont Avenue
Smith College
Northampton, MA 01063
Office: (413)-585-4455 Fax: (413)-585-4344

For high school girls

About: The Pre-College Program offers an array of programs for girls in high school over the summer like, The Summer Science and Engineering Program, Field Studies for Sustainable Futures, Hidden Lives: Discovering Women’s History, and the Young Women’s Writing Workshop.

(SSEP) for high school girls is a twenty-three-year-old program for young women interested in science—both biomedical and public health—and engineering. These young women, 40 percent of which are girls of color, are given the opportunity to live on campus at Smith College for four weeks in the summer and engage in hands-on, experiential learning with top-notch instructors.

Field’s Studies for Sustainable Futures is a program for the environmentally conscious woman. Participants in this program are given the opportunity to learn about sustainable living, environmental science and environmental policy in a hands-on, interactive, project-based manner.

Hidden Lives: Discovering Women’s History is a training ground for future women’s history buffs. This program allows high-school-aged girls to explore 19th- and 20th-century women’s history topics such as the adversities faced by female factory and mill workers in 20th century Lowell, Mass during the early years of the industrial revolution and the life and times of renowned poet, Emily Dickinson, in historic Amherst, Mass.

Young Women’s Writing Workshop is a varied writing workshop for high school girls that focuses on the following topic areas: food writing, poetry, creative writing, creative fiction, and reporting and writing for the radio, just to name a few. Participants are given the chance to work with published authors, lay the groundwork for a strong writing portfolio, and learn the steps involved in becoming a published writer.

Summer Health Corps Program
https://www.bidmc.org/about-bidmc/helping-our-community/volunteer-services/summer-health-corps
Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center
Gryzmish 210
330 Brookline Avenue
Boston, MA 02215
Terry Morgan, Program Coordinator
For students ages 14 through 17

About: The Summer Health Corps Program is an educational hands-on program for high school students ages 14 through 17. The six-week program is in session Monday through Thursday from 9:00 a.m. - 2 p.m. Through this program teens can explore various careers while gaining experience in a hospital setting. In addition to learning from the actual volunteer experience, volunteers will attend weekly tours of specific departments. These tours provide information on the functions of various medical center staff and their departments. Some of the departments may include the Neonatal Unit (premature babies), the Emergency Department, and Radiology. Students also attend orientation and training sessions. Students will learn about routine medical center policies and procedures such as fire safety and infection control precautions.

Women’s Technology Program (WTP) at MIT
http://wtp.mit.edu/
Women’s Technology Program
MIT Room 38-491
77 Massachusetts Avenue
Cambridge, MA 02139
Office: (617)-253-5580
wtp@mit.edu
Cynthia Skier, Director
For girls in the 11th going into 12th

About: The Women’s Technology Program is made up of two programs, one in electrical engineering and computer science while the other in mechanical science.

The MIT Women’s Technology Program (WTP) in EECS is a four-week summer academic and residential experience where female high school students explore engineering and computer science through hands-on classes, labs, and team-based projects in the summer after 11th grade.

The MIT Women’s Technology Program in ME is a four-week residential summer program in the MIT Dept. of Mechanical Engineering to introduce high school girls to the basic principles and ideas of mechanical engineering in the summer after 11th grade. It was created in the summer of 2006 and modeled after the WTP in EECS.

For students applying, the program takes place the summer before 12th grade starts.
6. ORGANIZATIONS AND CENTERS (varied programs)

**Bird Street Community Center**  
[www.birdstreet.org](http://www.birdstreet.org)  
500 Columbia Road  
Dorchester, MA 02125  
Office: (617)-282-6110 Fax: (617)-282-2507  
Kevin O’Rourke, Executive Director  
Phone: (617)-282-6110 ext. 21  
korourke@birdstreet.org  
For ages 5 through 22

**Mission:** The mission of Bird Street is to instill in our youth and young adults the intellectual, social, and leadership competencies to effectively deal with daily challenges, strive for academic success, and pursue employment opportunities. Bird Street Community Center meets the day-to-day needs for building strong minds, healthy bodies, and outlets for creative expression and social interaction for families and children. Bird Street enables individuals across generations to engage in educational activities and life-long learning.

**About:** Bird Street Community Center (legally incorporated as "Upham’s Corner Community Center, Inc.") is a private, nonprofit organization providing high quality, affordable childcare and recreational, educational and developmental activities for children and youth in Dorchester, Roxbury, Mattapan, and Hyde Park. We serve more than 1300 youth between the ages of 5 and 22 year-round with a variety of programs that encourage and promote their intellectual, physical, and social development.

**DotWell**  
[www.dotwell.org](http://www.dotwell.org)  
1353 Dorchester Avenue  
Dorchester, MA 02122  
Lisa Hamblin  
Phone: (617)-822-3832  
lisa.hamblin@codman.org  
For students ages 6 through 19

**Mission:** The mission of DotWell is to work in collaboration with our founding health center partners Codman Square Health Center and DottHouse Health to provide integrated clinical and community services that address health disparities, build social capital, and meet the complex needs of our communities.

**About:** DotWell is the partnership of Codman Square Health Center and Dorchester House Multi-Service Center. DotWell offers an array of youth programs open to youth ages 6-19, including pool and fitness classes, leadership development programs, after-school and tutoring programs, and a newly re-opened Teen Center. Specific programs include a preseason basketball tournament for high school students, an asthma management and swimming program, a program that teaches about healthy lifestyles, swim lessons and a swim team, a basketball team, a program to help students in preparing to apply for college. The organization has many programs that run like the First Hoops Network, Asthma Swim, etc. All the programs can be found under all youth programs.
Hyde Square Task Force
www.hydesquare.org
30 Sunnyside street
Jamaica Plain, MA 02130
Office: (617)-524-8303  Fax: (617)-524-2747
info@hydesquare.org
Barbara Civill, Director of Development and Communications
Ext.327
Barbara@HydeSquare.org
For students ages 6 to 21

Mission: Our mission is to amplify the power, creativity, and voices of youth, connecting them to Afro-Latin culture and heritage so they can create a diverse, vibrant Latin Quarter and build a just, equitable Boston. We believe that communities are stronger when they create the conditions youth need to thrive. By harnessing the power, creativity, and voices of youth, we not only help them navigate the journey of adolescence but help youth become leading voices of change in their community.

About: Founded in the 1980s by a diverse group of neighbors, the Hyde Square Task Force began as an effort to reverse the trend of youth violence in Hyde-Jackson Square. Today, Hyde Square Task Force has grown into a professionally run non-profit with deep community ties and a reputation as one of the most dynamic community-based organizations in Boston. We have expanded each year; we serve 1000 youth ages 6-21 from Jamaica Plain, Roxbury and across Boston through leadership development, college preparation, arts & cultural enrichment, youth-led community organizing and positive community-building events.

Roxbury Multi-Service Center (RMSC)
http://www.roxmulti.org/
Office: (617)-541-6859 Fax: (617)-445-2125
321 Blue Hill Avenue
Boston, MA 02121
For students in grades 4th through 12th

Mission: A Roxbury Multi-Service Center, we’re committed to providing families and their children with the tools to live stronger, more productive lives, – thus enriching the communities in which they live.

About: The Center offers many different programs for a variety of ages. The students do not have to be a member of the community center to apply. There is an open access lab program, a job readiness program, and a tutoring program.
History: uAspire (formerly known as ACCESS) traces its beginnings back to Boston in 1985, when a group of business and community leaders invested in Boston’s high school students by creating a program to address the high school dropout rate.

Mission: The mission of uAspire (formerly known as ACCESS) is to ensure that all young people have the financial information and resources necessary to find an affordable path to and through a postsecondary education. To accomplish this mission, uAspire partners with schools and community organizations to provide free financial aid advice and advocacy to young people and families to help them overcome the financial barriers to higher education.
7. PROGRAMS IN SCHOOLS

Beacon Academy
www.beaconacademy.org
477 Longwood Avenue
Boston, MA 02215
(617) 423-2266
Keely Jones
kjones@beaconacademy.org
For students in 8th grade

Mission: Beacon Academy uniquely challenges the achievement gaps in Boston by emboldening intelligent and determined urban students to push past limitations, forge a lifelong community, and achieve their full potential in competitive high schools and colleges, and in all opportunities throughout life.

History: Beacon Academy was founded in July 2004 by Cindy Laba, Head of School, and Marsha Feinberg, who served as the Chair of the Board, to provide an opportunity for a small group of smart, motivated-but-under-educated, Boston area eighth graders to spend a “jump year” preparing for admission to and success in competitive independent and public exam high schools. It is the only school of its kind in the nation. Since 2005 Beacon Academy has graduated 128 students who have earned over $17 million in high school scholarships.

Students may apply during the 8th grade. There is no application due date, but it is best to apply early as possible since there are a lot of components to the application.

Citizen Schools
www.citizenschools.org
Museum Wharf
308 Congress Street 5th floor
Boston, MA 02210
Office: (617) 695-2300
info@citizenschools.org
For middle school students

Mission: We are building a movement around real-world learning, a pipeline of mentors, and the capacity of schools and communities to deliver a new approach to education - one that will help students develop the skills, mindsets and networks to thrive in the 21st century economy.

About: The program challenges middle school children to become apprentices and learn side-by-side with some of Boston’s most talented artisans, trades people, and professionals - citizens who volunteer their time. Apprentices learn by doing as they write children’s books, design websites, start businesses, build furniture, perform original dances, cook gourmet meals, publish newspapers and much, much more. The program sites in Boston are at the Dever-McCormack, Edwards, Joseph Lee, Normandin, Washington Irving, and Orchard Gardens middle schools.

Applicants must be part of these select schools in order to apply.
8. PARENT RESOURCES

Boston University Metropolitan College Scholarship for Community College Graduates

http://www.bu.edu/met/admissions/financial-aid-scholarships/scholarships

Student and Corporate Outreach
(617) 353-6000
met@bu.edu

About: Here, learning is accessible to all. Study part-time or full-time in the evening, or take advantage of flexible online and blended formats. Benefit from a range of scholarships. Share in the dialogue. Find new opportunities and connections—and eventually, become part of the worldwide Boston University alumni community. The Scholarship for Community College Graduates is available to qualified graduates and undergraduates. Recipients of this annual scholarship will receive a 50 percent tuition scholarship while they complete their bachelor’s degree at Boston University’s Metropolitan College.

Boston University Metropolitan College Scholarship for Parents

https://www.bu.edu/met/admissions/financial-aid-scholarships/scholarships/scholarship-for-parents/

Student and Corporate Outreach
(617) 353-6000
met@bu.edu

About: The Scholarship for Parents at Boston University’s Metropolitan College provides a 50 percent discount on tuition, opening the door to an undergraduate college degree along with new career opportunities, personal enrichment, and a chance for parents to share the inspiration of a college education with their children. To be eligible for the scholarship, parents: Must have a child enrolled in a Boston, or Chelsea public school, must be US citizens or permanent residents, must have completed six college courses with a GPA of 3.0 or above.

Parent University

https://www.bostonpublicschools.org/parentuniversity

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Cyntoria Grant, Director of Parent University
(617)-635-7750
cgrant@bostonpublicschools.org

Mission: The goal of Parent University is to "educate and empower parents as partners, advocates and lifelong teachers in their child's education through educational courses and leadership opportunities."

About: Parent University is a learning experience specifically designed to help Boston Public Schools parents increase their understanding of how children learn and develop; what their children should be learning; how to help their children get what they need to succeed; and how to bring other parents together to work for school improvement. Parent University offers three day-long Saturday learning sessions during the academic year: one each in October, January, and May, with additional sessions offered throughout the year at schools, libraries and community centers. Parent University is free for all BPS parents.
9. FURTHER RESOURCES

**Boston Guide to Youth Services**
[https://www.boston.gov/departments/boston-centers-youth-families#programs](https://www.boston.gov/departments/boston-centers-youth-families#programs)

*About:* This guide is produced by the city of Boston, providing various programs offered by the city.

**BOSTONavigator**
[www.bostonnavigator.org](http://www.bostonnavigator.org)

*About:* This website has listings for over 1,500 programs that run after school, before school, on weekends, during the summer and during school vacations.

**Boston Youth Engagement and Employment**

1483 Tremont Street
Boston, MA 02120
(617)-635-4202
youthline@boston.gov

*Mission:* Our mission is to serve as a youth engagement resource center.

*About:* Boston Youth Zone is the place to find activities, opportunities, after-school programs, and other fun things for Boston’s kids and teens to do. Also find tips on finding a job, resume guides, scholarships, and money saving information. Stay connected through Facebook and check out events on the Youth Zone calendar.

**Summer Stuff Day Camps**
[www.bostonpublicschools.org/summer](http://www.bostonpublicschools.org/summer)
(617)-635-KIDS

*About:* This website includes listings of summer activities and summer reading lists. Additionally, there are links to summer job opportunities for teens.