



PRE-COLLEGE PROGRAM



A [pre-college summer program](#) offers high school students the opportunity to take classes at a college and experience college life during the summer.

Students may be able stay in dorms with their peers, or they can commute from home if they live close to the college. Typically, these programs range anywhere from one to eight weeks. Some of these programs are open enrollment (anyone interested in paying the fee are welcome to attend). Others have an application process which may include teacher recommendations, application essays, and standardized test scores.

During these programs, students take classes from college professors or visiting scholars and participate in social activities. Many selective private colleges, including [Stanford](#), [Harvard](#), and [Columbia](#), offer pre-college summer programs for high school students.

Pros:

- **Prepare for College Life:** These programs can help ease the transition to college life when you go to college. You'll be more familiar with the expectations of a college class, and you'll be more comfortable navigating a college campus.
- **Explore Your Academic Interests:** You can take courses in a wide variety of subjects like computer science, theater, economics, and philosophy.
- **Enhance Your College Resume:** demonstrate your interest in academics and show you're motivated to do more than what's required to pursue your academic passions.
- **Exposure to a Specific College:** You'll come away with a better sense of whether you can see yourself thriving in that environment.
- **Make New Friends**

Cons:

- **Cost:** depending on the amount of time and location (ie. residential vs day camps) summer programs may cost thousands of dollars not including transportation and incidentals. Note: students with outstanding academic records who demonstrate financial need may have access to financial aid.
- **These Programs May Not Help You Get Into College:** because of their expense pre-college programs may be viewed as markers of privilege. To level the playing field, some admissions counselors advise students to find more creative and low-cost ways to explore their passions such as volunteering to do research with a local college professor or working at an art museum. *Note: the programs that do impress are free and only admit a limited number of exceptional students.*

Bottom line? Summer is a great time to develop your interests/expand your horizons. How does the program meet your goals?



- [Adventure Hubs](#) – Borrow FREE equipment and supplies to explore and enjoy Minneapolis parks.
- [Youthline](#) engages youth ages 12-17 in positive leadership experiences and recreational activities while connecting them to adult mentors in the parks.
- [Teen Teamworks](#) is a summer employment and educational program for youth ages 14-18.
- [Nite Owlz](#) provides extended teen programming at various recreation centers from 8-11 pm on Friday and Saturday nights. Activities may include open gym, cooking, computer labs and more. Contact a neighborhood [recreation center](#) for details.
- [IDEAWERKS](#) is for youth ages 12-18 to learn multimedia production; record audio and video information on a digital media workstation; study music basics and computer software to create music tracks and videos; and produce and record individual multimedia projects.
- [Village Parks](#) is a unique cultural, linguistic diversity and leadership program for youth ages 14-18.
- Sign up for [sports leagues](#) to learn new skills and friendships in a fun and safe environment guided by knowledgeable and supportive coaches.
- [Pop-Up Parks](#) burst with music, art, games, crafts, books, dance and more, and "pop-up" in neighborhoods throughout Minneapolis.
- The Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board [Youth Advisory Council](#) is a select group of youth leaders to guide and influence recreation programs, youth employment and athletic decisions.

Click [here](#) for MN Summer Youth Science & Engineering Programs...



Discover STEM

- During this three-day, interactive virtual conference, participants will network with peers while learning about current topics in research and academic programs, and will explore potential careers through virtual presentations, laboratory tours, science and technology demonstrations, and question and answer sessions.
- Students entering grades 11 and 12 in the upcoming fall are eligible to apply.
- Organizer: College of Science and Engineering Student Services
- Visit the [Discover STEM web page](#).

Summer Computer Academy

- This week-long day camp teaches the foundations of computer programming using Python. Participants will work in a computer lab to develop programs for small robots, image processing, and other applications. In addition, there are a variety of career planning and discovery activities.
- Female students grades 6–12, with or without previous programming experience.
- Visit the [Summer Computer Academy website](#).



Welcome to smARTpass!

If you have any difficulty setting up/logging in to smARTpass with your library card barcode, please contact your library.

The arts access program available exclusively to metro public library users! If you have a library card from one of the eight public library systems in the Twin Cities, you have the opportunity to reserve free and/or discounted admission to a wide range of arts experiences.

The smARTpass arts partners have generously agreed to offer a substantial number of free admissions - they are NOT reimbursed for these. Without their willingness to provide free admissions, smARTpass would not exist!



Scrubs Programs: It's the Real Deal!



Since 2008, the ultimate goal of Scrubs Camp has been to get students excited and interested in pursuing a career in the health sciences, and to go back home motivated and focused about what they can do in middle and high school to prepare for that potential career.

Students get to interact directly with many working professionals in the field and through field trips, get a tour and experience of what it would be like to work in a particular career field.

Each year there's a new theme for Scrubs Camp with some core sessions being repeated year to year. Students attending camp this year may be exposed to slightly different types of labs and equipment/instruments than students who attended the year before.

Program schedules will also vary to showcase the resources available at the institution hosting the camp. The typical camp experience will expose students to a variety of lab equipment like microscopes, slides, specimens, along with simulation mannequins, and surgery tools.

We also offer our Scrubs Online program, which is a snapshot of what students would experience at in-person camps.

End result? Scrubs is always fun, always engaging and always gets students thinking differently about their futures!

Registration will open for all available camps soon. Scholarships will be available at limited quantity. Please note we may not be able to host all of our camp locations due to COVID-19 concerns. Scrubs Day and Residency camps are resuming this summer! Please contact us with any questions: scrubscamps@winona.edu.



Minnesota Urban Debate League

High School Options:

Congressional Debate Camp (1 session) in-person

Policy Debate Camp (3 sessions) virtual & in-person

Argumentation – (1 session) virtual & in-person

Public Forum – (1 session) virtual

For more details, cost and registration

visit: augsborg.edu/urbandebaleague/mdaw/hs

The priority deadline for MDAW Scholarship applications is April 25, 2022.

Scholarship applications can be completed after registration.

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Learn more about eligibility and discounted costs [at the Minnesota Afterschool](#)

[Advance website.](#)



Who: Students entering or in grades 9–12
When: July 18–22, 9 a.m.–5 p.m.
Where: [Hamline University's Saint Paul campus](#)
Cost: \$598 per person before May 31; \$698 per person after May 31. The cost includes five lunches, lab materials and supplies, water bottle, and a t-shirt.
Deposit: \$50 nonrefundable deposit for those who wish to be considered for a scholarship and \$200 nonrefundable deposit for all other registrants. Need based scholarships may be available.



A free four-day residential immersion into the college experience for high school students graduating in 2023 or 2024. **We're looking for bright, motivated students from Black, Indigenous, and/or Communities of Color.** We'll introduce the tools necessary to navigate a successful college search and application process and explore the identities you will bring to a college campus and how to find a sense of belong once you arrive.

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