



# MSU Denver Support Programs



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The program's mission is to empower male students of color at the Metropolitan State University of Denver to be leaders of the community, obtain academic success, and to be agents of change in the workforce.

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### **Additional Support Elements:**

- Academic Skill Building
- Social Enrichment/Mentoring
- Leadership Development
- Career/graduate school planning



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## The College Assistance Migrant Program (CAMP)

At Metropolitan State University of Denver is a grant-funded scholarship program by the U.S. Department of Education. CAMP is designed to meet the academic, financial, and social needs of migrant and/or seasonal farmworkers and their children in pursuing higher education.

The mission of the College Assistance Migrant Program at Metropolitan State University of Denver is to support the completion of the first year of college of eligible migrant and seasonal farmworkers and their children by providing comprehensive outreach and enrollment assistance, academic support, financial aid, and social opportunities. Ultimately, the program aims to prepare participants for further success in higher education and to achieve a post-secondary degree.

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### Additional Support Elements:

- Academic Support: enrollment assistance, academic advising, career orientation, degree planning, tutoring services, weekly student meetings, connection to academic resources, study abroad opportunities
- Financial Aid: monthly stipend, full coverage of health insurance (if needed), assistance with part of the tuition and fees, assistance with the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), help with finding and applying for scholarships
- Social Support: CAMP new student orientation and retreat, annual CAMP student leadership conference, peer mentor program, cultural and social events, leadership development opportunities

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### Eligibility & Requirements:

Complete the [CAMP Scholarship Application](#)

Have a high school diploma or GED

Be enrolled or plan to enroll as a full-time student at MSU Denver

o Have not earned more than 24 college credits

o Be a U.S. citizen or permanent resident

The applicant (or one of his/her household family members) must meet one of the following requirements:

- At some point, has participated in the [Migrant Education Program](#) (MEP)
- At some point, has participated in the [National Farmworker Jobs Program](#) (NFJP)- WIOA 167
- Must have worked in an [agricultural-related job](#) for at least 75 days within the last 24 months.



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## College Works

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**If you participate, you will:**

- You will enroll in a 3-credit COMM 1010 Presentational Speaking class. This will be an on-campus, in person class and is required for every major at MSU Denver. We will pay your tuition and fees- a \$1,200 value!
- You will be paid \$10.00/ hr. for time spent attending workshops, meeting with your peer mentor, time spent in your classes, and time doing homework.
- You can be connected to a job with one of the departments at MSU Denver. Work will most likely be remote, not on campus. Pay for work will be \$14.00/hr.
- Be paired with a peer mentor to answer questions and help guide you all summer and during your entire time at MSU Denver.
- Engage in weekly "Knowledge is Power" sessions where you will learn how to navigate MSU Denver, gain tools for student success, and enhance career and job skills.
- Be a part of a 2-credit University Life course designed to introduce you to college academics, provide resources for success, explore class structure, and meet new people. We will even cover tuition and fees for this class!
- Get together each week with your peer mentor and other students to talk about college, the University Life class, and learn what it's like to be a student at MSU Denver.
- Be paid for your participation

**Eligibility & Requirements:**

- o Complete the [College Works Application](#). College Works staff will follow up with phone interviews.
- o Qualifications to participate and program details are slightly different for Denver residents and residents outside Denver- see link for full eligibility and requirements.
- o Eligibility- Denver County Residents:
  - If you are chosen for College Works and fully participate in the workshops, team activities, and complete the University Life class, you will be paid \$1,000 at the end of the summer!

If you are a resident of Denver county Check this link to see their requirements:

[www.msudenver.edu/otr/summerprograms/collegeworks/](http://www.msudenver.edu/otr/summerprograms/collegeworks/)

If you live outside of Denver county, check this link to see the requirements:

<https://www.msudenver.edu/otr/summerprograms/collegeworks/>

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# CO-WY Alliance for Minority Participation

The Colorado-Wyoming Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation (CO-WY AMP) mission at Metropolitan State University of Denver is to build STEM equity and excellence. We provide services from building academic competency, supporting financial needs to navigating the hidden curriculum.

This program provides support for African Americans, Hispanics or Latinos, American Indians or Alaska Natives, Native Hawaiians and other Pacific Islander students who plan to seek degrees in Biology, Biochemistry, Chemistry, Computer Science, Computer and Information Sciences, Environmental Science, Geology, Meteorology, Mathematics, Statistical Science, Physics, Engineering, Engineering Technology and Aerospace. Metropolitan State University of Denver, along with other colleges in Colorado and Wyoming, is a host institution. The National Science Foundation sponsors this program; our main administrative office is at Colorado State University, in Fort Collins, Colorado.

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## Additional Support Elements:

- Individual tutoring
- Faculty advisors/mentors
- Research and internship opportunities
- Scholarship opportunities
- Stipends for participation

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## Eligibility & Requirements:

- o Complete the [CO-WY AMP Student Application](#)
- o This program supports students that identify as African American, Hispanic or Latino, American Indian or Alaska Native, Native Hawaiian, or Pacific Islander
- o Must be a STEM major (see full list of majors here)



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## EPIC Scholars

Epic Scholars is a Metropolitan State University of Denver program aimed at connecting, supporting and empowering students who've emerged from the foster care system and other difficult backgrounds—all of whom aspire to achieve greatness through higher education.

The Epic Scholars mission is built on championing the desire to overcome, unlocking the potential within, and delivering the opportunities foster alumni and other independent students need to succeed. And at its core, the program aims to be the bridge between inner belief and outward ambition, lighting a pathway toward a better future for these students and the community they represent.

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### Additional Support Elements:

- Individualized academic coaching and emotional support
- Scholarship opportunities and support with the scholarship search, application, and overall process
- EPIC Scholars Stipend
- Graduate school advising and career advising
- Social events and workshops created to engage and connect with students on campus
- Referrals for housing, food, clothing, health, and wellness
- Finals Week care packages

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### Eligibility & Requirements:

- o Complete the EPIC Scholars Scholarship Application (posted on the Epic Scholars website)
- o Be a degree-seeking student that self identifies as [independent](#).
- o Must have completed high school successfully with a minimum unweighted GPA of 2.0 on a 4.0 scale or have a current GPA of 2.0 at MSU Denver
- o Be in a minimum 6 credit hours of MSU Denver enrollment during each term covered by award.
- o Must be meeting Financial Aid's Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) standards.
- o Cannot be in default or owe any refund/repayment of federal, state, or institutional aid
- o Preference given to students who participated previously



### EPIC SCHOLARS

*Empowering Independent  
Students to Reach their Goals*

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## First-Generation Initiatives

MSU Denver is an access institution designed to empower people to change their life circumstances through earning a college degree. We are proud that 56% of the student body identifies as first-generation meaning neither parent nor guardian obtained a bachelor's degree. We feel honored to be a part of their educational journey!

First-generation students are powerful, resilient, and tenacious. The First-Generation Initiatives Program at MSU Denver serves as a resource hub for current first-generation students as they navigate campus. We offer community building events, workshops that provide important tools to help you navigate life during and after college, and one on one support through our First-Generation Leadership Program.

### Additional Support Elements:

- Events and workshops- such as how to talk to your professors, completing your FAFSA/CASFA, resume writing, talent show, and more!
- Connection to campus and community resources
- First Generation Leadership Program- This is a great way to build community, academic confidence, and grow your leadership skills. Students are paired with what we call a Family Leader who supports you through your first year of college.
- o First Generation Leadership Program:
- o All incoming first-year, first-generation MSU Denver students who want to grow as leaders are encouraged to apply for the First-Generation Leadership Program. Learn more about the Leadership Program [HERE](#).
- o This is a very competitive program! To ensure your spot in the program it is best to apply early!

### DEADLINES TO APPLY:

- The early application deadline is Friday, May 28th , 2021 by 11:59 pm.
- The extended application deadline is Friday, June 25th, 2021 by 11:59 pm.
- The FINAL DEADLINE is Friday, July 23rd, 2021 by 11:59 pm.

### Eligibility & Requirements:

- Attend all family group meetings held once a week in the fall and bi-weekly in the spring semester
- Attend the program kickoff event Friday, August 20th, 2021 from 11am-2 pm
- Maintain at least a 2.5 GPA
- Attend at least one family group activity per semester
- Attend at least one event put on by the Office of First-Generation Initiatives per semester
- Participate in a Service Project in the spring semester
- Meet with their family leader two times for one-on-ones each semester
- Attend weekly study hours hosted by any of our family group leaders throughout the year
- Read and respond to emails/text messages from the First-Generation Initiatives staff throughout the year
- Demonstrate leadership on and off campus throughout the year

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# Honors Program

The Metropolitan State University of Denver Honors Program is a community of highly motivated and academically adventurous students and faculty members dedicated to working together to attain new levels of achievement.

The Honors Program is designed to help students develop the ability to apply critical and creative thinking as well as conduct high-quality research and creative work. Honors students also learn to integrate a variety of disciplines in their approach to a given project, demonstrate civic and intercultural knowledge and engagement, and reflect critically upon their values and the learning process. Students who enroll in Honors should expect a challenge that stimulates curiosity and research while broadening perspectives in unexpected ways.

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**Additional Support Elements:**

- A tight-knit, supportive community of engaged learners and dynamic instructors
- Priority registration for classes
- Exclusive access to the Honors House on campus, which includes a computer lab, a kitchen, and more.
- Special events hosted by the Honors Program
- Opportunities to take part in the Student Honors Council
- Interdisciplinary honors courses with smaller class sizes and attentive instructors
- Special recognition at graduation, and Honors designation on official transcript

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**Eligibility & Requirements:**

- o Cumulative GPA of 3.3 or above (high school, transfer, or current MSU Denver GPA)
- o ACT of 24 or above
- o SAT of 1160 or above
- o To graduate with MSU Denver Honors Program distinction, each student completes Honors course-work and an Honors thesis, and maintains a 3.3 undergraduate GPA. The Honors Program curriculum requires 21 units of approved courses and activities. Each student is able to design their own path through the Honors curriculum by completing the Honors core courses and combining a selection of academic and co-curricular options.

To learn more about requirements, visit: [www.msudenver.edu/honors/programrequirements/](http://www.msudenver.edu/honors/programrequirements/)

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### **Additional Support Elements:**

- Academic support & advocacy
- Degree and career planning
- Financial aid forms
- Institutional and private scholarships
- ASSET and COF
- Peer mentoring
- Personalized tutoring for non-native English speakers
- Referrals to resources on campus
- Consultation with MSU Denver faculty and staff



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**Immigrant Services**

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## Sister Circles

Sister Circles is a group for women of self-identified women of color who gather as a collective community. This group was designed to provide a secure space for women of color to explore their identity/s, discuss challenges and strengths, and explore the needs of women in different spheres of life.

Sister Circles has a priority goal of gathering women of color together in order to create a space for healing, encouragement, understanding, learning, strength, growth, and empowerment along with engaging in inclusivity.

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### **Additional Support Elements:**

- Heritage Events
- Wellness Events
- Scholarship Opportunities
- Drop-in Sessions
- Professional Development



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- Academic support and guidance
- Tutoring services
- Peer mentoring
- Skill-building workshops
- Graduate school and career preparation
- Financial aid application assistance and financial literacy
- Scholarship opportunities
- Computer lab \*currently closed for Spring 2021 semester\*
- Social and cultural events
- Leadership development
- Community resources

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### Eligibility & Requirements

- o Complete the [TRIO SSS Application](#) (opens the first day of the Fall & Spring semesters at 8:00am)
- o Must be a citizen or permanent resident of the United States
- o Must have a need for academic support
- o Must currently be a degree seeking MSU Denver student
- o In addition, students must meet one or more of the following criteria:
  - Be a first-generation college student (neither parent has completed a four-year degree)
  - Meet federal low-income guidelines
  - Have a documented disability



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## Urban Leadership Program

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### **Eligibility & Requirements:**

- o Complete the [Urban Leadership Program Application](#)
- o 2.75 Cumulative GPA
- o Complete an interview with the ULP Committee
- o Enrollment in LDR 1010 course
- o Full-time enrollment (12 credit hours) for Spring and Fall Semesters
- o Commitment to participate in co-curriculum programs throughout the semester
- o Meetings twice a month (2nd and 4th week) on Friday mornings.
- o Semesterly service project (approximately 10 hours/semester)
- o View [handbook](#) for more information.



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## Pathways to Possible

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### **Additional Support Elements:**

- \$1000 Stipend every year
- Scholarship covering summer courses
- Leadership Development
- A dedicated Student Success Coach to help guide your progress
- Paid summer internships
- Campus Employment
- Opportunity to connect with career professionals of your choice
- Connection to faculty
- Support from Career Counselor in building your career path

### **Eligibility & Requirements:**

- Be a newly accepted MSU Denver High School Student
- Graduate from a Denver Public High School or a graduate from selected Rural Districts
- Agree to participate and engage in the Summer Transition Program



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### **Eligibility & Requirements:**

- Degree-seeking student at MSU Denver who is on Public Benefit Program or can show you will be on or eligible for a Public Benefit Program within Colorado by August 2021
- o Attend at least 2 HOPE Program events a semester
- o 2 general check-ins per semester
  - 1<sup>st</sup> within first 6 weeks of the semester
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> whenever the student is available
- o Once a semester Submit 3 goals (Personal, Professional, and Academic) at the beginning of each semester
- o 1 mid-semester grade check
- o Submit course schedule at the beginning of the semester and at the end for the following semester
- o Verify they are receiving and/or will receive Public Benefits



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