



# ABOUT THE COLLEGEBOUND FOUNDATION

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Established in 1988, the CollegeBound Foundation mission is to encourage and enable Baltimore City youth to go to college. The college access program places College Access Program Specialists (CAPS) in Baltimore City School System public high schools. Specialists encourage students to take the SAT, assist with college selection, help fill out financial aid forms, provide fee waivers for college access tests and applications, advise on the entire college admissions process, chaperone and fund campus visits, award eligible students Last Dollar Grants, and operate a college advising and retention program on the campuses of nine Maryland colleges.

A community-serving organization, CollegeBound targets the City's most disadvantaged youth. Most of the students CollegeBound advises are the first generation in their families to aspire to earn a college degree. Many of these students would have never considered college a possibility had they not met the CollegeBound Specialist at their high school.

At each high school a college center is created and staffed by the CollegeBound Specialist whose responsibility is to deliver the full menu of the college access services identified by the National College Access Network (NCAN) as pre-college requisite experiences. The CollegeBound Foundation College Access Program Specialist is not a guidance counselor but is a trained expert advisor in the field of college admissions and college financial aid.

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