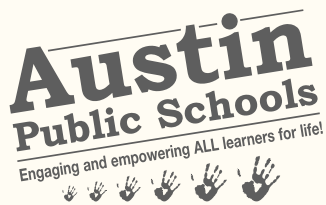




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# Austin Assurance Scholarship

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# The Hormel Foundation Austin Assurance Scholarship Program

- Education is an important key to financial well-being and societal contribution.
- To reinvest and strengthen the Austin community.
- To plant the seed of post-secondary education and training at an early age.



# Partnership with Riverland



- The scholarship will pay for up to 65 college credits towards an approved program of study at Riverland. There will be some exceptions for programs or majors that require more than 65 credits.
- It will pay for 100% of the student's tuition and fees that are not funded by Federal and/or Minnesota State grants or other scholarship funds.
  - Scholarship may be prorated for students who did not attend APS or Pacelli all 4 years of High School.
- One-time stipend of up to \$1,000 for books and other required materials needed for courses.
- Available for up to 5 years after the student graduates from high school



# Scholarship Qualifying Criteria

- ❑ Student must be a graduate of Austin Public Schools or Pacelli High School.
- ❑ JUNIORS: Students must have 25 documented volunteer hours in the community.
- ❑ Student must reside in the Austin Public Schools enrollment district.
- ❑ **Meet ONE** of the following requirements by the end of the first semester of the student's senior year:
  - Have an unweighted Grade Point Average (GPA) of 2.5 or higher.
  - Have a composite ACT score of 18 or higher.
  - Pass all courses with a GPA of 2.5 or higher in their Junior & Senior year of High School.
  - Be a graduate of the Be Your Best College Prep Summer Academy at Riverland Community College.
  - Have an ASVAB Score of 31 or higher. (ASVAB is an optional assessment)
  - Be in the top 75% of their graduating class and meet at least one of the following categories:
    - Be a first-generation college student (neither parent has a 4-year college degree);
    - Be a low-income student (example: family could qualify for free and reduced lunches);
    - Self-identify as a member of a racial/ethnic minority.



# Building Momentum in the Schools

- The Hormel Foundation Austin Assurance Scholarship Advisor in the high school
- Financial Aid Nights
- Career Cluster Advising/Info Sessions
- Campus Tours
- Cash Course night at Riverland
- Career Day at Riverland
- Future Blue Devil Day

