

Dreamkeepers Colleges

California:

Contra Costa College,
San Pablo
Pasadena City College,
Los Angeles
Grossmont College,
El Cajon

Florida:

Broward College,
Fort Lauderdale
Hillsborough Community
College, Tampa
Miami Dade College, Miami
College of Central Florida,
Ocala

Illinois:

Moraine Valley Community
College, Palos Hills

Maryland:

Prince George's Community
College, Largo
University of Maryland,
College Park

Massachusetts:

Bunker Hill Community College,
Boston

Michigan:

Macomb Community College,
Warren
Henry Ford Community College,
Dearborn
Wayne County Community
College District, Detroit

Minnesota:

Minneapolis Community and
Technical College, Minneapolis
Inver Hills Community College,
Inver Grove Heights

New Mexico:

Central New Mexico Community
College, Albuquerque
Santa Fe Community College,
Santa Fe

New York:

City College of New York

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A Program of Scholarship America[®]

Short-term financial crises are one of the top reasons community and open access college students drop out of school. DreamkeepersSM is changing that.

About Dreamkeepers

Dreamkeepers helps community and open access colleges keep low-income students in school when they're faced with short-term financial crises.

Lumina Foundation for Education, the Walmart Foundation and The Kresge Foundation fund the Dreamkeepers program.

Measures of Success

- For the 2008-2009 academic year, the reenrollment rate for Dreamkeepers recipients nationwide was 84 percent

History and Background

- Established by Lumina Foundation for Education in 2004; they chose Scholarship America to administer the program
- Dreamkeepers was piloted at 11 colleges; the Walmart Foundation funding added seven more
- Continued funding by Lumina Foundation and the Walmart Foundation, along with a generous grant from the Kresge Foundation, added 13 new schools to the program in 2010, bringing the total to 31 schools
- Since 2004, nearly \$1.1 million in financial assistance has been provided to more than 2,500 students
- Average grant is \$430
 - Most common uses are housing, utilities, meals, transportation/car repairs and childcare

Marketplace Factors: Why Keeping Students in School Matters

- Completing an education program beyond high school is essential, especially in today's economy.
- Despite high participation and enrollment rates, the U.S. has the worst degree completion rate among developed nations.

Dreamkeepers Colleges (cont.)

North Carolina:

Durham Technical Community College, Durham
Martin Community College, Williamston
Wayne Community College, Goldsboro

Ohio:

Lorain County Community College, Elyria
Clark State Community College, Springfield, Ohio

Pennsylvania:

Westmoreland County Community College, Youngwood
Delaware County Community College, Media

Texas:

Coastal Bend College, Beeville
Galveston College, Galveston

Virginia:

Mountain Empire Community College, Big Stone Gap
Patrick Henry Community College, Martinsville

Washington:

Seattle Central Community College, Seattle

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- o Source: “Second to None in Attainment, Discovery, and Innovation: The National Agenda for Higher Education,” by the State Higher Education Executive Officers (SHEEO), 2008.
- To match today’s leading nations (Canada and Japan), 55 percent of our young adults must have an associate or bachelors degree.
 - o Source: “Second to None in Attainment, Discovery, and Innovation: The National Agenda for Higher Education,” by the State Higher Education Executive Officers (SHEEO), 2008.
- The current number of Americans ages 25-64 with a 2- or 4-year college degree is 39 percent.
 - o Source: Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development, Education at a Glance 2009

Partnerships

- Lumina Foundation for Education, <http://www.luminafoundation.org>
- The Walmart Foundation, <http://walmartstores.com/communitygiving/203.aspx>
- The Kresge Foundation, <http://www.kresge.org>

About Scholarship America

Scholarship America® is a national education service organization that mobilizes support for students getting into and graduating from college. Since 1958, Scholarship America has awarded more than \$2 billion in scholarship assistance to more than 1.7 million students through three core programs Dollars for Scholars®, Scholarship Management Services®, and DreamkeepersSM. More information is available at www.scholarshipamerica.org and at www.dreamkeepers.org.

Molly’s Success Story

Molly thought her family was well on the way to a secure future. Her husband’s trucking business was doing well, and she started taking classes at the local community college, the first step in her dream of becoming a nurse. Shortly after Molly decided to go to school full time, the price of gasoline skyrocketed. Her husband’s six-day-a-week haul fell to one day if he was lucky.

Molly felt like her education had become a hardship for her family, and she considered dropping out. Fortunately, Molly applied for emergency assistance through Scholarship America’s Dreamkeepers program, which provided enough support so she could finish her degree.