

VANGUARD SCHOLARS

2027 APPLICATIONS NOW OPEN

Vanguard Scholars is a free six-year program for high-achieving Black students in Grade 11 across Canada. Scholars receive academic enrichment, mentorship, leadership development, university counselling, and career support.

Benefits and Opportunities

- Six-year holistic support system
- Academic Enrichment, leadership development & university counselling
- On-campus university residential experience
- Competitive internships & mentorship
- $1,500 stipend for both Summer Academies
- A laptop provided

BUILDING UNIVERSITY SUCCESS, CAREER PATHWAYS, AND ECONOMIC POWER.

YEAR 1
GRADE 11

Summer Academy 1
6-week residential program focusing on academic enrichment & leadership development

YEAR 2
GRADE 12 TO UNIVERSITY

Summer Academy 2
Previous cohort returns. New cohort of Grade 11s come in

University Counselling + Transition
Personalized guidance with university & scholarship applications

YEAR 3-5
1ST TO 3RD YEAR OF UNIVERSITY

Career preparation
Internship opportunities to build real-world experience

Mentorship
Ongoing personalized professional guidance & support in students' fields of interest

YEAR 6
LAST YEAR OF UNIVERSITY TO EARLY CAREER

Vanguard Alumni Network
Community network, job opportunities, career support & professional networking.

Backed by Proven Results

Vanguard Scholars is modelled after the successful Thrive Scholars initiative in the U.S., which has supported thousands of high-achieving students on their path to academic and professional success.

92% Admitted to top colleges

99% College graduation rate

81% STEM persistence rate



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Who Should Apply?

- Self-identify as Black
- Cumulative GPA of at least 3.7+ or 84%
- Demonstrate financial need
- School & community involvement
- Canadian citizen or permanent resident
- Enrolled in Grade 11 at a high school in Canada

Application Checklist:

- Online application
- Two reference letters
- High school transcripts
- One essay & a short video

Application & Enrollment Timeline

January 8, 2027
Deadline to Apply

Late February
Pretesting Online

March 2027
Interviews process

Early April 2027
Admission Decision

May-June 2027
On-boarding

Early July-Mid August 2027
Summer Academy

> "Vanguard didn't just open new doors for me, it showed me my true potential and proved that no dream is too big.
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> **– VANGUARD SCHOLAR, 2026**

> "The friendships and connections we built throughout the summer reminded me that success does not have to be pursued alone.
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For more information or register for an info session:

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