

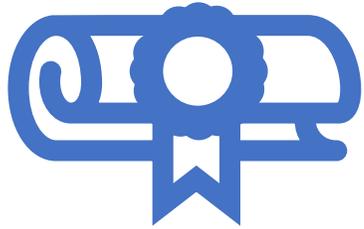
Harper College Ignite Scholarship
“Igniting Paths to Success
Scholarship”

September 22, 2021

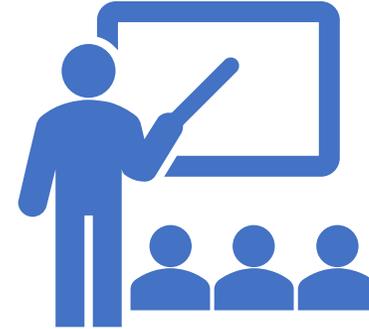
Igniting Paths to Success Scholarship

- Creation and Implementation
 - Laura Brown, Chief Advancement Officer and Vice President
- Ignite Recipients
 - Heather Zoldak, Associate Executive Director/Major Gifts
- Student Support Plan
 - Dr. MaryAnn Janosik, Provost
- Ignite Recipient Stories
- Questions

Mission Alignment



This scholarship aligns to MacKenzie Scott’s goal of “reaching students from communities that have been chronically underserved” and is tied directly to the College’s strategic goals around equity and student success.



This opportunity removes financial barriers to student success and targets the historically underrepresented student population to “IGNITE” their future success and establish an immediate impact as they emerge from the pandemic.

Igniting Paths to Success Scholarship

Purpose

FUNDING SOURCES

- \$12,000,000 investment in the Ignite Scholarship
 - \$9,000,000 MacKenzie Scott donation
 - \$3,000,000 Harper College Funding

SCHOLARSHIP ALLOCATION

- Up to \$6,000,000 to spend for fall 2021 and spring 2022
- Up to \$6,000,000 to spend for fall 2022 and spring 2023

STUDENTS SERVED

- Up to 1000 (764 awarded as of 8/30)

Eligibility

- New and returning underrepresented/minority* students with financial need, who are working toward a degree or certificate program.
- Must be enrolled full or part-time (at least 6 credit hours in fall and spring).
- Limited to Harper in-district and Business EdVantage students.
- Open to students in all academic areas.
- Preference may be given to **newly** enrolled students pursuing these academic fields:
 - Health Careers
 - STEM
 - Career and Technical Programs
 - Business/Entrepreneurship Programs

Funding is awarded based on students earning continued eligibility each semester. Students may qualify each semester for continued funding based on maintaining a GPA of 2.0, having and following a required academic plan, and at least one visit to an advisor during the academic year for a maximum of 2 years.

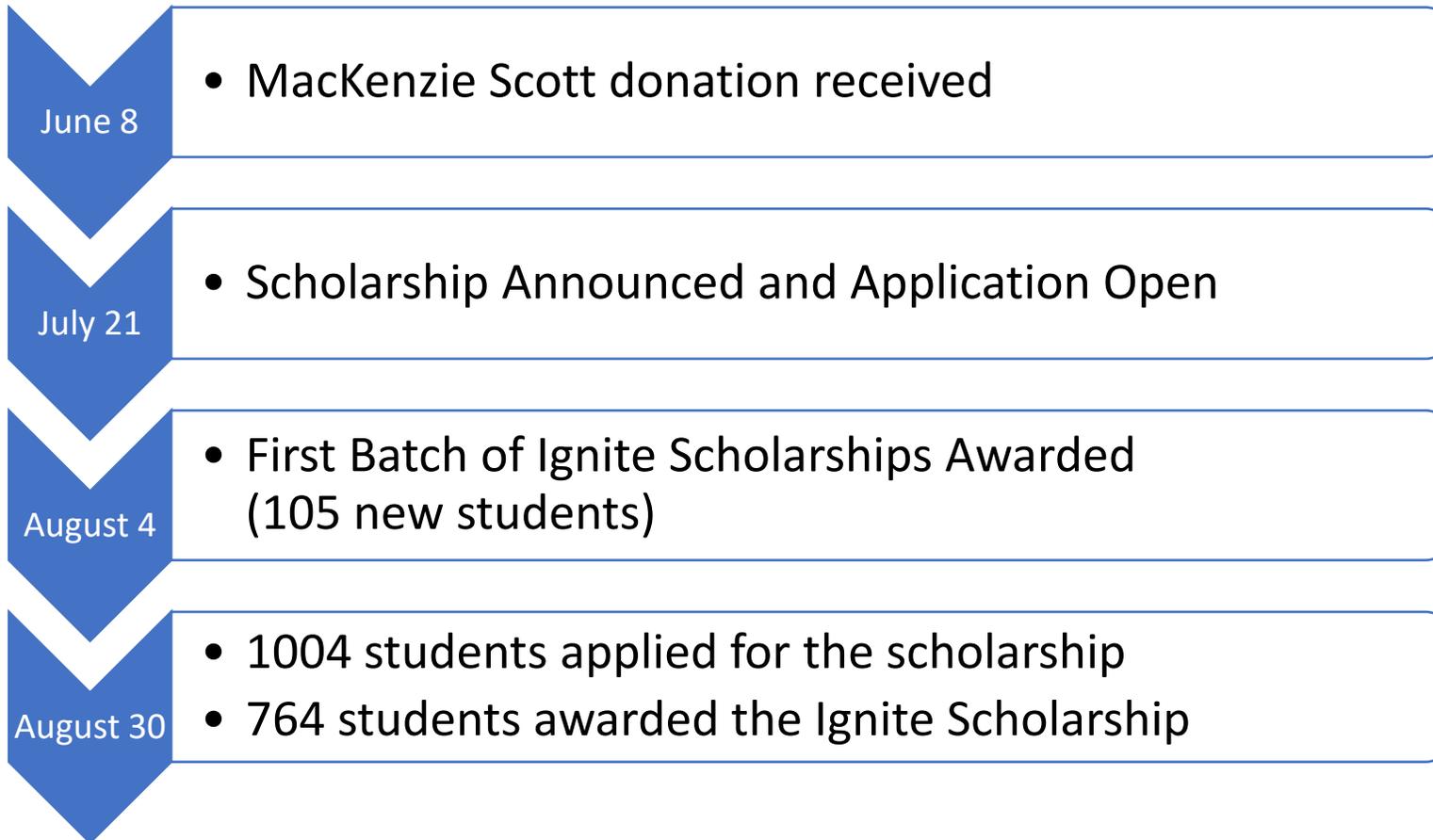
Scholarship Award

Full-year scholarship for tuition, books (at Harper's Bookstore only), and fees up to \$6,000 per year for two years (if continued eligibility requirements are met). Expenses incurred over the maximum allocation are covered by the student.

12+ Credit Hours	\$3,000 /semester
9-11 Credit Hours	\$2,700 /semester
7-8 Credit Hours	\$2,000 /semester
6 Credit Hours	\$1,500 /semester

Part-time students can increase their scholarship amount if they take additional classes.

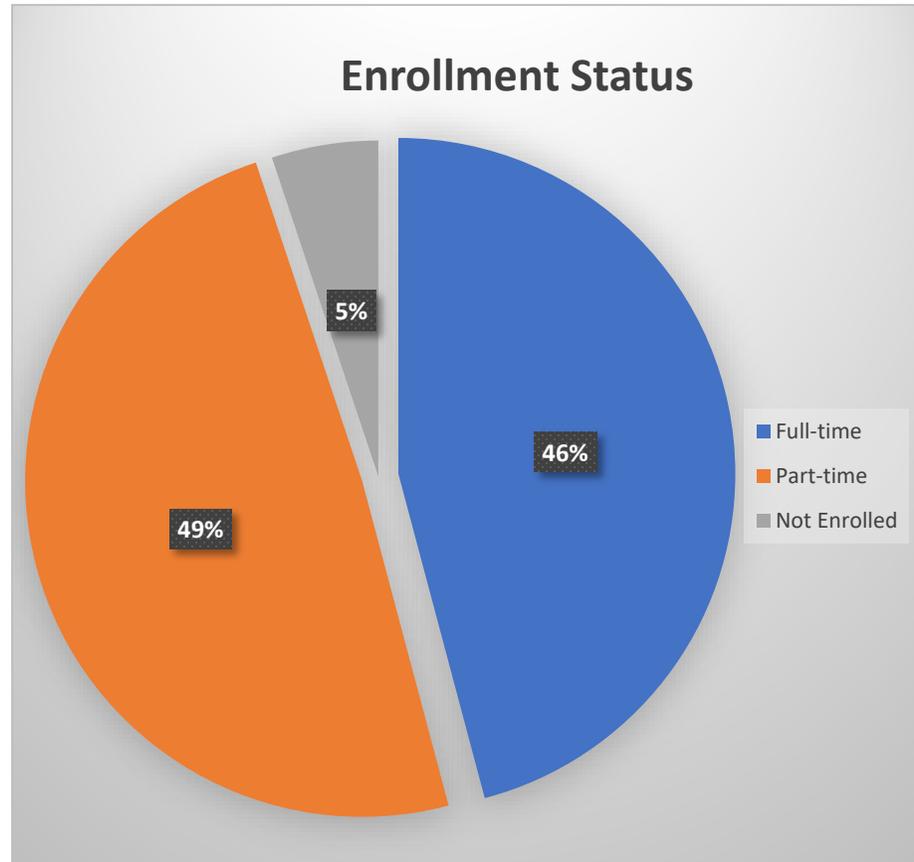
Timeline



Ignite Scholars

- 1,004 Applications received (as of 8/30)
 - 764 awarded
 - 106 not eligible
 - 42 live or work out of district
 - 52 were not underrepresented
 - 12 did not meet financial need criteria
 - 78 drafted; not finalized
 - Remainder under review

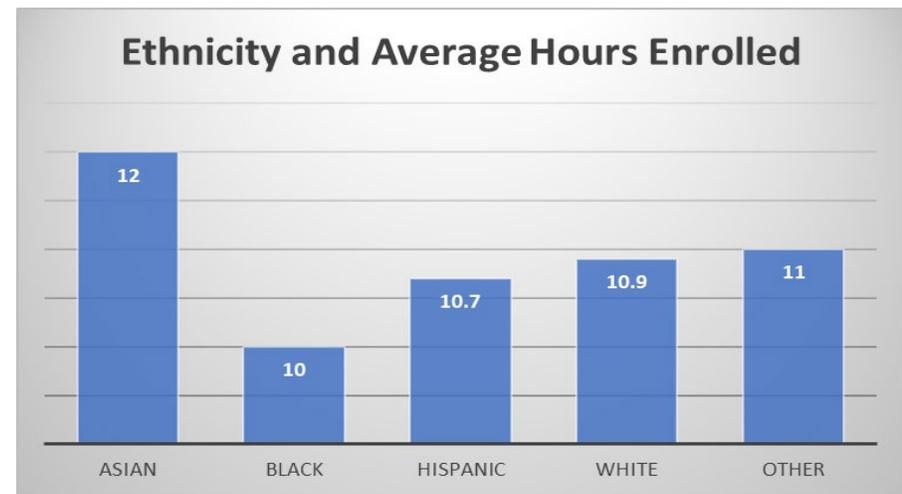
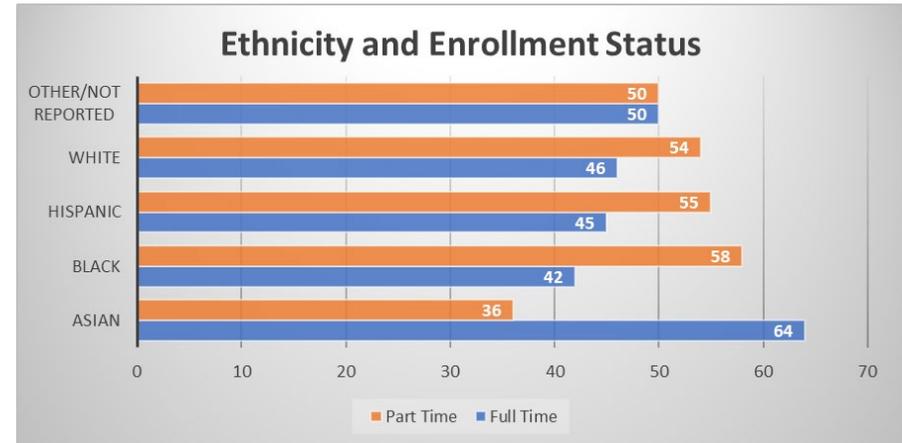
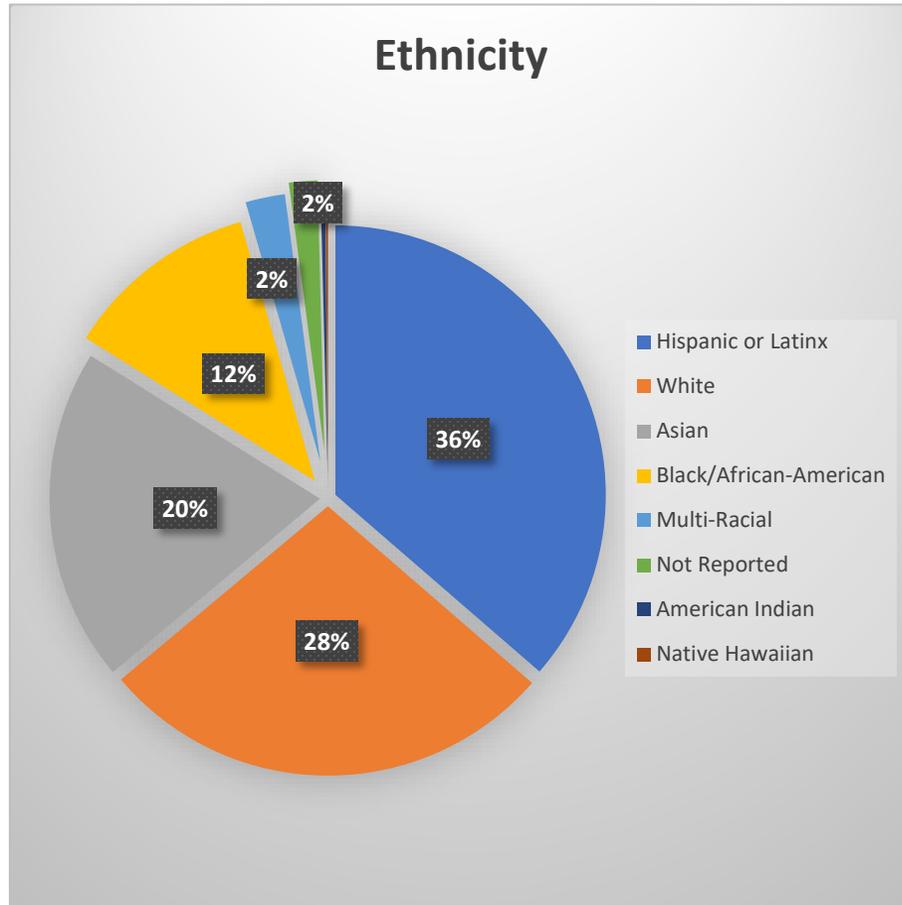
Ignite Scholars Enrollment



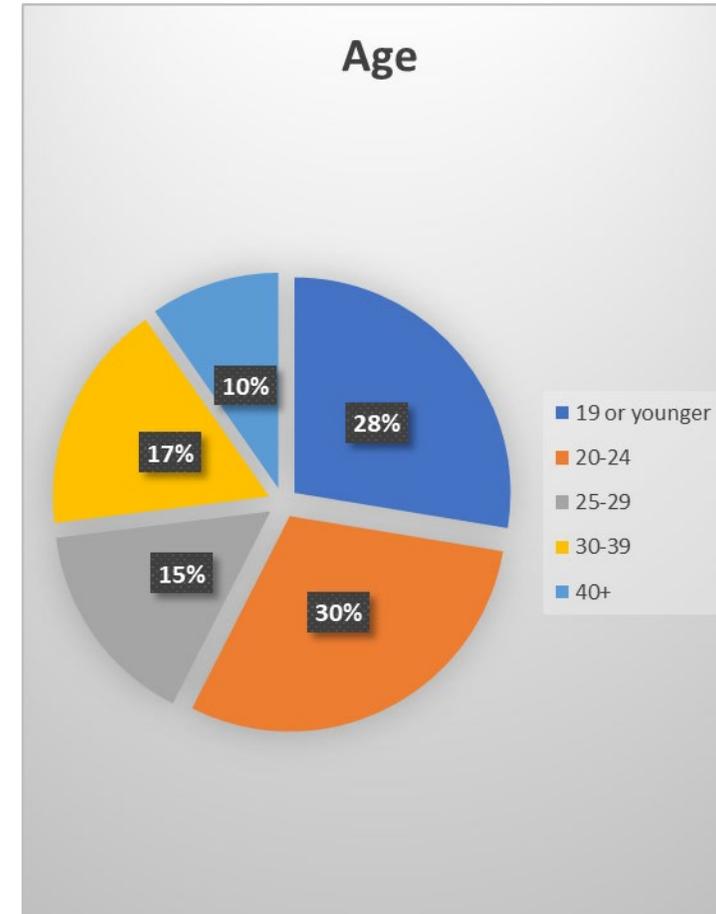
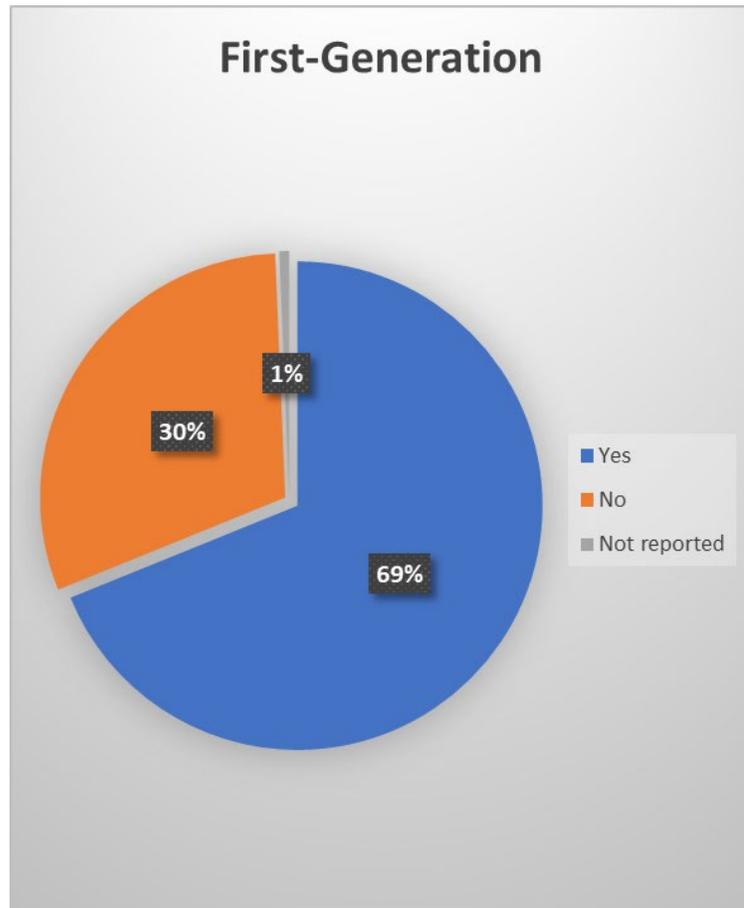
After being notified of receiving the IGNITE Scholarship...

- 93 students went from unregistered to registered
- 88 students increased their enrolled hours after receiving the award by an average of 3.65 hours each.

Ignite Scholar Demographics



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81% of Ignite Scholars live or work in the following communities

- Schaumburg
- Palatine
- Hoffman Estates
- Mount Prospect
- Arlington Heights
- Wheeling
- Elk Grove Village
- Rolling Meadows
- Des Plaines
- Hanover Park

Programs of Study

• Associate in Arts	31%
• Health Careers	25%
• Associate in Science	20%
• Business, Entrepreneurship & IT	10%
• Public Service	3%
• Associate in Engineering Science	3%
• Art/Design/Performing Arts	3%
• Other	2%
• Manufacturing and Construction	2%
• Education	1%
• Social Science	0.14%

Ignite Scholarship Awards

- Fall 2021 - \$2,000,751*
- Spring 2022 - \$1,946,240*

- Estimated based on student's anticipated enrollment for fall and spring.

Ignite Implementation Team

Departments

- Advisors
- Communications
- Bookstore
- Business Office
- Faculty
- Foundation
- IT
- One Stop
- Student Financial Assistance

Individuals

- Laura Brown
- Lauren Chilvers
- Megan Dallianis
- Brenda Escutia
- Kris Hoffhines
- Laura McGee
- Jessica Papa
- Bob Parzy
- Ron Serio
- Michael Shaw
- Sue Skora
- Kayte Speer
- Karen Streu
- Lauren Walker
- Beth Younglove
- Heather Zoldak

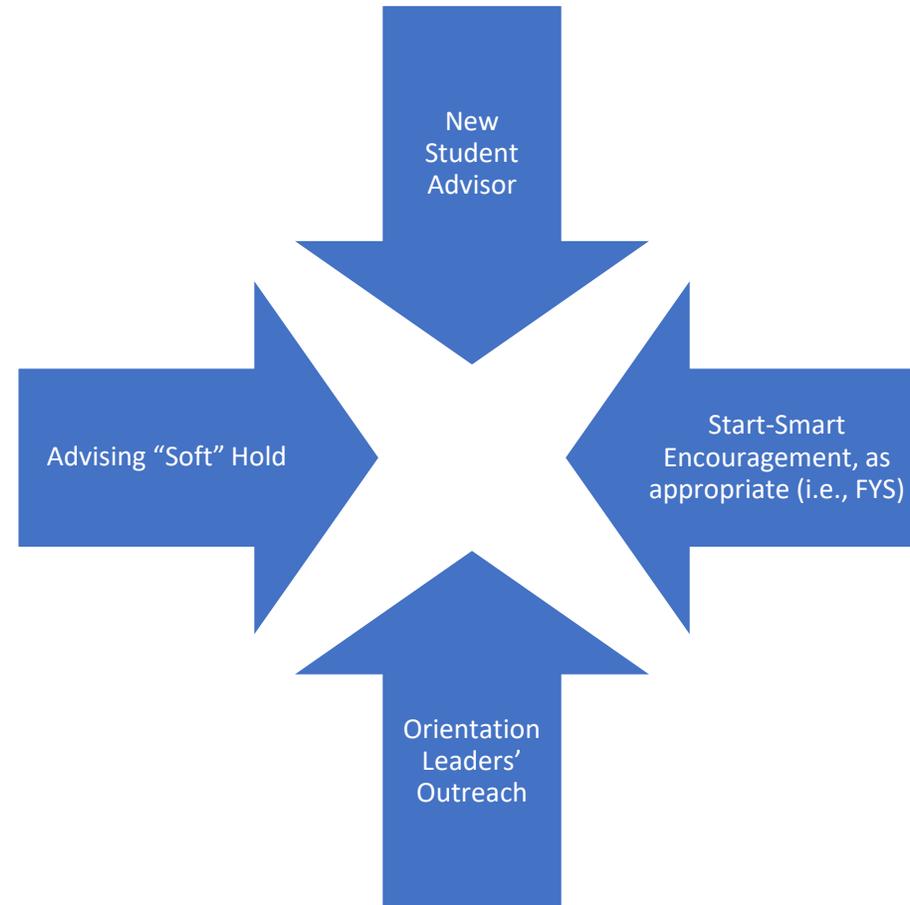
Application Review Team

- Laura Brown
- Kim Chavis
- Lauren Chilvers
- Amy Desautels
- Shannon Hynes
- Kristyn Meyer
- Bob Parzy
- Christyn Schnell
- Suzette Tolentino
- Heather Zoldak

Ignite Scholars
Student Support Plan



Student Success Strategies to Increase Persistence



Non-Academic Engagement Opportunities for Ignite Scholars

- Dean of Students Invitation to Welcome Week Lawn Movie Event
- Director of OMD invitation for Hullabaloo
- Latinx Heritage Month: Opening Ceremony
- Ignite Welcome Event with Provost and Vice President of DEI
- “Ignite the Night” with student pumpkin carving
- Spring Involvement Expo
- Free Movie Friday Ignite Family Event
- Well-Being Social Hour with Ignite Scholars
- Ignite Scholars Stoles Ceremony

Academic Intervention

In addition to providing support for Ignite Scholars transition to higher education and providing engagement opportunities, it is important we also monitor their academic progress.

Student Affairs will create data-informed outreach campaigns through Advising, OMD and the Center for New Student Orientation to Ignite Scholars to ensure key success components.

Checklist for Ignite Scholars

Students must:

- Meet w/their advisor at least once per semester.
- Have an academic plan.
- Stay on track to graduate (appropriate credit hour accumulation).
- Meet developmental education needs (where necessary).
- Maintain a GPA to remain in good standing academically.

Academic Progression Indicators We Will Track

Students are enrolled in a minimum of 6 credit hours.

Students must have an academic plan.

Students with high credit hour accumulation.

Student progression in developmental education compliance.

Student Grade Point Average: need to maintain a 2.0+ GPA.

Students enrolled in top 10 high enrollment-low success courses.



IGNITE SCHOLARS

My name is Yasomati. My spouse lost his job in 2019 just after I got my son, we have backed up bills from the hospital along with his car note and utilities. He found a job, but the interest and late fees keeps adding up on the bills, I also have a job, but it's only part time at a minimum wage and I am working from home because I am also taking care of my son.

I am scheduled to start classes in the fall Semester 2021 into Spring 2022. I am currently enrolled for the Advanced Accounting Bookkeeper / Clerk Certificate, once completed I will be working towards achieving my Associate in Applied Science- Accounting Associate.

My first reaction after receiving the scholarship was overwhelming and extremely happy, not only does the donation help me to pay for my tuition and fees it also covers the cost for my books. For this I am over-joyed and very grateful to you my donor for such a gracious and grateful donation. I will forever be grateful to you.

Thank you very much.

Ignite Scholar

Hello! My name is Willie, I am studying Arts here at harper with the hopes of transferring to a 4-year college to get a Bachelors in Mass Media or Digital Media production.

From the bottom of my heart, I want to express my thanks to you! When I first got the email informing me that I was awarded this scholarship, I jumped for joy and almost cried. This really means a lot to me.

This scholarship helped pay for Intro to Film, Astronomy Survey, Intro to middle East civ, Fundamentals of speech, and all the books required for those classes.

I chose Harper because the campus looked great, the staff were warm and welcoming, and the location of the campus is convenient.

Receiving this scholarship means that I will be able to finish my Associate's next year. sooner than I anticipated because I just did not have the funds to pay for everything. Now, thanks to you, that is possible. So again, Thank you very much!





Ignite Scholar

My name is Dulce. I am from Guanajuato Mexico. I am 17 years old and my family consists of my two parents and my two sisters. In Palatine High School I was a hard working, responsible and persistent student that wanted to accomplish my goals. On August 23, 2021 I am going to start attending Harper College. This is going to be my first semester and I am so excited to start a new path into my career. My career goal path is to become a business entrepreneurship woman where I will be able to work and manage business.

I am deeply appreciative for your support and effort provided for many students. Thank you again for your generosity and support, I promise you I will work very hard and eventually give back to others.

Questions?

