

Become the Leader We Need.

bezos *scholars* program



The **Bezos Scholars Program** engages exceptional high school students and educators in a yearlong leadership development program that **amplifies youth voice and action.**

LEADERSHIP OUTCOMES

Programming is designed for Scholars to make gains in the following:



Sense of Belonging

Connection to the program and ability to instill it in others.



Leadership Efficacy

Belief in their ability to succeed as a leader.



Agency

Ability to start and sustain goal-directed efforts.



Resilience

Ability to persist through challenges and cope with stress in healthy ways.

PROGRAM AT A GLANCE

Every year, **12 U.S. high school juniors** and an educator from each of their schools join five students and an educator from the African Leadership Academy to become Bezos Scholars—leaders poised to make a lasting impact.

Why Become a Bezos Scholar?

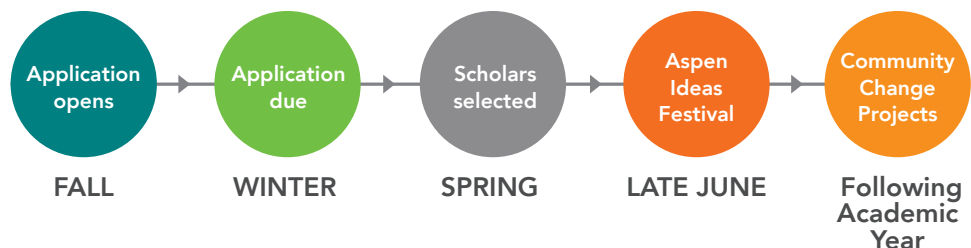
- Join a supportive community that builds **lasting friendships**.
- Go on an all-expenses-paid trip to Aspen, Colorado, to attend the **Aspen Ideas Festival**, an interactive global leadership conference.
- **Gain leadership skills**—from communication and collaboration to problem-solving and project design—that can scale in your community.
- Develop and earn \$1,000 to launch a **Community Change Project**, a youth-designed and led project that makes a meaningful difference on a relevant need.
- Receive **free college advising** so you have built-in support accessing opportunities and resources for higher education.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO APPLY?

U.S. applicants must be current juniors and attend a public high school that serves communities facing economic barriers. Students must also:

- Have a minimum unweighted GPA of 3.0
- Be enrolled in or have taken at least one advanced course
- Need to nominate a staff person from their school as their educator nominee. If selected, this person would fully participate in the program alongside their student.

TIMELINE



Full eligibility requirements and application information are available online.

Learn more at bezoscholars.org/apply or email scholars@bezosfamilyfoundation.org.

LEADERSHIP OUTCOMES CONTINUED



Purpose

Explore what gives your life meaning and align it with your choices.



Collaboration

Desire and ability to work effectively with others.



Civic Impact

Ability to take action to positively impact your community.



Navigating Pathways

Ability to envision multiple ways to achieve a goal.

WHO ARE BEZOS SCHOLARS?

Bezos Scholars **reflect the talent present in every community.**

They are passionate, intellectually curious **young people** who are rising leaders in their schools and communities.

"Because of the amazing staff, mentors, and peers I was surrounded by, there was not a single moment I didn't have support. The community we all developed was so essential for my growth."

— Eduardo Acavedo, 2022 Student Scholar Alum

Educator Scholars are dedicated student advocates who believe in the power of project-based learning and are eager to help young people take action on issues that matter in their communities.

"My relationship with student Scholars was so special. Thank you for creating that space—it reconnected me with my 'why' and taught me how to better champion youth and their ideas."

— Nandi Mgwaba, 2024 Educator Scholar Alum

HOW DOES SCHOLAR SELECTION WORK?

A diverse committee of leaders—including former Scholars—reviews applications holistically, assessing applicants' curiosity and commitment to learning, leadership and community impact, and readiness to engage in the program.

IMPACT

218 Community Change
Projects launched

527 Global Network of
Bezos Scholar student
and educator alumni

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