



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS: NAPA PROGRAM

What is 10,000 Degrees?

10,000 Degrees is a leading college success nonprofit organization in California that helps low-income and first generation students get to and through college. Founded in 1981, our organization provides comprehensive personal support, college advising and navigation, and financial aid management.

Our Stats:

Over 80% of our four-year college students earn bachelor's degrees, compared to 31% of their peers nationally. For those who start at a community college, our students transfer to and graduate from four-year colleges at a rate that's three times the national average.

What makes 10,000 Degrees unique?

- No GPA requirement
- We serve students and families from low income backgrounds **to and through** college
- We serve ALL students regardless of documentation status
- Our programs are led by Fellows, who are recent college graduates, many are alums of 10,000 Degrees, who serve as near-peer mentors and lead our innovative college success model
- 10,000 Degrees is one of the few college support organizations that has a proven pathway for students who begin at a community college and then transfer to graduate from a four-year college

Who do we serve?

Students and families from low-income backgrounds.

What does our direct service model look like?

Students in the 10,000 Degrees program receive a scholarship and in-person college success support to and through their college journey. Our program provides college advising, near-peer coaching, scholarship and financial aid management. Our direct student and family work is conducted by 10,000 Degrees Fellows.

10,000 Degrees Fellows deliver cultural competence and deep expertise through near-peer role modeling to help our students understand, navigate, and manage the entire College Success process and beyond. In doing so, Fellows act as powerful change agents in three crucial areas: establishing a culture of success at high schools and colleges, delivering sustainable impact in local communities, and generating a valuable resource as skilled professionals.

Fellows meet with students and families throughout the community. We are in the process of investing in a home base in Napa. We will notify you and your team of our location soon.

Stay tuned!

What are our areas of focus?

- Financial aid applications
- College applications
- Class registration support
- Connection to on campus resources
- Family college awareness events
- Scholarship support
- Student cohort bonding events
- Transfer support

What are the requirements to apply for 10,000 Degrees?

- No GPA requirement
- 500 word essay
- Demonstrate financial need (Pell eligibility)
- Must be a senior graduating from a NVUSD high school
- Must be planning on attending a community college
- Must complete a financial aid application.

Is the scholarship renewable?

YES, up to 6 years.

How does the application process work?

1. Seniors need to fill out our interest form as advertised on the flyer.
2. Once the interest form is filled out and submitted, a 10,000 Degrees representative will follow up with the student via email/phone.
3. A 10,000 Degrees representative will then provide the application link and walk the student through the process.

When does the application open and close?

The application opens January 1st and closes June 1, 2020.

When will the student be notified if they have been admitted into the 10,000 Degrees program?

After June 1.

How will they be notified?

Students will be notified via email, letter home, and phone call.

What is the scholarship award amount?

Approximately \$250 per year, per student.

How many spots are available in the 10,000 Degrees program this year?

Up to 100 spots.

How can school and community partners support students in the application process?

Encourage students to apply! Refer students to a 10,000 Degrees representative for follow up. Co-create spaces w/ 10,000 Degrees at your site to help students apply.

Ex: Info sessions for students, application workshops

Who should you contact for questions?



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