

New Futures Scholars Program

Eligibility Checklist: First-Time Applicants

New Futures propels young adults through a community college degree or professional certification and into rewarding careers, through a combination of scholarships, academic/career advising, skill-building workshops, career education programming, and more. **Please note that all applicants must be referred to the program by a New Futures Community Partner.** The eligibility checklist below explains the required criteria (the basic minimum requirements) that applicants must meet to be considered for the New Futures program.

Required Criteria:									
Criterion	Policy								
K-12 Credential	Applicants must be a high school graduate (or within three months of receiving their high school diploma) or must have already completed their GED.								
Career Pathways	Applicants must be pursuing an educational program within one of New Futures' Career Pathways:								
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Information Technology (IT) Education 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hospitality & Culinary Arts Health Sciences 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Construction & Trades Public Service 						
Geographic Region	Applicants must live in one of the following counties or municipalities:								
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Washington D.C. Virginia (<i>Fairfax County; Arlington County; Prince William County; City of Fairfax; City of Alexandria; City of Falls Church</i>) Maryland (<i>Montgomery County; Prince Georges County</i>) 								
Age	Applicants must be between the ages of 17-29.								
Type of Degree	Applicants must be pursuing one of the following degree types:								
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Professional certification Associate degree 								
Point in Educational Program	If applicants have already started their post-secondary program, they must not have completed more than 30 credits or 50% of their program.								
Financial Status	Applicants must have a combined household income that is not more than 80% of the Area Median Income:								
	Household Size: <i>(# of people in family)</i>	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
	80% Income Limit: <i>(combined household income cannot exceed the following amounts)</i>	\$57,650	\$65,850	\$74,100	\$82,300	\$88,900	\$95,500	\$102,100	\$108,650

While the following criteria are not mandatory, New Futures prefers that all applicants meet the criteria below:

Preferred Criteria:	
Criterion	Policy
Academic Performance	New Futures prefers that applicants have a cumulative GPA of 2.0 or greater for their latest educational programs.
Post-Secondary Program	New Futures prefers that applicants attend post-secondary programs within the Washington DC metropolitan region: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Washington D.C. • Virginia (<i>Fairfax County; Arlington County; Prince William County; City of Fairfax; City of Alexandria; City of Falls Church</i>) • Maryland (<i>Montgomery County; Prince Georges County</i>)

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