



VANGUARD SCHOLARS

Igniting Potential, Inspiring Futures

Vanguard Scholars is a free, comprehensive six-year program designed to empower high-achieving Black students in Canada by equipping them with the academic, professional, and leadership skills needed to thrive in selective universities and high-trajectory careers.

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.



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 31st, 2026
Deadline to Apply

Mid- to -late February
2026
Pretesting Online

Mid-March 2026
Interview Process

Mid-April 2026
Admission Decision

May 2026
On-boarding

Early July-Mid August
2026
Summer Academy at
University of Toronto

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Summer Academy changed my life. I had never heard of MIT until summer academy. I graduated in June 2025 with almost all A's thanks to Summer Academy. My classmates and I formed a company and we will launch our first satellite from Vandenburg Air Force Base in November 2025.”

- **THRIVE SCHOLAR, 2025**

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Thrive Scholars is so much more than just a college access and career development program. You have an entire support system guiding you through your college journey.”

For more information or register for an info session:

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