

# COLLEGE ACCESS GRANT

## WHERE ARE THE CRACKS IN THE WORKFORCE PIPELINE?

More and more jobs require post-secondary education.  
Help your students get there.

The Georgia Partnership for Excellence in Education is providing a limited number of **\$3,000 mini-grants to local chambers of commerce** to leverage their visibility, voice, and influence to help more people go to (and complete) post-secondary schooling, especially those who struggle the most to continue their education.

### HOW TO APPLY:

**Timeline:** Submit by **September 1, 2019**. Awards will be announced by **September 15, 2019**.  
**Award must be spent by Dec 15, 2019.**

**Scoring:** Proposals will be scored based on:

- the demonstration of a specific local challenge to college access (2 or 4 year), and how this program will address that challenge.
- the targeting of low income, hard-to-reach, or underrepresented students.
- an impact assessment plan (i.e. participant survey, numbers served, change in enrollment numbers, impact statements, or other demonstration of impact)
- the number of students/community members served.
- the effective collaboration between the Chamber and local community stakeholders (i.e. schools, the business community, local leaders, or others).

**Format:** Proposals should be **two to three pages** in length, and include a **narrative** outlining the challenge and intervention, a **budget**, a **timeline**, and a primary **point of contact**.

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### EXAMPLE PROGRAMS:

Create FAFSA Financial Aid Day at high school

Support every Junior to take the SAT or ACT

Support and expand access to college advisors

Host a college trip

You tell us: what is the best program to fit YOUR community?

## GRANT GUIDELINES

The \$3,000 grant will be provided in two payments:

- \$1,500 by Sept 30, 2019
- \$1,500 upon submission of final report, due Dec 15, 2019 (Grant funds must be spent by this date!)

Grant funds may be used to reimburse the chamber for staff time related to implementation of project (not for general clerical or accounting). To do so, outline duties of staff, timeframe, and amount of funds designated.

An impact assessment will be required to be eligible for full reimbursement.

Examples of allowable expenses include event costs, student transportation, registration/testing costs, event PR/marketing, food/snacks, and other collateral materials.

Receipts should be submitted where feasible and appropriate.