

SUMMER SEARCH NORTH BAY

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ACADEMIC SERVICES

- Academic Class Guidance

COLLEGE PREPARATION SERVICES

- College Application Assistance
- College Skills Training
- Curricular Planning
- Extra-Curricular Support
- Financial Aid Counseling
- Mentoring
- Standardized Test Prep

SOCIAL, CULTURAL, & EMOTIONAL SUPPORT

- Cultural Identity Support

LEADERSHIP AND ADVOCACY

- Leadership Training

LANGUAGES SUPPORTED

- English
- Spanish

MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of Summer Search is to find resilient low income high school students and inspire them to become responsible and altruistic leaders by providing year-round mentoring, life-changing summer experiences, college advising, and a lasting support network.

TYPICAL STUDENT

A Summer Search student is reflective, resilient, altruistic and performance driven. They are insightful and accountable and have a work ethic despite obstacles that may get in their way. Summer Searchers are also risk takers and open to new experiences that will lead to growth, especially when challenging. Our students want to create change within themselves and use that change to influence others in their communities.

PROGRAMS OFFERED

Mentoring

Students call weekly to speak with their mentor. Summer Search believes voice development is a huge piece of leadership and the calls are a chance for students to build confidence in their voices. These calls are a place for students to think deeply about themselves and explore self-defeating behaviors that may hold them back. These calls also provide space for students to prepare for their summer trips and talk about how to integrate their learning from their summer experiences into their daily lives back home.

When program meets: Weekly

Commitment: Anywhere from 5-45 minutes per week

Location: Phone/face-to-face at Petaluma office

Contact: Lindsey Roark – Program Director

Phone: (707) 763-2001



Summer Search
where change begins

Scholarships to 2 Summer Programs

Students receive two full scholarships to life changing summer programs, one after their sophomore year and one after their junior year. Their first trip usually is a three week wilderness trip with programs like Outward Bound, Deer Hill or NOLS. This trip pushes the students physically and mentally, but also builds their leadership skills and helps them view their own success in a broader way. For the second trip the students have more choice to find an experience that will help them continue their growth. This may come in the form of an academic trip to a college campus or an international service trip with a family homestay component or other leadership programs. The second trip helps students see themselves in the world and how they can impact people outside of their communities. They are able to connect their passions directly to a cause or area of their life.

When program meets: Summer
Commitment: 3-7 weeks
Location: Domestic/international
Contact: Lindsey Roark - Program Director
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College Advisory/Bridge Program

Students receive college access workshops starting their sophomore year all the way to making their college choice. Our goal in the college process is creating options. Our Bridge Program is for students in their first two years of college. We reach out to them twice per semester in order to get a sense of where students are regarding four main indicators of post-secondary success: Academics, Engagement, Financial Aid Management, and Career Exploration.

Alumni Support Network

We are providing continued support to our growing base of alumni all over the country. We provide alumni a career advisory network, professional development workshops, internship opportunities and a lasting support network.

How To Apply

Students are nominated by someone at school and then attend a presentation about Summer Search where they receive an application. Applications are reviewed by Summer Search staff and then students are interviewed. Our goal in the interview is that students learn something significant about themselves that they can apply to their lives, even if they may not be a fit for Summer Search.

HOW TO REFER A STUDENT OR ASK QUESTIONS ABOUT A PROGRAM

Please contact Director of Outreach, Ryan Cooney, at rcooney@summersearch.org

ADMISSIONS DEADLINES

Students are nominated and presented to October through December and interviews take place after the new year from January-March.

STUDENTS SERVED

SPECIALIZING IN

- First generation college students
- Immigrant students
- Students from many ethnicities
- English language learning students
- Low income students

ACADEMIC STATUS OF STUDENTS

- High achievers
- Average achievers
- Underachievers, but likely to be college eligible
- At-risk to not be college eligible

% ON FREE OR REDUCED LUNCH

- More than 75%

AGE

- High School Sophomores
- College students

SCHOOL DISTRICTS SERVED

- Novato Unified School District
- Shoreline Unified School District
- San Rafael High School District