

Increase Educational Opportunities

University of Michigan President Mark Schlissel has noted that while talent is spread throughout the college age population, opportunity is not. To increase such opportunities, the University of Michigan is launching Wolverine Pathways in January 2016, an ambitious, exciting program to make a U-M education a possibility for more talented students. We are seeking donors who share our belief in the desirability of preparing more high school students to succeed in college, with a goal of enrolling and graduating more of these students from the U-M.



Faculty, staff and students from U-M units including the School of Education; School of Information; College of Literature, Science, and the Arts; College of Engineering; School of Public Health; and the Center for Entrepreneurship will join with selected school communities to work with students in grades 7 – 12 who are admitted to Wolverine Pathways. The goal of this rigorous, intensive program is to improve the students' academic, social and cultural preparation and increase their probability of admission, enrollment, and degree completion at the U-M. Wolverine Pathways students who successfully complete the program and are admitted to the U-M will receive a full, four year tuition scholarship.

Join Us



We invite you to join us as we seek to provide opportunities for qualified high school students to have a University of Michigan education. A successful Wolverine Pathways program will have an impact far beyond these individual scholars—enriching the middle school and high school classrooms of these motivated students, strengthening their communities by increasing the number of college educated students, and ultimately benefitting the next generation of college graduates.

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For more information on Wolverine Pathways, visit:
wolverinepathways.umich.edu

For more information on the Victors for Michigan campaign, visit:
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WOLVERINE PATHWAYS

*A University of Michigan program
to promote academic success for
students in Southeast Michigan*

How does the program work?

Each year, students in grades 7 and 10 in Wolverine Pathways school communities apply for admission to this free, year-round program. Students must live in the school community, but do not necessarily have to be attending a public school in that district. Up to 60 students from each grade, in each of the participating schools, are admitted based on a holistic review process. Wolverine Pathways requires:

- Parents/guardians participate in the program
- Students have a 3.0 GPA or higher
- Students participate in extracurricular activities, be involved in community service.
- Students have a strong desire to attend college

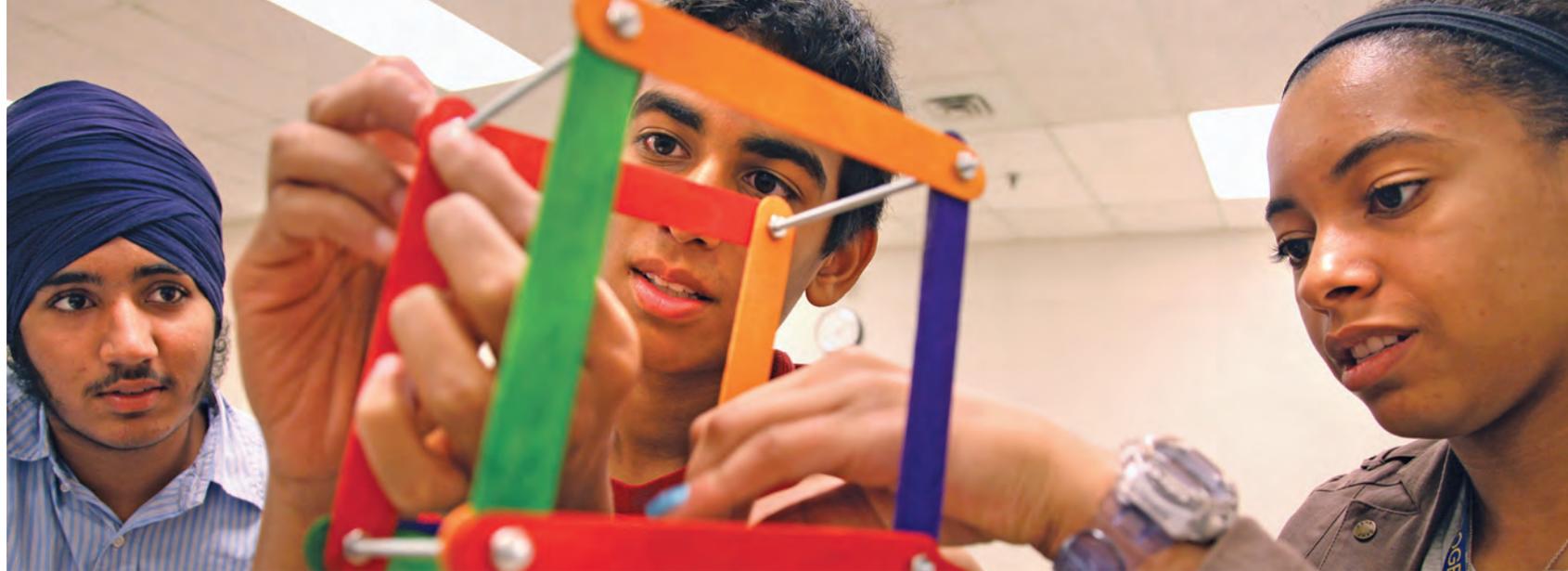


The application process for Wolverine Pathways requires students to:

- Release their school transcript for review
- Submit letters of recommendation from four teachers
- Write three essays

Wolverine Pathways then provides these admitted students with a program including:

- Project-based learning in core areas of English, science, math, and social studies
- Community service and leadership opportunities
- Wellness promotion and cultural enrichment through arts and field trips
- Mentors and role models
- Links with their classroom learning
- College preparation workshops, including financial aid guidance and campus visits
- SAT/ACT test preparation
- Support in college application preparation
- Workshops for Parent/Guardian
- Support and collaboration with school-based academic counselors



How is the program structured?

- Admitted students will participate in an after school program twice a week in eight week fall and winter terms and Saturday programs.
- The summer session will range from three to six weeks in duration.
- Each year an additional cohort of up to 60, 7th grade and 10th grade students will be admitted so that by year 5, approximately 1,350 students in grades 7 – 12 will be enrolled with an estimated annual graduating class of 200 students.
- Our goal is to have 70% of each 12th grade cohort in each district enroll in the U-M by year 5 and beyond.

How is Wolverine Pathways funded?

- The University of Michigan is providing start-up funding.
- We are seeking to partner with visionary donors who want to work with us to help this exciting program succeed and expand.



How were these school districts selected?

Wolverine Pathways is currently focused on ambitious and talented students in school communities in Southeastern Michigan with high percentages of students receiving Free or Reduced-Price Lunches. This follows on work we've been doing for years in SE Michigan. The U-M has noted that there are numerous promising students in these school communities who we would like to encourage to apply and enroll at Michigan.



Will the program expand to other areas of Michigan?

Wolverine Pathways will launch in Ypsilanti and Southfield Public School Districts, with the plan to expand to additional communities during the first three years.