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Hello!

This is an application for the Possible Dream Program through Delta College. This program is to educate and enrich the lives of students while equipping them for continued education and career preparation. Program participants can apply for a scholarship to Delta College worth \$2000 per year for two years. Students begin the program in 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, or 8<sup>th</sup> grade and are given opportunities through grade 13. There is no obligation to participate in the programming and there is no cost involved.

There are two ways students are nominated: through school officials and through the Friends and Family program. You have received this packet because someone nominated your student.

This is an explanation of the pages in this packet.

- Letter to parents explaining the program and process. It is normally sent to parents whose child has been nominated for the Possible Dream Program by a school official. You can nominate your student through this Friends and Family nomination process.
- Frequently asked Questions
- Student application
- Guardian/Parent Application form
- Teacher information form - This is the teacher application. It has some information about the Possible Dream program on the left and the application to turn in on the right.

**Please turn in the parent, student and teacher application portions by May 5, 2023.** Forms can be returned by email or postal mail.



For more information, go to the Possible Dream website found at <https://www.delta.edu/community/youth-programs/possible-dream/index.html> or by using the QR code to the left. **Fillable .pdfs of the application forms can also be accessed on the Possible Dream webpage by choosing “Nomination Process”.**

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 989-686-9185 or [possibledream@delta.edu](mailto:possibledream@delta.edu).

Thank you,

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February 2023

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Your child has been nominated for the **Possible Dream Program at Delta College. This is quite an honor!** The Possible Dream Program is a partnership among our students, parents, schools, community stakeholders and Delta College to encourage student success and to help students realize the dream - **a college education is possible!**

- Students are inducted into the program in 5th, 6th, and 7th grade; they are able to participate until they graduate from high school. **The Possible Dream Program provides academic enrichment and multicultural educational activities to our members at no cost.** Past activities have included university campus visits, study skills and test prep, STEM workshops, activities with college students, and trips to plays, museums, or historic sites in Michigan. Please know that you need to provide transportation for your child to one of Delta's Campus Centers in order to participate in the Possible Dream activities (transportation is provided from Delta Main Campus, Delta Downtown Saginaw Center and Delta Midland Center).

Possible Dream Application Process:

**1. Student Application:**

Completed by your child. Please encourage your child to put thought into his/her answers. Incomplete answers (a couple of words or one-sentence answers) from your child will not be highly considered. This is a competitive process.

**2. Parent Form:**

Completed by the parent/guardian. Note: there is a reverse side to the parent section; please tell us about your child.

**3. One school personnel recommendation form is required.**

School personnel can return their recommendation form with the return envelopes provided.

**4. Return the application by the deadline, Friday, May 5, 2023.**

Once applications are received, they will be reviewed by our committee. Your child will be notified if he or she has been accepted into the program. Students who are accepted into the program will be invited to attend the June 2023 Induction Ceremony, and will be considered full members of the program.

If you have questions, please contact me at 989-686-9185 or email [possibledream@delta.edu](mailto:possibledream@delta.edu). For more information about the program, visit our website: [delta.edu/possibledream](http://delta.edu/possibledream)

Sincerely,

Lindsay S. Bryce, M.Ed.

Possible Dream Program Coordinator



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## **Frequently Asked Questions**

### **How does my child get nominated to the Possible Dream Program?**

Students can be nominated by teacher, counselors, principals or can choose to self-nominate with the recommendation of two school personnel. Selection is based on teacher recommendations, academic abilities and socioeconomic criteria. Students are selected from schools in Bay, Midland and Saginaw counties.

### **Does it cost money for my child to be in this program?**

Admission and activities are free. There is no cost to become a member of the Possible Dream Program or to participate in activities. The Possible Dream Program is fully funded by the Delta College Foundation.

### **What kinds of activities do members of the Possible Dream Program participate in?**

We offer our members a variety of activities that will broaden their horizons and keep them interested in pursuing higher education. Typical activity offerings include but are not limited to: test preparation and college preparation workshops; performances at area venues like the Dow Event Center and Midland Center for the Arts; STEM based workshops; computer/video game design workshops; leadership workshops; art camps and workshops; fitness festivals; and a variety of Delta College summer camps.

Events take place year-round, with the majority of activities taking place on evenings and weekends. Some events occur in a series, with 4 or more weekly occurrences; for example, our Financial Literacy series sponsored by Wildfire Credit Union includes self-paced online modules via Banzai, and a virtual meeting once per month during the school year. Times and dates for activities vary depending on the event.

### **How does transportation work?**

We charter buses to transport Possible Dream participants to the activities. The buses pick up students at Delta campuses. We provide transportation to an event from campuses that are not in the county where the event takes place. For instance, if an event is held at the Dow Event Center in Saginaw, we would provide bus pick-up and drop-off from our Midland and Main Campus (Bay City) locations.

### **Will my child have to attend every event?**

No, it is not required that your child attends every event. We encourage our members to take advantage of as many opportunities as possible.

### **How long are students in the program?**

Students are able to participate in the Possible Dream Program from the time they are accepted into the program until they graduate from high school.

### **Can parents be chaperones for the activities?**

No, we do not allow parents to chaperone Possible Dream activities. All of our chaperones are Delta College employees or Delta College student volunteers who have been background checked.

### **If my child changes schools, may he/she continue in the Possible Dream Program?**

As long as your child attends school in Bay County, Midland County, or Saginaw County, they are eligible to continue in the program.

### **Does my child have to be receiving financial assistance to be in the program?**

In order to participate in the Possible Dream Program, a child must be eligible to receive some sort of Federal or State assistance that is based on low income guidelines.

### **How long has the program been around?**

The Possible Dream Program was founded in 1991. Our first class was inducted into the program in 1992. Since 1992, over 2,300 students in the Tri-Counties have participated in Delta's Possible Dream Program.



Today, going to college can seem like a far-off dream.  
We are here to help make that dream a reality.

### Possible Dream Program Overview

Since 1991, the Possible Dream Program at Delta College has promoted cultural awareness, academic achievement and higher education to academically promising students from low income households. Over 2,200 students have participated in the program since its inception.

We offer free, educational enrichment opportunities to students in middle school and high school, we encourage our students to stay focused, complete school and see that a college education is an achievable goal. Approximately 100 middle school students are selected for the program each year from applications received from students in Saginaw, Midland and Bay counties.

### Program Goals

**Retention:** Encourage students to graduate high school and attend college.

**Enrichment:** Students participate in a variety of free activities that broaden their academic and cultural horizons.

### Activities include:

(all activities are free of charge)

- Test prep and study skills workshops
- Career workshops and summer camp scholarships
- Performances at the Dow Event Center and Midland Center for the Arts
- STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) focused programming
- "Go See It" trips to area museums, the Whiting, the Fox Theater and more
- Exposure to Delta College and other college campuses (tours, activities on campus, mentoring)
- Scholarships to Delta College
- Assistance with the college process (applying, assistance with financial aid paperwork, registering for classes, etc.)

### Students must meet the following criteria to be considered for the program:

1. Grades and/or test scores that demonstrate performance and potential (minimum grade average of 2.5).
2. Low income as defined by federal guidelines (see standards on application) or financial assistance eligible.
3. Thorough completion of the Possible Dream application.
4. Able to arrange transportation to one of the Delta College campuses for activities (campuses located in Bay, Midland, and Saginaw counties).

### Further consideration will be given to students who meet the above criteria and:

1. Are from a single-parent home.
2. Would be a first generation college student.

### Please return Student Application and Parent Form by Friday, May 5, 2023

Scan forms and email to [possibledream@delta.edu](mailto:possibledream@delta.edu) or use the enclosed postage paid envelope & mail to:

**Possible Dream Program**  
1961 Delta Road  
University Center, MI 48710

### To request a postage paid envelope or if you have questions:

Possible Dream Program Coordinator | 989-686-9185 | [possibledream@delta.edu](mailto:possibledream@delta.edu)



## Student Application Form

Please return to Delta College no later than May 5, 2023

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ First Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Take time writing your responses to the following questions. **One or two sentence answers will not be considered complete responses.** Please attach additional sheets if necessary.

1. What accomplishments in your life are you most proud of and why?

2. What is the most difficult challenge or obstacle you have faced? How did you overcome it?  
How did it change your life?

3. Why do you want to be selected as a member of the Possible Dream Program?

4. The application process for the Possible Dream program is very competitive. Considering this, please tell us anything else we should consider when reviewing your application.

Please sign to indicate your commitment to participate in the Possible Dream Program.

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Student Signature

Date



Parent/Guardian Form

Please return to Delta College no later than May 5, 2023

<b>Student</b> Last Name		First Name		M.I.	Birthdate
Email				Primary Phone	
Gender Male    Female	School Attending			School District	
Race (please check one)					
Native American		Black/African-American		Multiracial	
Alaskan Native		Hispanic		Native-Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	
Asian		White			
<b>The head of this student's household is:</b> <b>Single</b> (includes widowed or divorced) <b>Married</b>					

<b>Parent/Guardian 1</b> Last Name		First Name			
Address				Primary Phone	
City		Zip Code		Cell Phone	
Email				Work Phone	
<b>Education</b> (Highest level)    Jr. High    High School    Some College    2-year degree    4-year degree or higher					

<b>Parent/Guardian 2</b> Last Name		First Name			
Address				Primary Phone	
City		Zip Code		Cell Phone	
Email				Work Phone	
<b>Education</b> (Highest level)    Jr. High    High School    Some College    2-year degree    4-year degree or higher					

<p><b>Eligibility</b></p> <p>1. Is your child currently receiving Medicaid benefits?</p> <p>2. Has your child received Medicaid benefits in the last 3 years?</p> <p>3. Is your child eligible for the Free or Reduced School Lunch Program?</p> <p>4. Is your child eligible for government assistance? (Ex. Food Assistance, Family Independence, SNAP, or MIChild Program)</p> <p>5. Can you provide transportation for your child to one of the Delta College campuses for program activities? (Locations: Bay, Midland, and Saginaw Counties)</p> <p>6. According to my household size, my annual income falls below the listed amount. (See chart at right)</p>	Yes	No	<p><b>Household Size    Income</b></p> <p>1 .....\$20,385</p> <p>2 .....\$27,465</p> <p>3 .....\$34,545</p> <p>4 .....\$41,625</p> <p>5 .....\$48,705</p> <p>6 .....\$55,785</p> <p>7 .....\$62,865</p> <p>8 .....\$69,945</p> <p>For each add'l family member, add \$7,080</p>	

**The following questions are to be answered by the parent or guardian.**

What has your child done that makes you proud?

How do you help your child succeed?

What hopes and dreams do you have for your child?

Why will this program be good for your child?

Is there anything else you would like to tell us about your child?

**Parent/Guardian Authorization – By signing this application, you are confirming:**

1. Your child is eligible for the program (to the best of your knowledge).
2. Your consent for your child to participate in the Possible Dream Program nomination process.
3. Your acknowledgement that Delta College reserves the right to reject applications to the Possible Dream Program as determined by program requirements, capacity and ability to serve.
4. Your permission for school records to be released to Delta College.
5. Your agreement to support your child's program attendance.
6. The answers contained in this application are true and correct.

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Parent Signature

Date





## The Possible Dream Program

For many young people who lack financial resources, going to college can be a far-off dream...

### Possible Dream Program Overview

Since 1991, the Possible Dream Program at Delta College has promoted cultural awareness, academic achievement and higher education to academically promising students who are at risk due to socioeconomic challenges. Over 2,300 students have participated in the program since its inception.

By introducing the program to students in middle school and continuing to offer educational opportunities through 12<sup>th</sup> grade, we encourage our students to complete high school and see that a college education is an achievable goal. Approximately one hundred middle school students are selected for the program each year from nominations received from schools in Saginaw, Midland and Bay counties.

### Program Goals

**Retention:** Encourage students to graduate high school and attend college.

**Enrichment:** Students participate in a variety of activities that broaden their academic and cultural horizons.

### Activities include:

- Test prep and study skills workshops
- Career workshops and summer camp sessions
- Performances at the Dow Event Center and Midland Center for the Arts
- STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) focused programming
- "Go See It" trips to area museums, the Whiting, the Fox Theater and more
- Exposure to Delta College and other college campuses (tours, activities on campus, opportunities to work with college faculty and student mentors)
- Assistance with the college process (applying, assistance with financial aid paperwork, registering for classes, etc.)

### Students must meet the following criteria to be considered for the program:

1. GPA and test scores that demonstrate performance and potential
2. Eligible to receive federal, state or local financial assistance (Medicaid, school lunch program, etc.)
3. Thorough completion of the Possible Dream application
4. Student has an adult in his/her life who will be supportive of participation
5. Able to arrange transportation to one of the Delta College campuses for activities (campuses are located in Bay, Midland and Saginaw counties)

### Further consideration will be given to students who meet the above criteria and:

1. Are from a single parent home
2. Would be a first generation college student

### Please return all forms by:

**Friday, May 5, 2023**

Mail to:

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University Center, MI 48710

### To request a postage paid envelope or for questions:

Contact the Possible Dream Program Coordinator at 989-686-9185 or [possibledream@delta.edu](mailto:possibledream@delta.edu).

By clicking on recommend a student (teachers) button, you can complete the teacher nomination portion at [delta.edu/community/youth-programs/possible-dream.html](http://delta.edu/community/youth-programs/possible-dream.html). If you choose this option, Possible Dream will send the application materials directly to the student.

**Please return to Delta College no later than May 5, 2023**

**Teacher/School Official Section**

Student Last Name	First Name	Grade	UIC
School District			
School Building Name			
School Address	City	Zip Code	

	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree
Demonstrates behavior indicative of strong character					
Works well with peers					
Exhibits willingness to learn					
Possesses high academic potential					
Moves past setbacks					
Cooperates with teachers and staff					
Exhibits age appropriate maturity					
Is self-reliant					
Is hard-working and diligent					
Has a positive outlook					
Completes assignments					

**Additional comments**

1. Please comment on this student’s talents, interests, learning style and/or other factors we should consider in evaluating his/her application.

2. Does the student have any special problems or challenges with which she/he may need help?

3. What is your student’s GPA? (check one)

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  2.3–2.5     
  2.6–2.9     
  3.0–3.4     
  3.5–3.7     
  3.8–4.0

4. Your overall recommendation of this candidate is (check one)

Highly recommended     
  Recommended     
  Recommended with reservations

Your Name (Please Print)	Title/Position	
Signature	Date	Phone Number

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