



February 2023

Dear Principals, Teachers and Counselors of 5th, 6th and 7th Grade Students:

The selection process for the 2023 class of the Delta College Possible Dream Program is beginning! Enclosed are your nomination form and student applications.

You are very important to the success of this program. We are relying on you, our school leaders, to assist us in identifying promising **5th, 6th and 7th grade students**. Your nomination of students who demonstrate academic potential is the key to reaching students who will benefit from this enrichment program.

THE MISSION OF THE POSSIBLE DREAM PROGRAM

The Possible Dream Program was developed by Delta College to encourage students who are academically advantaged, but socioeconomically disadvantaged, to successfully complete school and then go on to realize the “dream” of a college education.

- The Possible Dream Program is a partnership among students, parents, community stakeholders and Delta College to encourage student’s success in school and fulfill the goal of a college education.
- The program keeps students excited about learning and nurtures them toward a college goal. From program admittance through 12th grade, our “Dreamers” are offered the opportunity to participate in free enrichment and academic activities.

Nomination Criteria:

- The nominee has **above average academic potential** (2.5 GPA or above is a good standard)
- The student is **financially eligible**: receiving financial assistance (such as Medicaid, school lunch program, SNAP, MiChild, etc.)
- They have a **supportive adult** in their life to encourage participation
- The nominee is able to arrange transportation to one of the Delta College Campus Centers for activities (transportation is provided from Delta Main Campus, Delta Downtown Saginaw Center and Delta Midland Center)

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

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

Thank you for your time and effort in this student nomination process. We look forward to receiving your 2023 Possible Dream nominations. **If you would like more information or have questions about this important opportunity for your students, please contact Lindsay Bryce at 989-686-9185 or email possibledream@delta.edu.**

To complete student nomination online go to:

www.delta.edu/community/youth-programs/possible-dream.html, click recommend a student (teachers). If you choose this option, Possible Dream will send the application directly to the student.

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 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:

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The Possible Dream Program

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

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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 12th 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.

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- Exposure to Delta College and other college campuses (tours, activities on campus, opportunities to work with college faculty and student mentors)
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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)

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By clicking on recommend a student (teachers) button, you can complete the teacher nomination portion at 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)

< 2.2
 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	

Fax form to 989-667-2218 • Email form to possibledream@delta.edu