



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. For more information about the program, visit our website: 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 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



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.

Student Signature

Date



Parent/Guardian Form

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

Student 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			
The head of this student's household is: Single (includes widowed or divorced) Married					

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

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

<p>Eligibility</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>Household Size Income</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.

Parent Signature

Date