



Introduction to QuestBridge for Olathe Northwest

The College Prep Scholars Program and
National College Match

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How we got matched to Ivy League colleges



QuestBridge

QuestBridge programs help bright, motivated students from low-income backgrounds navigate college admissions, access the nation's top colleges, and have additional opportunities after college graduation.

Over 100,000

Students served by
QuestBridge programs

Over 14,000

Finalists matched since
QuestBridge's founding

30,000+

Scholars and Alumni
globally

Over \$5 billion

Scholarship amount awarded to
QuestBridge Scholars from
their college partners



QuestBridge college partners



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Main Application Pathways

College Specific Platform

For students
interested in
applying to one
college

The Common App

For all students who
interested in applying
to multiple schools

The Coalition App

For underrepresented
students with
significant financial
need applying to
multiple schools

QuestBridge

For high-achieving
low income students
aiming to attend the
nation's top colleges
on a full-ride

Who QuestBridge is looking for

General	Academic Achievement	Financial Qualifications	Personal Circumstances
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• US citizens or permanent residents <p><i>OR</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Students attending high school in the US, regardless of citizenship status	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Earn primarily A's in the most challenging courses offered• Rank within the top 5-10% of the their class• The 25%-75% range of submitted scores are 1280-1470 for SAT or 27-33 for ACT• Strong writing skills• Intellectual curiosity	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Typically from households earning less than \$65,000 annually for a household of four• Minimal assets• May have extenuating circumstances impacting household finances	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Demonstrate strength in character and resilience• Involved in or hold leadership roles in extracurricular activities• Often first-generation college students

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Frequently asked question

Can I apply if my household income is more than \$65,000?

Most Finalists are from households earning less than \$65,000 per year for a household of four with minimal assets. However, there are no absolute cut-offs.

If you feel you have faced economic hardship, and that you fit the criteria of being a high-achieving student from a low-income background, QuestBridge encourages you to apply. There is room on the application to explain your household's financial situation.

Note that if you email QuestBridge with specific questions pertaining to income eligibility, they will not be able to give specific responses as they must see a full application to determine financial eligibility.

QuestBridge programs



College Prep Scholars Program

Special awards and resources to prepare high school juniors to apply to the nation's best colleges.



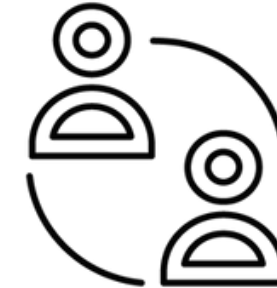
National College Match

A college admissions and scholarship process that connects high school seniors to full four-year scholarships at QuestBridge college partners.



QuestBridge Scholars Network

A network of National College Match Finalists who are attending a QuestBridge college partner.



QuestBridge Alumni Association

A worldwide network that helps QuestBridge Alumni navigate careers and life after college.

National College Match

What makes QuestBridge unique?

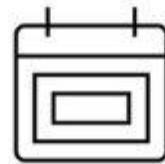
- ✓ Full four-year scholarship with no loans or parent contribution (if matched)
- ✓ Consideration for early admission at up to 15 college partners at once
- ✓ Free application to 50+ college partners
- ✓ Application designed to highlight unique story and background
- ✓ Multiple opportunities for admission
- ✓ QuestBridge Scholars Network and Alumni Association

National College Match Timeline



Late Summer

Start a free, online application



Late September

Submit an application

Early October

Recommendation and School Report deadline



Mid-October

Rank up to 15 college partners

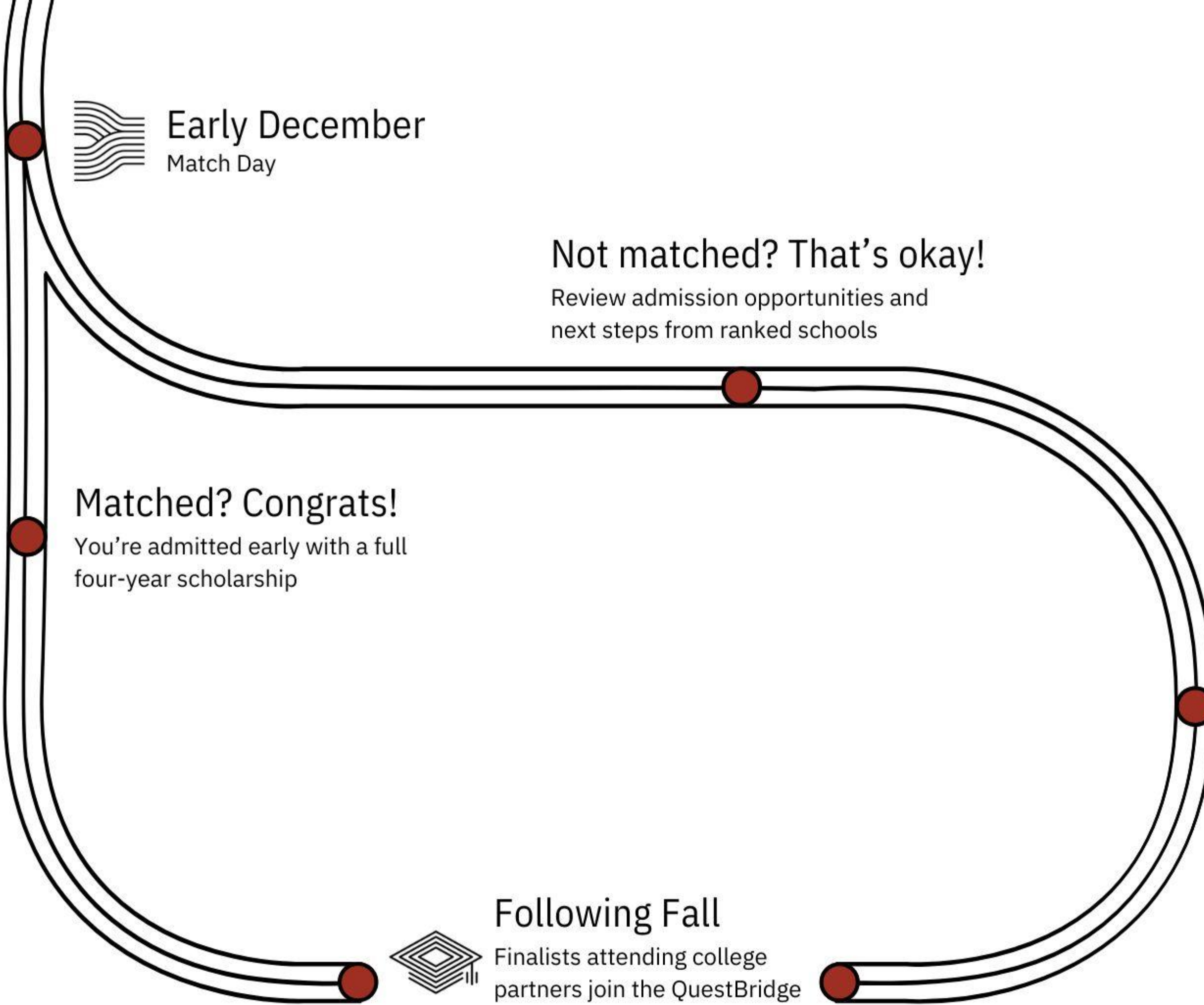


Mid-October

Finalists notified

November

Finalists submit Match Requirements



Early December
Match Day

Not matched? That's okay!

Review admission opportunities and
next steps from ranked schools

Matched? Congrats!
You're admitted early with a full
four-year scholarship

Mid-December

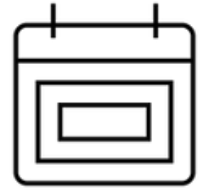
Submit the QuestBridge
Regular Decision Form to be
considered for admission and
generous financial aid to
additional college partners



Following Fall

Finalists attending college
partners join the QuestBridge
Scholars Network

Matching: What does it include?



Early, binding admission to a college partner



A full four-year scholarship



Tuition, books, and
supplies



Housing and food



Travel

The Match Package
guarantees:

NO Loans

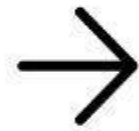
*NO Parental
Contribution*

Ranking and matching

Students must rank colleges to participate in the Match.



Students create a list in which they **rank up to 15 college partners** to be considered for early admission with the Match Scholarship.



College partners review applications and select who **they are able to admit with the Match Scholarship**. They do not know where students ranked them.

Finalists who are matched:

- Are matched to their highest ranked school that is also able to match with them
- Are matched to one school
- Have committed to attend the school they are matched to as it is a binding admissions process

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Thrive in college and beyond



Community

Among QuestBridge Scholars

Student-led QSN Chapters on each college partner campus create spaces for Scholars to build friendships with peers from similar backgrounds and share knowledge about helpful resources.



Network

With QuestBridge Alumni worldwide

Whether you move to a new city or have deeply planted roots already, a Regional Alumni Club can open doors to new friendships and opportunities. Or, join fun events like QB Dinner with Strangers or QB Near You.



Growth

Through mentorship & Grad Match

QuestBridge Scholars can receive advice from trusted QuestBridge alumni. Plus, QuestBridge Alumni can apply for admission and full-tuition scholarships to MBA programs at their graduate school partners with application fees waived.

Next steps and Q&A

Stay connected and get your questions answered



Keep up with QuestBridge

Mailing List



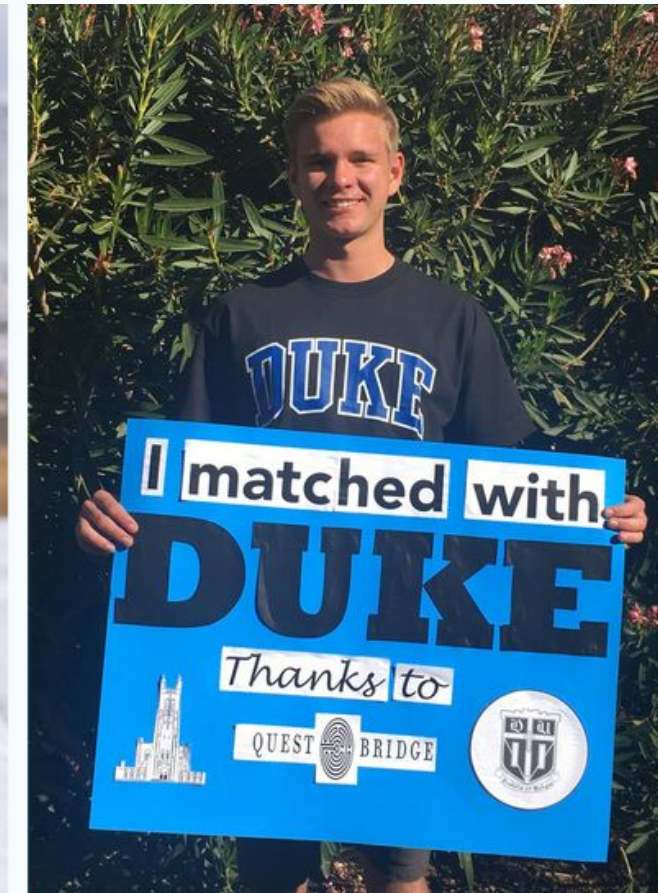
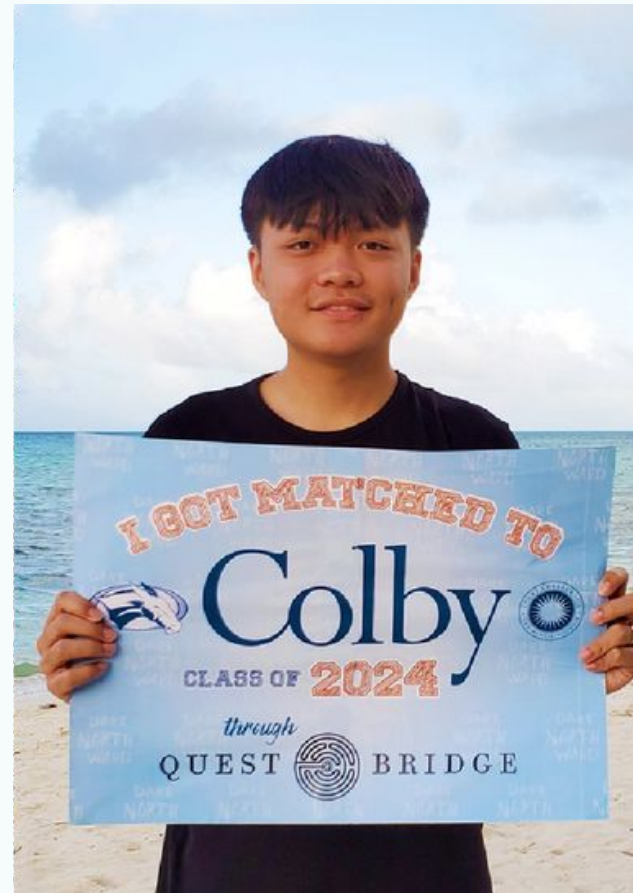
Events



Resource Library



You can afford a *top college*.



This is your chance to *dream big*.