



New Urban Arts College Exploration Program

About College Exploration Program:

The College Exploration program is New Urban Arts' year-round college access program. Starting in the summer, students will have access to college application support and mentoring. Under the direction of A Life After School (ALAS) Coordinator Mara O'Day, students will build college lists, begin the Common Application, write essays, and receive support in completing financial aid forms and applying for scholarships. Students will develop their voice and stories through creative practice, students will gain a better understanding of their future goals and the various paths to achieve them.

Over the past three years, New Urban Arts students have been accepted to a wide range of colleges and universities with competitive financial aid packages, including: Rhode Island College, the University of Rhode Island, Brandeis University, Providence College, Mt. Holyoke, Northeastern University, Syracuse University, the Rhode Island School of Design (RISD), and Brown University.

Who can apply?

Rising high school seniors who have been active participants of New Urban Arts for at least one year. Students do not need to be interested in the arts or design field, New Urban Arts will work with any active student regardless of their future college plans.

About the Summer Program:

Ten students will have the opportunity to start the College Explorations program over the summer. Students will meet weekly on: **Wednesday & Thursday – 10am - 12pm, Friday – 9am – 5pm from July 6 – August 10, 2018.** Students will also be expected to schedule a standing, 30 minute, one-on-one meeting each week with the ALAS Coordinator, Mara O'Day. Summer activities include college visits, hearing from current college students and former New Urban Arts Alumni, beginning the college application process, starting to make college lists, and using the creative process to help better articulate dreams for the future.