



CHOATE  
ROSEMARY HALL

## Access Programs

**A Better Chance:** Established in the mid-60s, ABC specializes in nationally searching, recruiting, and assisting students of color for application and acceptance to boarding schools. ABC has roots and connections all across the US. ABC places about 350 students a year. Choate has graduated more than 200 students from the ABC program, including one of ABC's first Caucasian students, as well as one of its very first international students. [www.abetterchance.org](http://www.abetterchance.org).

**Albert Oliver Program:** Founded in the mid-1908s, the Oliver program helps academically talented African American and Latino students find their way to independent schools. The program also assists with academic preparation and support after matriculation. [www.theoliverprogram.org](http://www.theoliverprogram.org).

**Black Parents Forum:** An off-shoot from MAFIS (Minority Atlanta Families for Independent Schools), an organization that during the 1990s attempted to expose Atlanta's African American families to independent schools in and out of the Atlanta area, the Black Parents Forum connects prospective African American students and faculty with independent schools through fairs, forums and outreach. [www.younghorizononline.com](http://www.younghorizononline.com).

**Boys Club of New York:** The BCNY is the oldest organization of its kind in the country, having positively influenced the lives of nearly one million young men who reside in New York City. [www.bcnyc.org](http://www.bcnyc.org).

**Breakthrough Collaborative:** Founded in 1978, Breakthrough Collaborative has worked to increase academic opportunities for highly motivated, underserved students and put them on a trajectory of a successful college path. [www.breakthroughcollaborative.org](http://www.breakthroughcollaborative.org).

**Fieldston Enrichment Program:** Since the 1970s, FEP has provided weekend and summer academic enrichment for students in grades 7-9. FEP is headquartered at Ethical Culture Fieldston School in New York. FEP primarily serves students of color. [www.ecfs.org/about/relatedprograms/fep/intro.aspx](http://www.ecfs.org/about/relatedprograms/fep/intro.aspx).

**Hartford Youth Scholars Foundation:** Founded in 2005, the Hartford Youth Scholars Foundation (HYSF) is dedicated to strengthening the city of Hartford by developing and implementing academic programs that increase college access for Hartford school children. HYSF's first initiative, The Steppingstone Academy Hartford, prepares highly motivated students for admission to and success at Connecticut's top independent high schools. [www.hysf.org](http://www.hysf.org).

**High Jump:** Established in 1996, High Jump requires its graduates to complete three years of summer and two academic years (during weekends) worth of preparation in order to qualify for placement into Chicago-area private schools or national boarding schools. High Jump is headquartered at Latin School in Chicago, and primarily serves students of color. [www.highjumpchicago.org](http://www.highjumpchicago.org).

**KIPP (Knowledge is Power Program):** With its flagship school's 1994 founding in Houston, Texas, KIPP now has over 60 schools across the country. KIPP represents a revolutionary educational vision for modern times. [www.kipp.org](http://www.kipp.org).

**Mott Hall – P.S. 223:** Mott Hall schools provide elementary and middle school educational opportunities to high-achieving students in New York City. The schools place an emphasis on math, science, and technology and are committed to helping students develop into leaders, independent thinkers and enthusiastic life-long learners. [www.motthall.org](http://www.motthall.org).

**New Jersey SEEDS:** Since 1994, New Jersey SEEDS (**S**cholars, **E**ducators, **E**xcellence, **D**edication, **S**uccess) has prepared academically talented, financially limited youth for success at competitive secondary schools. New Jersey SEEDS provides academic year-long & summer academic enrichment for students in grades 7-8. [www.njseeds.org](http://www.njseeds.org).

**Prep 9 :** Prep 9 is a subsidiary of Prep for Prep, which was created in 1978 and currently works to develop leaders through access to superior education and life-changing opportunities. Prep has identified New York City's most promising students of color and prepared them for placement at independent schools in the city and boarding schools throughout the Northeast. Once placed, Prep offers support and opportunities to ensure the academic accomplishment and personal growth of each of its students. [www.prepforprep.org](http://www.prepforprep.org).

**Queen City Foundation:** Since the mid-1970s, Queen City Foundation has served the Cincinnati, Ohio area, assisting students of color in learning about and preparing for application to independent schools. [queencityfoundation.org](http://queencityfoundation.org)

**Robert Treat Academy Charter School:** Located in Newark, New Jersey, Robert Treat Academy Charter School was the first of its kind when it opened its doors in 1997. The school provides a superior educational program for Newark students ages five and older and prepares them for admission to secondary school. [www.roberttreatacademy.org](http://www.roberttreatacademy.org)

**TEAK Fellowship:** The TEAK Fellowship helps talented New York City students from low-income families gain admission to and succeed at top high schools and colleges. [www.teakfellowship.org](http://www.teakfellowship.org).

**Ulysses S. Grant Foundation:** The Ulysses S. Grant Foundation is an academic summer program for talented and motivated middle school students from New Haven, CT. Since 1953, the program has drawn on the experience and enthusiasm of Yale undergraduates to challenge students so they can acquire the academic preparation and skills they will need to enter and succeed in college and excel in their current school environment. The program is designed for bright students who might have limited opportunities and resources to participate in academic enrichment activities. [www.yale.edu/usgrant](http://www.yale.edu/usgrant).

**Wadleigh Scholars:** Established in 1964, The Wadleigh Scholars Program is designed to identify students of color and students from low-income families who demonstrate excellent academic potential and to prepare them for admission to selective secondary schools throughout the United States. [www.wadleighscholars.org](http://www.wadleighscholars.org).

**Wight Foundation:** The Wight Foundation, Inc. was founded in 1985, with the mission to provide superior educational opportunities for young men and women of the Greater Newark area to achieve academic excellence and personal development within a boarding school environment. [www.wightfoundation.org](http://www.wightfoundation.org).