HOW DO I APPLY?
Visit the Diversity and College Access website to find the application, deadlines, and details.

www.uwsp.edu/dca

ELIGIBILITY
Meet UW-Stevens Point’s admission requirements and commit to enrolling in UW-Stevens Point for the upcoming fall semester
Identify with one or more of the following groups:

- Have been placed in foster care as a youth
- Out of home care (kinship care, guardianship, group home placement)
- Homelessness
- Orphan
- Ward of the court

Contact us if you have any questions about your eligibility.

ABOUT US
Fostering Success provides guidance, advocacy, and resources for students who are pursuing a college degree at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point.

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UWSP offers a summer bridge, first-year experience program called Leadership, Empowerment and Discovery (LEAD). The LEAD Program is for undergraduate first-year students designed to help students transition from high school to college focusing on building a sense of belonging to promote student success.

Program participants will gain a built-in network of support system as they navigate their university experience to promote their personal, social, and academic well-being. These include:

- campus resources
- student success skills
- academic and career advising
- development of future campus leaders

**What do we provide?**

- Grants & Scholarships
- Food Pantry/College Supply Closet
- Emergency Funding
- Success Coaching
- Connection to Leadership Opportunities
- Supporting/Caring Community
- Academic Tutoring
- Welcome Baskets
- Monthly Dinners
- Student Organization Support
  - AFFIRM (Advocates And Friends for Foster Care, Individuals at Risk, and Migrants) & other organizations
  - If you’re interested, email affirm@uwsp.edu

**Program Highlights**

1. **One-Week Transition Program Experience:** Participants get to move into their residence hall one week early to help them transition from high school to college.

2. **Peer Mentor:** Each student will be matched with an undergraduate peer mentor, who is a sophomore - senior level. They will meet their peer mentor during the one-week transition program prior to fall semester and continue throughout their first-year experience.

3. **Diversity and College Access (DCA) Success Coach:** Participants will also be assigned to one of the student services coordinators, who will serve as their DCA Success Coach. The DCA Success Coach will connect these students to on- and off campus resources to support their transition to college, and provide them with additional support for their personal, academic, and professional development.

4. **Monthly Social and Community Engagement:** Planned social and engagement activities throughout their first-year experience.

5. **Student Engagement:** In addition, DCA also has centers for student engagement activities, which include the Multicultural Resource Center (MRC), Native American Center (NAC), Queer Resource Center (QRC), and the Student Success Center. The centers also offer educational, social, and community engagement programs/events throughout the academic year.

6. **Participant Cost:** FREE