



DIVISION OF STUDENT AFFAIRS

THE UNIVERSITY OF TOLEDO

Toledo Excel

What is TOLEDO EXCEL?

TOLEDO EXCEL is a scholarship incentive program that recruits high-achieving, underrepresented 8th grade students in the metropolitan Toledo area. Selected students who fulfill our academic and participation requirements receive a tuition-based scholarship to The University of Toledo upon high school graduation. Scholarships offered to EXCEL students amount to the difference between the financial aid (grants) each student will be eligible to receive from federal, state, and other sources, and the cost of instructional (tuition) and the general fee.

What is the purpose of the program?

EXCEL is designed to prepare students, beginning in the 8th grade, for success in college by providing them with academic enrichment services and activities throughout their high school years. EXCEL is also dedicated to making students into conscientious and active members of the local community. We offer a variety of enrichment services and activities that take place on The University of Toledo campus in order to familiarize them with the university and collegiate expectations. These services and activities include:

Summer Institutes * Saturday School * Tutoring * Academic Advising * Career Planning * Community Service * Annual Formal Ball * Annual Conference for Aspiring Minority Youth * Travel Opportunities

What is the history of TOLEDO EXCEL?

EXCEL has been in existence for 33 years; to date over 1,500 students have been inducted into the program and their academic successes speak for themselves: 99% high school graduation rate; 95% college enrollment rate; 84% college graduates or students matriculating towards graduation.

Who is eligible?

Any 8th grade student attending school in the city of Toledo who has at least a 3.0 GPA, scores at or above grade level on their standardized test scores and is a member of one or more of the following underrepresented groups: African-American * Appalachian-American * Arab-American * Asian-American * Hispanic * Low-income (free or reduced lunch) * Multiracial * Native American *

What is the application process?

To apply, students need to request an application from their guidance counselor or download it online (Active Recruitment Period TBA), fill out and sign the personal information portion (front page) of the application, and attach a 250 word essay completed by the student on “Why I Want to Go to College.” After that, simply return the application to the counselor.

What is the selection process?

The selection process is a competitive one; each year hundreds of highly qualified students apply for the 50 available spots. Unfortunately, we are unable to accept everybody who applies. After the applications are received, the top applicants are then brought in for a personal interview. Determination as to who is selected for the program is based on a combination of the following components: grades, test scores, essay and interview. Selections are made at the sole discretion of TOLEDO EXCEL and are final. Students selected for an interview will be notified of the time, place and date via mail.

We look forward to receiving your application. Please do not hesitate to call Mr. Dan McGuire, Associate Director of TOLEDO EXCEL, at (419) 530-3825 if you have any questions.