The Fellowship Initiative Dallas is a program partnership between JPMorgan Chase and Big Thought, designed to support young men of color from the DFW area with college aspirations, prepare them for their entrance into the professional sphere, teach them to be positive leaders in their communities: all while acknowledging the realities of living as a member of a marginalized group in the United States.

TFI Dallas is a free program. Young men enroll in the program during their sophomore year of high school and remain in the program through the start of college.

WHY WE EXIST
A National Crisis
Young men of color face social, economic, and systemic challenges to their educational and professional success. Compared to their peers, young men of color are

20% less likely to graduate high school
50% less likely to earn a bachelor’s degree

CORE THEMES
Programming includes academic enrichment, experiential learning, leadership development, social and emotional support and college planning. TFI also educates and supports families throughout the college planning process.
REQUIREMENTS

- Sophomore male who identifies as a Youth of Color, including African American/Black, Hispanic/LatinX, Native/Indigenous, Asian American, Bi-Racial, Multi-Racial
- Hold a minimum weighted GPA of 2.5.
- Demonstrate good behavioral standing on the basis of teacher/administrator recommendation
- Demonstrate strong desire to qualify for a 4-year college/university on the basis of their academic achievement
- Commit to active participation in the program for 3 Saturdays a month and 3 weeks during the summers for 3 years
- Be consistent attendees at their high schools
- Be on track to have completed their Texas State Academic Credits by Spring of 2023
- Ensure their own transportation to and from local Saturday programming
- Express the willingness to learn in a space that celebrates racial/ethnic, cultural, religious and economic diversity and is committed to the inclusion and respect of all family structures, sexual and gender identities

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

- Leadership Style Analysis
- Squads and Captain Roles
- Peer Mediation
- CPR & First Aid Training
- Community Outreach
- Volunteerism & Local Philanthropy

ACADEMICS

- Project Based Learning
- “Impossible Challenges”
- Socratic Seminars
- Book Studies
- Debate
- College Test Prep
- Essay Writing

MENTORSHIP

- Mentor Squad model
- Peer Mentorship
- Generational Mentorship

COLLEGE PREPATION & ACCESS

- Program Saturdays on College Campus
- College Visits
- Summer Campus Week Intensive
- College Essay & Test Prep
- FAFSA Assistance
- College Access Counselors

PHYSICAL, MENTAL & EMOTIONAL SUPPORT

- Physical & Mental Wellness Training
- Mental Health Case Management
- Financial Wealth Projects
- Physical & Mental Challenge Courses

INTERNSHIPS & WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

- Internships
- Job Shadowing
- Docent Opportunities
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