The NYU School of Professional Studies High School Academy Aspire Program is a two-year college prep and mentoring program for high school students from underrepresented communities in New York City who will be first-generation college students. The program begins with a one-week college immersion intensive in the summer, followed by college prep workshops in the fall and spring to develop college, career, and leadership skills.

Students apply as sophomores for the summer intensive and continue to attend Aspire workshops throughout high school. Successful applicants to the program must show academic improvement in high school and must be active in their local or school community.

Each student admitted into the program will receive a full scholarship that covers tuition, housing, and meals for the one-week summer intensive.

Each student is paired with a mentor for the duration of the program and they will have an opportunity to engage with their mentor year-round through online and in-person meetings.

This program will include workshops on:
- The College Experience and Expectations
- College Options
- College Financial Aid
- College Application Timeline and Plan
- Resources for Standardized Testing
- College Essay Writing

How to Apply
To apply, you must be a current sophomore enrolled in a New York City high school who will be entering your junior year following this summer. You must submit an application, as well as an official high school transcript, one recommendation (from your guidance counselor or teacher), and answers to short essay questions.

Please Note: International students are not eligible to apply to this program.

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