



Girls Inc. of Orange County's College Bound Program is a four-month intensive and comprehensive college-readiness program for 12th grade girls in Orange County running from **September 7th to December 14th, 2021**. Its purpose is to support participants in establishing, and expanding, their personal and academic goals to be a competitive college applicant.

This highly valued program is **free** of charge and designed to expose participants to the breadth of major, college, and career opportunities available to them and to cultivate a college-going mindset for every girl, regardless of circumstance. The College Bound Program will be held on the online platform, Canvas. Participants will participate in interactive live group lessons twice a week, accompanied with small group discussions and individual assignments.

Topics include:

- SMART Goal setting
- College and career planning
- Majors and Minors
- Study & time management skills
- Building your college list
- Individual Advising & Mentorship
- Scholarship & Financial Aid
- *Access to Girls Inc. OC exclusive scholarship opportunities historically ranging from \$2,500 to full academic scholarships awards!*

Qualifications to Apply

The application committee will select 90 girls from the applicant pool to participate in the 2021 College Bound: Grad Lab program. Please carefully review the qualifications to apply listed below along with the program commitments and absence policy included in this packet, before applying.

- Must be in 12th grade in the 2021-2022 school year
- Able to commit to the required dates and times listed in table below.
- Reliable internet access and computer use during scheduled program meeting times.
 - If you are unable to access the internet and/or a computer during scheduled program meeting times, please contact a College & Career Coordinator.
- **Submit a completed College Bound Program application by Wednesday, August 25th, 2021 before 11:59 PM**. Please complete the Google form application electronically: <https://bit.ly/GradLab21> (Spanish: <https://bit.ly/SpGradLab21>) Fill out each section completely, and proof-read for errors before submitting.

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PROGRAM IMPACT



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Make your future **STRONG, SMART, AND BOLD!**



The College Bound Program at Girls Inc. of Orange County teaches girls to be Strong, Smart, and Bold in planning and preparing for their futures! College Bound girls build the confidence, skills, and knowledge they need to make informed decisions that are best for their future, and to feel confident and supported in college.

“As a participant in the College Bound Program, I have not only learned study and academic skills to succeed but also financial and life skills as well. Girls Inc. has empowered me by helping me share my story through my college essay and scholarship applications. I feel confident that I can pursue my goals and overcome any obstacles I encounter because of the preparation I have received, and I know that Girls Inc. will be a resource I can turn to if need be.” -College Bound: Grad Lab Participant

Girls Inc. College Bound Alumnae attend top colleges and universities, including... Chapman University, USC, UCLA, UC Berkeley, UC Irvine, UC San Diego, UC Santa Barbara, UC Riverside, UC Merced, Princeton University, Cal Poly Pomona, Cal State Fullerton, Cal State Long Beach, Cal State San Luis Obispo, Biola University, University of Notre Dame ... and more!

100%

OF 2019-2020 COLLEGE BOUND: GRAD
LAB SENIORS ARE ATTENDING COLLEGE
THIS FALL



2021 Required College Bound: Grad Lab Program Commitments

Participants accepted into the College Bound Program are **required** to participate in two live sessions per week, on the online platform, Zoom, for the duration of the four-month program.

In addition to participating in live sessions, participants will be required to complete individual and group assignments and have the opportunity to attend individual advising sessions. Following the conclusion of the College Bound: Grad Lab Program in December, participants will continue to receive individual advising on a monthly basis, invited to join our Mentorship program, and participate in College Shower to see them through the final stages of their senior year, before college.

By submitting this application, the applicant and their parent/guardian have read, understand, and agree that the participant will participate in the following required College Bound sessions, virtually, in observance of the absence policy:

September 7, 2021 - December 14, 2021	College Bound Live Sessions & Individual Assignments (<i>Required</i>)	Every Tuesday and Thursday at 5pm-7pm on Zoom and Canvas
January 2022 - June 2022	Monthly Senior Advising (<i>Optional, Highly Recommended</i>)	Schedule sign-up times
April 2022 - June 2022	Mentorship Program (<i>Optional, Highly Recommended</i>)	Once a month with Girls Inc., continues through first-year of college
June 2022	College Shower (<i>Required</i>)	Date TBD

Absence Policy

Participants are required to participate in the live session on Zoom, each week. **Each College Bound participant is allowed two excused absences through the duration of the program.** All live sessions will be recorded, and available to participants for up to 24 hours should they be unable to attend. In order for the absence to be excused, participants must notify their coordinator and complete a short questionnaire to show they have viewed the recorded lesson. Continuous unexcused absences may result in release from the College Bound: Virtual Grad Lab Program.

We understand that COVID-19 has presented additional obstacles and responsibilities for girls, and their families, that may impact attendance and participation in the program. Please communicate any concerns you may have with your coordinator, as soon as they arise.

Submitting Your Application

A complete application packet will include:

- A completed application (without any required sections blank)
 - o Application with English Parent/Guardian Authorization: <https://bit.ly/GradLab21>
 - o Application with Spanish Parent/Guardian Authorization: <https://bit.ly/SpGradLab21>
- Required short essay (no more than 500 words)

Application Scoring Guide and Essay Rubric

We encourage all senior high school girls who are enthusiastic about the College Bound: Grad Lab Program to apply! All applicants will be selected based on the score of their overall application. Applicants may acquire points in the following areas:

Section	Point Range	Total Possible Points
Essay*	0-12 points	12 points
Previous Girls Inc. of Orange County Programming	0-5 points	5 points
Academics	0-4 points	4 points
Extracurricular Activities	0-5 points	5 points

Essay Rubric

Traits	Weighted Value	3	2	1	0
Fully answers the prompt	X1	Writer fully answers and explores the prompt	Writer answers the prompt but does not fully explore the topic with much depth	Writer somewhat answers the prompt and does not explore the depth of the prompt	Writer does not answer the prompt
Compelling/ Persuasive	X2	Essay is a compelling story and told persuasively	Essay is moderately compelling and a little persuasive	Essay lacks in compelling and persuasive ideas	Essay is not compelling or persuasive
Organization/ Writing Mechanics	X1	All sentences are well-constructed and have varied structure and length; the author makes no errors in grammar, mechanics, and/or spelling; essay is well-organized with a strong intro, body, and conclusion	Most sentences are well-constructed and have varied structure and length; the author makes a few errors in grammar, mechanics, and/or spelling; essay has somewhat an organizational structure	Sentences sound fragmented or are difficult to understand due to numerous errors in grammar, mechanics, and/or spelling; organizational structure is somewhat present, though sometimes confusing	There is no organization nor structure and the grammatical and spelling errors prevent the reader from understanding the essay

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Thank you for submitting your application! 😊