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Beyond High School: Explore Your Options

Get help with your plans after high school and beyond, no matter your path

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Program Overview

Are you a CHA youth or young adult, ages 14-24?

The SOAR program offers free, one-on-one support from our Education Program Specialists to help you plan for life after high school, no matter your path. Whether you're exploring colleges, job training, or other opportunities, SOAR is like having an extra coach to help you succeed!

Benefits of the Program

An Education Program Specialist can help you:

- **Find the Right College or Program:** Identify schools and programs that align with your goals and interests.
- **Resume Support:** Help create and review your resume for jobs, apprenticeships, internships, and other opportunities.
- **Complete Applications:** Offer support with filling out applications for colleges, programs, and scholarships.
- **Save Money:** Assist with completing the FAFSA form, getting the most financial aid, and finding scholarships to help pay for school.

- **Persisting to Graduation:** Provide guidance through common college challenges and build a network for future success.
- **Find a Summer Internship**
- **Get Connected to Career Pathways or Training Opportunities**

Eligibility for the Program

To participate, you must be:

- a current CHA resident
- between the ages of 14 and 24 years old

Get Started Today!

Call [\(312\) 786-3409](tel:3127863409) or email education@thecha.org to connect with an Education Specialist and take the first step toward your future success!

Similar programs you may be eligible for



[CHA Scholarship Program](#)

The CHA Scholarship application is closed until next year. Please check back at the beginning of 2026 to apply.

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Partners in Education

CHA residents can earn a certificate or a degree from City Colleges of Chicago for free or low cost. This is possible through a partnership with CCC called Partners in Education (PiE).