



## **Walmart Brighter Futures Project**

### **Project Description**

#### What is it?

- A project designed for individuals with limited income to acquire skills to obtain a job in high-demand industries, resulting in higher wages.

#### What industry sectors will the project support?

The project will focus on serving students who are pursuing training in one of the following fields:

- Health Care
- Manufacturing
- Information Technology
- Finance, Insurance and Customer Service

### **Student Services/ Benefits**

Kirkwood offers a number of diverse programs that help students achieve their academic and career goals. While each program is unique, each offers one or more of the following types of support to students:

- Academic Support- teach study skills and test tips, monitor class progress, and assist students in connecting to tutoring or other academic services needed
- Social Support- counsel and help students cope with daily challenges. A Pathway Navigator can help students connect to community resources.
- Financial Assistance- students may receive full or partial assistance with direct training costs, including tuition, books, and required fees and equipment. Financial support is available to address needs that cannot be met through local social service agencies.
- Incentives- students are provided with gift cards to recognize their accomplishments along their training path.

### **Eligibility Criteria**

- Individual needs to develop skills to obtain a job that will enable them to become financially self-sufficient and the
- Individual's household income is less than the amount noted in the chart below.

Household Size	Income Eligibility
1	Less than \$29,175
2	Less than \$39,325
3	Less than \$49,475
4	Less than \$59,625
5	Less than \$69,775
6	Less than \$79,925
7	Less than \$90,075
8	Less than \$100,225

## How do I apply?

Step 1: Complete the Walmart Brighter Futures intake form and submit it to Judy Stoffel at 307 Mansfield Center.

Step 2: Meet with a Pathway Navigator to review and discuss your training request. A Pathway Navigator will assist you with next steps, including connecting you to a program that is best suited to help you achieve your academic goal.

## Who Can I call with Questions?

Judy Stoffel  
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## What Types of Programs are Available?

Kirkwood offers a number of diverse programs that help students achieve their academic and career goals. The purpose of this project is to help students identify the program and services that can support their success based on their individual needs.

### Career Services

Individuals who are uncertain of the career pathway they would like to pursue can attend a variety of free career decision making workshops. These workshops are intended to help individuals develop clarity for the type of training they may want to pursue.

### Adult Basic Education and GED

Kirkwood has services to help individuals prepare and obtain their GED and/or improve basic skills to support students in advancing to additional training.

### GAP Tuition Assistance

This program provides tuition assistance for eligible individuals to earn a credential or certificate in a pre-approved non-credit certificate program.

### Kirkwood Pathways for Academic Career Education and Employment (KPACE)

This is a multi-tiered pathway program that meets students wherever they are at in life. It is designed for individuals with limited income who lack the necessary funds to reach their educational goals, and for individuals with skill barriers who need additional education assistance to prepare for college courses. Students can start with basic education, earn their GED, or begin college courses that pathway to a two-year degree.

### Project START (Supported Training and Retraining)

This program provides academic, personal and financial assistance to Kirkwood students who face educational barriers, demonstrate academic and future promise, and meet eligibility requirements.