

Who Qualifies as Migrant?

Anyone can be migrant, regardless of race, ethnicity, country of origin, or immigration status. To qualify as migrant, a person must **move** to work in **seasonal or temporary agricultural work**, such as meatpacking plants, dairies, feed yards, pig farms, nurseries, fisheries, harvesting crops, or other similar jobs.

Migrant Workers in the U.S.

Migrant farmworkers are an essential part of the U.S. economy and make important contributions to their communities.

- They are the “backbone for the multi-billion dollar agricultural” and meatpacking industry. (www.ncfh.org)
- They help feed the country by working long hours harvesting crops or in meatpacking and food processing plants.
- They boost local economies through spending.
- They enrich communities through diverse life experiences, cultures, and languages.

Though they contribute greatly, Migrant workers are a mobile population who face many challenges in education, health, housing, and wages. This lack of stability poses an even greater challenge for migrant students who want to go to college, but do not have the resources.

By providing migrant students with support during their first year of college, Heartland CAMP helps students successfully complete their first year of college and continue on to graduation.

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Overview

The Heartland College Assistance Migrant Program serves migrant students across three states (Kansas, Nebraska, and Iowa) and four colleges:

- University of Kansas, Lawrence, KS
- Donnelly College, Kansas City, KS
- Western Iowa Tech Community College, Sioux City, IA
- Metropolitan Community College, Omaha, NE

The program provides intensive academic, social, and financial support to help students from migrant backgrounds successfully complete their first year of college and continue with their post-secondary education.



Student Support

During the 1st year of college, Heartland CAMP provides each CAMP Scholar with many supports and resources.

Financial Assistance:

- Tuition scholarship
- Living/book stipend
- Loaner laptop

Academic Support:

- Bi-weekly academic advising
- FREE tutoring
- Freshman success course
- Connections with other programs and opportunities on campus

Social Support:

- Cultural events
- Connections with student organizations on campus
- Student/ family programming

Beyond the Freshman Year:

- Referrals to other support programs on campus
- Assistance with financial aid/scholarship searches
- Advising
- Mentorship opportunities

Eligibility

To be eligible for Heartland CAMP, a student must:

- Be a U.S. Citizen or Permanent Resident
- Be identified as a current or former migrant (**see below*)
- Be admitted to a Heartland CAMP college
- Enroll as a full-time student with freshman status
- Commit to participate in all required Heartland CAMP services and activities

**Student has, or has at least one immediate family member who has, spent a minimum of 75 days during the past 24 months as a migrant or seasonal farmworker; OR is eligible to participate, or has participated, in a Migrant Education Program or the National Farmworkers Jobs Programs.*

