The Anchor Program

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What is the Anchor Program?

The ***mission*** of the Anchor Program is to provide regional youth ages 15-18 who are involved with the foster care system the opportunity to explore their interests and talents through an annual, week-long summer residential college life experience coupled with year-round mentoring. The program builds confidence, knowledge, and skills that enable and empower participants to make positive life choices, including successfully pursuing a Bloomsburg University degree.

Anchor Program Goals

- Three Target Areas:
  - Decrease homelessness
  - Increase college completion
  - Avoid criminal involvement
- Five Core Goals
  - Engage youth
  - Explore academic interests/talents
  - Develop IL and college readiness
  - Connect
  - Build ongoing relationship to BU

What is Anchor Week Like?

- 24/7 supervision
- Simulate a college experience:
  - **Academic Life** – Follow a 'track' throughout the week
  - **Student Life** – Choose from activities offered daily
- Complement to Independent Living
  - Space to learn what college is all about, who is here to support students
  - Strengths oriented and focus on positive, what participants have to offer
  - Cooking demos, linen exchange, communication and leadership development (CLE Level 1)

How Can Youth Apply?

- Paper application available as PDF file
- Online application available!
  - Click here to access
  - https://bloomu.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_5ztna5WbtNdGiCF
- Apply by May 27 to maximize your chance of acceptance!
  - Applications received will be considered on a space-available basis
  - Waitlist option new this year!
  - Helps us plan to purchase t-shirt, shorts, Welcome Pack supplies, water bottles, shower shoes, sun screen, etc.

Q & A