

FUTURES

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

Futures is a program at Portsmouth High School, established in 1985 by local businessman Joseph Sawtelle. Futures' goal is to provide mentoring and assistance for selected students who dream of attending college but lack the financial resources to make the dream a reality. Students selected for Futures are usually the first in their family to go to college.

Futures primarily selects students during the end of eighth grade. If your student decides to apply and is accepted, the Futures program will provide college mentoring throughout high school and, in most circumstances, pay a portion of college costs. Help with tuition is, of course, a big financial benefit to a family, but just as important is the extra guidance that your student receives when planning for higher education.

To be considered, an application must be completed. This includes a student essay, information about family and finances, and a 2022 tax return. Grades are reviewed. Your student may be invited to interview with a small committee after the school day. After interviewing, Futures will determine admission to the program. If invited, students will become a part of Futures and will attend monthly group meetings, individual meetings and engage in annual volunteer work.

Please be aware that there are income limits for Futures. For a family of two, yearly income cannot exceed \$51,100 for a family of three the limit is \$64,550; and for a family of four it is \$78,000. Add an additional \$13,450 for each family member over four. Let us know if you have any extenuating family circumstances if your income falls slightly outside of this range, but be aware that acceptance to the program is based on these guidelines.

Applications are available from your middle school team teachers, the middle school guidance office and our website, <http://www.portsmouth-futures.org>. The deadline for application is Friday, April 26th. Please return the completed form to the PHS guidance office or to a PMS Team Teacher.

Sincerely,

Jennie Tybursky
Program Coordinator

The mission of the Futures program is to provide a pathway to higher education for aspiring students who lack the necessary resources.