



The EXCEL Scholars Program promotes the personal and professional excellence of high-performing cadets from underrepresented groups by encouraging them to strive for a higher standard and be an instrument for change. EXCEL accomplishes this mission by identifying promising cadets from historically underrepresented groups; encouraging ongoing excellence in the academic, military, and physical dimensions of the West Point Leader Development System; and nurturing these cadets to compete for post-graduate scholarships, cadet leadership positions, and future faculty positions. While EXCEL was established in 2012, it underwent official reorganization under the Department of Systems Engineering in 2022, and has become one of West Point's signature initiatives within the Office of Engagement and Retention.

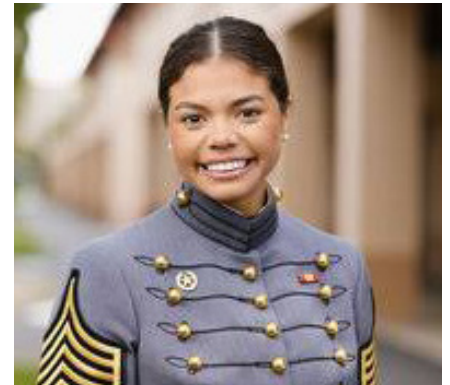
A COMPREHENSIVE APPROACH

EXCEL provides targeted enrichment aimed at improving technical expertise, research opportunities, writing, communication skills, and leader development with the following:

- Mentorship initiatives that contribute to cadets personal and professional development, both within and outside of the classroom
- Courses tailored to hone skills and empower cadets to stand out as competitive candidates for leadership positions and national scholarships
- Writing workshops focused on scholarship and graduate school applications
- Small group discussion forums that connect cadets with notable leaders

LEADERS IN THE CORP AND IN THE FUTURE

The EXCEL Scholars Program is more than just a scholarship program - it is a comprehensive support structure made up of cadets, faculty, graduates, Army officers, and other leaders who work together to nurture unrealized talent and enhance the cadet leadership participant pool. It seeks to not just provide opportunity for underrepresented cadets during their four years at West Point, but in the years afterwards as leaders in the Army who in their own words are ready "to serve as an example of what it means to strive for a higher standard and be an instrument of change."





FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

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