

HEART Bridge

HEART Bridge is a new initiative exclusively for students who participate in HEART to help bridge the gap between high school graduation and a viable career.

HEART Bridge is a privilege where students earn stipends based on their cooperation, hard work, and obtain guidance and financial assistance to help them work toward career goals. Students are coached in financial literacy, goal setting and saving. Their savings can be generously matched to help students reach their education and career goals.



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Steps toward success in HEART Bridge:

MEET WITH HEART STAFF

Students and parent(s) meet with HEART staff to review program and career goals.



SET YOUR CAREER GOAL & OBJECTIVES

HEART staff will set up opportunities for you to explore and set a career goal and find appropriate objectives to meet that goal.



COMPLETE FINANCIAL LITERACY TRAINING

Three 90-minute sessions are offered by Dupaco Community Credit Union during class hours.



ENROLL IN HEART BRIDGE

You may do this at the beginning of your first, or any Spring or Fall Semester in HEART.



CREATE A SAVINGS PLAN

Determine your stipend savings ratio and set up your membership and savings account at Dupaco Community Credit Union to start earning and saving your stipends.



EARN STIPENDS AND MATCHING FUNDS

Upon completion of setting career goal and attending financial education sessions, you will begin to earn matching dollars based on your savings.



GRADUATE AND CONFIRM PLAN

Graduate from HEART and high school and take on your career goal objectives. Within 30 days of graduation from high school, meet with HEART Bridge director and confirm plan for use of the savings and match funds.



SUBMIT A REQUEST

Submit your asset request for approval by the HEART Bridge director.



FUNDS ARE RELEASED

Following approval, payment is made from the savings account directly to the approved vendor.