

## Donaldson Supports Admission Possible with a \$30,000 Grant

The Donaldson Foundation granted Admission Possible, a nonprofit organization helping make college admission possible for promising low-income students, \$30,000 to assist high school students in Greater Minneapolis and St. Paul, Minnesota, earn admission to and enroll in post-secondary education.

Launched in 2000, Admission Possible is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit based in St. Paul, MN, that helps promising low-income high school students prepare for and earn admission to college by providing four critical services: (1) ACT and SAT test preparation; (2) Intensive guidance in preparing college applications; (3) Helping in obtaining financial aid; and (4) Guidance in transition to college.

“Many low-income high school students lack the resources to compete effectively in the college marketplace,” said Jim McCorkell, chief executive officer of Admission Possible. “We rely on the financial support of companies like Donaldson to help these Minnesota-based students who want a college experience to achieve success. Colleges and universities are very interested in admitting students from low-income backgrounds, but have difficulty identifying and attracting them. This grant will allow Admission Possible to continue to collaborate with our higher education partners to match our students with their programs.”

Admission Possible has received achievement recognition both regionally and nationally since its inception based on the organization’s positive performance:

- Grown from serving 35 students in 2000 to 1,400 high school students and 2,200 college-going program alumni today;
- Succeeded in helping 98 percent of program participants earn college admission;
- Improved average student ACT scores by 20 percent, compared 12-14 percent for for-profit test preparation companies; and,
- Helped enrolled students stay in college: Nearly 80 percent of Admission Possible students remain in their post-secondary program or have graduated. According to Education Trust, only seven percent of low-income students nationwide earn a college degree by age 24.

“The mission of Admission Possible aligns with that of our foundation,” said Kristine Graham, president of the Donaldson Foundation. “We believe that in supporting Admission Possible, Donaldson is making an investment that will create a highly diverse and educated employment base in our community.”

Established in 1966, the Donaldson Foundation funds charitable causes on behalf of Donaldson Company, Inc. Since 1991, the Foundation has contributed 2% of the company’s earnings each

year, making it a Minnesota Keystone participant. Its mission is to positively impact the communities in which its employees live and work by supporting education. To learn more about the Donaldson Foundation, visit the website at

<http://www.donaldson.com/en/about/community/foundation.html>.

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### **About Admission Possible**

Admission Possible is a nonprofit organization founded in Minnesota in 2000 and dedicated to helping promising low-income high school students prepare for and earn admission to college by providing ACT/SAT test preparation, admissions and financial aid consulting and guidance in the transition to college. The program operates in two metro areas – the Greater Twin Cities and Greater Milwaukee. In 2009-10, 1,540 low-income high school students are participating in Admission Possible in 23 high schools across the two metro areas. Admission Possible's college program currently supports 2,200 Admission Possible high school program graduates as they transition to college and pursue a degree. Since 2000, 98 percent of Admission Possible students have been admitted to college. For more information, go to [www.AdmissionPossible.org](http://www.AdmissionPossible.org).

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