



"If it hadn't been for Mr. Comer [my graduation coach], I probably would have given up. He kept me motivated and did whatever he needed to do to make sure I graduated from high school."...Joshua

What is Destination Graduation?

- A comprehensive mentoring and academic intervention program
- Prepares students holistically for post-secondary education and/or to successfully enter the workforce
- It is designed for high school students exhibiting reduced academic persistence
- It is a Workforce, Education, Employer partnership
- Targets personal, academic and employment success



The program is available in fifteen high schools in five Southwest FL counties and provides:

- work-readiness training
- one-on-one mentoring
- individualized academic assistance
- incentives to attend school regularly, improve grades, and graduate

"Destination Graduation is like a GPS because it points you in the right direction"...Gina

How does it Work?

In order to participate students must:

- (a) Be income eligible
- (b) Possess a potential barrier to on-time graduation e.g. homelessness, teen parenting, credits or GPA deficiencies, etc.
- (c) Be on a standard 24-credit diploma track

"Proven educational strategies to increase high school completion provide returns to the taxpayer that are as much as three and a half times their cost." (Levin & Rouse, 2012)

Participants receive:

Academic coaching, college/career readiness preparation, report card and attendance incentive bonuses, summer job placement as well as a \$500 graduation bonus on receipt of their HS diploma.

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APPLY TO RECEIVE A:

- **\$500 Graduation Bonus!**
- **Summer Job!**

Student Name _____

Current Grade _____ FOCUS Login _____

Income Eligibility Guidelines

(Based on all Family Members Living in the Home that are earning a wage)

Persons in Family	For the past 6 months your family income must be less than:
1	\$ 5,585
2	7,565
3	9,803
4	12,103
5	14,284
6	16,706
7	19,127
8	21,549

For families with more than 8 persons, add \$2,422 to \$21,549 for each additional person. Please be prepared to provide proof of family size and income.

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