



# Crew Scholars Program

“ It’s amazing how we all still seek each other out, even after graduation. The members of Crew were my first friends on campus, and I am so proud of that fact. We have truly grown to know each other. ”

—London Koehn, Class of 2018  
Law, Politics & Society



Since its launch in 2013, the overall Crew Scholars graduation rate is 86%, exceeding the University average.



Crew Scholars excel in leadership roles and academically. The average GPA in the group is 3.07.



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A group of Drake students of color who stand together to support each other’s success, academic excellence, and leadership.



**We will stand  
beside you.**

College is a challenge—lots of ups, downs, and new opportunities that stretch you like you never thought possible. You'll want a close group of friends and mentors who are ready to support you through it all—cheering you on and being there for you as you reach for your goals and aspirations.

### What is Crew?

A group of students who are committed to high achievement and to supporting each other's overall success as students of color during their entire four years of college. Crew Scholars also foster positive community change through their leadership, and practice the skills they need to be future leaders in social justice.

The program also makes a Drake education more financially feasible—Crew Scholars enrolled full time in on-campus courses for the fall and/or spring semesters receive Drake scholarships and grants totaling at least 50 percent of tuition (this includes Drake scholarships and grants awarded prior to selection as a Crew Scholar).

### Joining Crew

The Crew Scholars Program at Drake University is open to incoming domestic students of color in any major. You must be admitted to Drake before you can apply for Crew; applications for the program typically become available in October. Visit [drake.edu/crew](https://drake.edu/crew) to apply.

As a Crew Scholar, you'll pledge to graduate from Drake and to provide positive encouragement and support to fellow Crew members. You must also commit to participating in each component of the program as outlined.

**The Crew Scholars Vow** As a proud member of the Crew Scholars Program, I commit to graduating from Drake, providing positive encouragement to my fellow Crew members, putting forth my best effort in all academic and professional work, and collaborating with my Crew to overcome all challenges to our progress. I will honor myself and the Crew Scholars Program by ... (you'll complete this sentence independently to make the vow even more personally meaningful).

To learn more or apply, visit [drake.edu/crew](https://drake.edu/crew)

### Being Part of Crew

**Pre-Semester Events** For one day at summer orientation and for three days before Welcome Weekend in August, the Crew gathers to prepare for their transition to Drake. You'll get to know one another, set individual and group goals, discuss preparation strategies, and establish camaraderie. These crucial events create an important sense of group identity for the Crew and enable you to begin your studies with confidence and a sense of belonging. All expenses except travel are paid.

**Crew Connect Sessions** Throughout your first and second academic year, the entire Crew meets weekly with program directors to develop strategies for academic success, discuss the unique experiences of students of color, and celebrate achievements.

**Mentor Role** In year two and beyond, you'll become a mentor for the incoming Crew. By building such connections, you'll gain a sense of solidarity and shared accountability with the Crew Scholars who follow you. Mentorship activities—combined with the shared commitment to graduate from Drake—create role models and a sense of community achievement within each year's graduating class.

**Faculty Mentorship** In addition to being paired with a student mentor, each incoming Crew Scholar will work with a faculty mentor. Your mentor will support you throughout your time at Drake as you pursue academic excellence, develop your professional goals, and make decisions about the diverse academic and social opportunities you encounter at Drake.

**Law School Scholarship** Crew Scholars who qualify for admission and enroll at Drake Law School after completing their bachelor's degree will be awarded a \$10,000 per year minimum scholarship. This scholarship is automatically renewable for all three years of law school and may be combined with other scholarships up to full tuition. Crew Scholars are strongly encouraged to submit an application for the Law Opportunity Scholarship program. These scholarships are awarded to students who have overcome significant disadvantages and/or contribute to the diversity of the Law School student body.