



Case for Support

Introduction

BravoPlus is a nonprofit organization dedicated to empowering underserved youth—especially, African American and Latino high school students—through immersive international cultural experiences. We believe that exposure beyond one's immediate environment nurtures empathy, global citizenship, and lifelong curiosity.

Our flagship initiative, the Home Stay Study Scholarship Program in Spain, offers underserved students a life-changing opportunity to study Spanish, experience a new culture, and grow into confident, globally minded individuals.

The Need

Despite increasing globalization, far too many American students—especially from low-income communities—lack access to international educational experiences.

- **Underrepresentation:** Just 5.9% of U.S. students who study abroad are Black, and only 12.2% are Hispanic—figures far below their representation in the general student population (NAFSA; IIE Open Doors).
- Figures from studies of college participation in study abroad programs suggest the powerful benefits to be reaped by starting these programs earlier:
- **African American Student Benefits:** Research from the University of Georgia's GLOSSARI project found that African American students who studied abroad had a 31.2% higher four-year graduation rate compared to peers who did not.
 - This increase in academic success was also reflected in six-year graduation rates, which nearly matched those of their White counterparts. For African American students in particular, these programs represent a powerful intervention for equity and success.
 - African American students who study abroad are nearly 10 percentage points more likely to graduate from college within six years compared to those who do not (Gordon State College; University System of Georgia).
- **Latino Student Benefits:** Hispanic students who study abroad are 13 percentage points more likely to graduate within four years compared to those who do not. They also report greater academic engagement, cultural adaptability, and communication skills (Gordon State College; University System of Georgia).

Key Takeaways

International education is a proven, high-impact strategy to reduce educational inequity, promote leadership, and support long-term student success. For all these reasons, these opportunities must be made available to students before they enter into college in order to encourage, cultivate, and transform their academic aspirations.

The Program

In June 2026, BravoPlus will send 90 high school students from Florida—along with trained teacher chaperones—on a two-week cultural immersion program in Spain.

Students will:

- Live with carefully vetted Spanish host families
- Attend daily Spanish language classes
- Engage in cultural excursions and peer exchanges
- Spend Sundays integrated with host families for deeper connection
- Be supported by a 1:5 chaperone-to-student ratio, in collaboration with local coordinators

This program is designed not only to teach language and culture, but to build lifelong confidence, curiosity, and community leadership.

Impact

International education drives measurable improvements in:

- Academic achievement
- Language fluency
- Intercultural competence
- Graduation and college enrollment rates

Budget & Funding Needs

BravoPlus seeks to raise \$500,000 to fully fund the 2026 Home Stay Study Program. This includes:

- Roundtrip airfare
- Homestay accommodations
- Daily meals
- Spanish language instruction
- Guided excursions and peer programs
- Ground transportation
- Student and chaperone stipends
- Program administration

Your gift in any amount ensures this opportunity is completely free to participating families, removing all financial barriers to life-changing growth.

Your Role in Changing Lives


Your support helps a student reach beyond their zip code, gain global fluency, and return home empowered to lead in their community. By investing in BravoPlus, you're helping build a more equitable world—one student at a time.

Every donation transforms a life, strengthens a community, and shapes a future.

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