



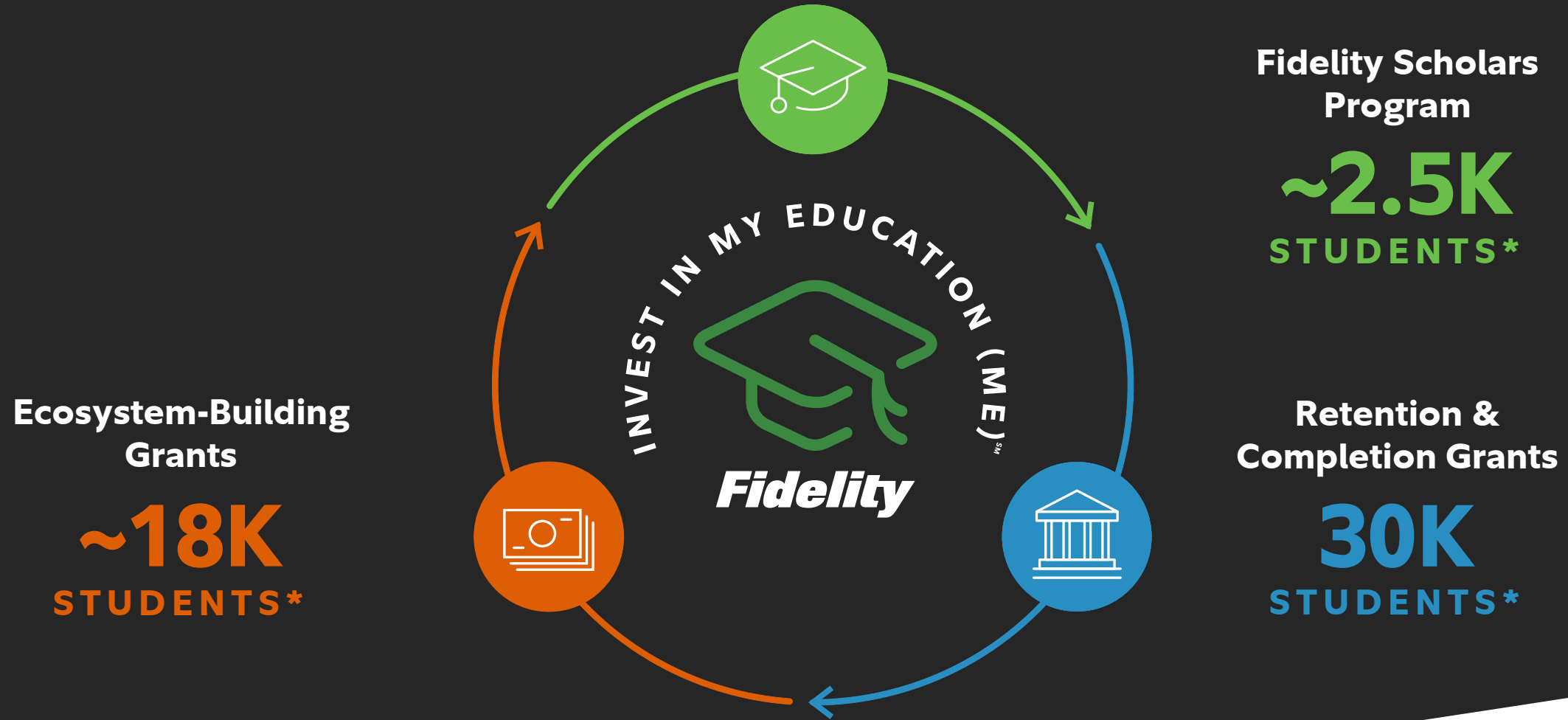
# Invest in My Education & The Fidelity Scholars Program

Community College Initiative



# A Holistic Approach to Transformational Change

Invest in ME's \$250M community investment serving more than 50k students



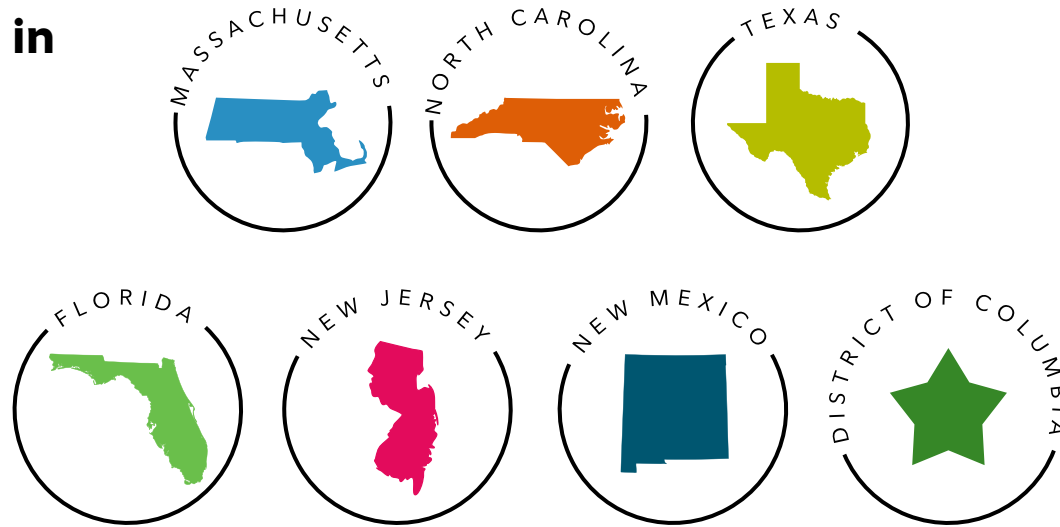
\* Over 5 years, 2023 - 2027



# Invest in ME's \$250M community investment

**National launch started in  
3 pilot regions**

**WITH THREE  
STRATEGIC NATIONAL  
ORGANIZATIONS**



**Expanding to 3  
more regions**



## **Region Selection Criteria:**

- Fidelity presence
- Regions were selected based on the underserved and underrepresented populations.
- Existing inequities and needs

\*Each region has a complex landscape of higher ed institutions, some with higher graduation rates than others



# Inaugural Class Profile

200  
TOTAL SCHOLARS



\$2.85m  
SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED

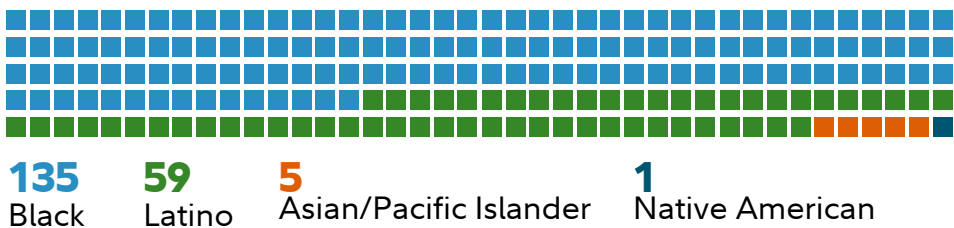


65%  
of Scholars are first in their families to attend college

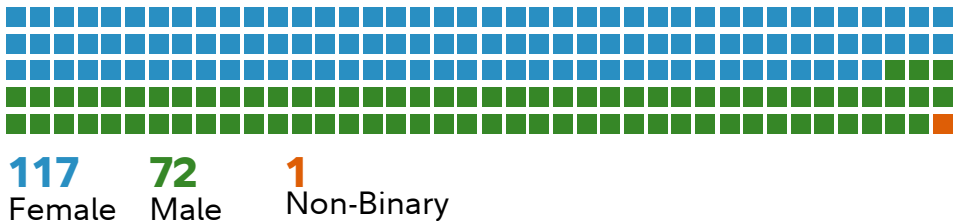


61%  
of students have a GPA between 3.01% and 3.5%

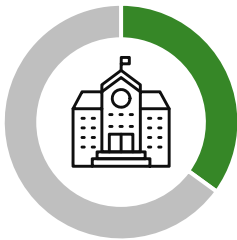
### Scholars by Ethnicity



### Scholars by Gender Identity



150  
Fidelity mentors



35%  
of students are attending a HBCU or HSI



# Helping students reach their potential

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# Improving Community College Completion Outcomes

- **Accelerated completion**

Financial assistance to complete your associate degree, saving you time and money while ensuring students acquire the skills and knowledge needed for success.

- **Career-focused pathways**

Students pursuing careers in finance, health and STEM.

- **Mentorship and career readiness**

Paired with a Fidelity Mentor, students gain access to workshops and networking opportunities designed to enhance professional skills and expand career prospects.

- **Personalized guidance**

Receive personalized guidance from college success coaches who are dedicated to helping students navigate their educational and career journey with confidence.





# The Ideal Applicant

- **Demonstrate** tenacity, drive, resilience and a commitment to their chosen path
- Students **who do not have funding** to enroll full-time
- Students who may have dropped out but are **interested in returning full-time** to complete their degree or certificate program
  - **STEM, financial services, or health related degree or certificate program.** (Ex. Accounting, Financial Management, Personal Finance)
- Students who are **seeking to go directly into the workforce** upon completion of a community college credential



# Opportunity for the Mighty Middle

Application for the 2024-25 award year

## ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

1

**At least 18 years**  
**U.S. citizens or have**  
**legal permanent resident**  
**status**

2

**High school diploma**  
**or GED**  
**Minimum**  
**unweighted GPA of**  
**2.5 or above**

3

**Enrolling or**  
**currently enrolled**  
**with no more than**  
**32 earned credits**  
*(up-to one year of*  
*credit in accordance*  
*with institutional*  
*guidelines)*

4

**Must be working**  
**toward their first**  
**degree or certificate**

5

**Pell eligible and/or**  
**demonstrate**  
**financial need**





# Applicants must be prepared to fully engage in the Fidelity Scholars Program:

- Connecting with **Fidelity mentors**
- Attending **College Success Coach** meetings
- Participating in Fidelity Scholars **virtual and in-person programs**



This is a three hour per month commitment.



# Process for Community College Partners



## **Submit Nomination Form**

Community College partners identify students who will benefit and meet eligibility requirements on a rolling basis by July 11.



## **Support student finalists**

UNCF will notify Community College Partners of students selected & communicate with them their application process.



## **Verify student enrollment**

UNCF will notify Community College Partners students who have been selected to confirm their attendance.





# Application Process for Nominees



## **Nominated students invited**

UNCF will email nominated students an invitation-only link to complete the application process.



## **Submit application**

Students to create a UNCF profile and complete the applications through secured link within 2 weeks of receipt of email invitation.



## **Complete video interview**

Students who meet the eligibility requirements will be asked to complete a 15-minute interview



# Nominees to complete



Create profile  
on the UNCF  
website



Complete the  
FAFSA

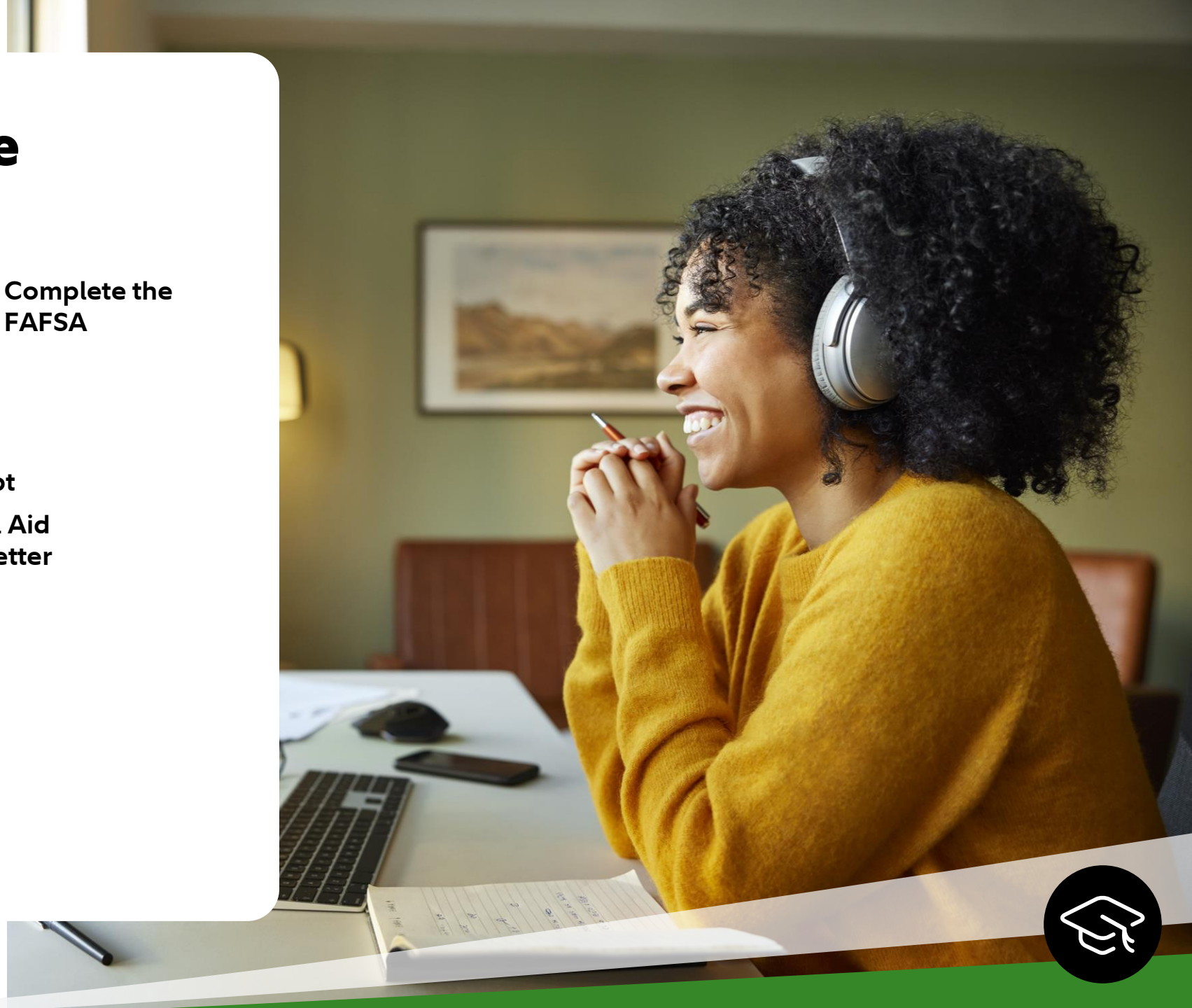


Complete the  
Application for  
the Fidelity  
Scholars Program

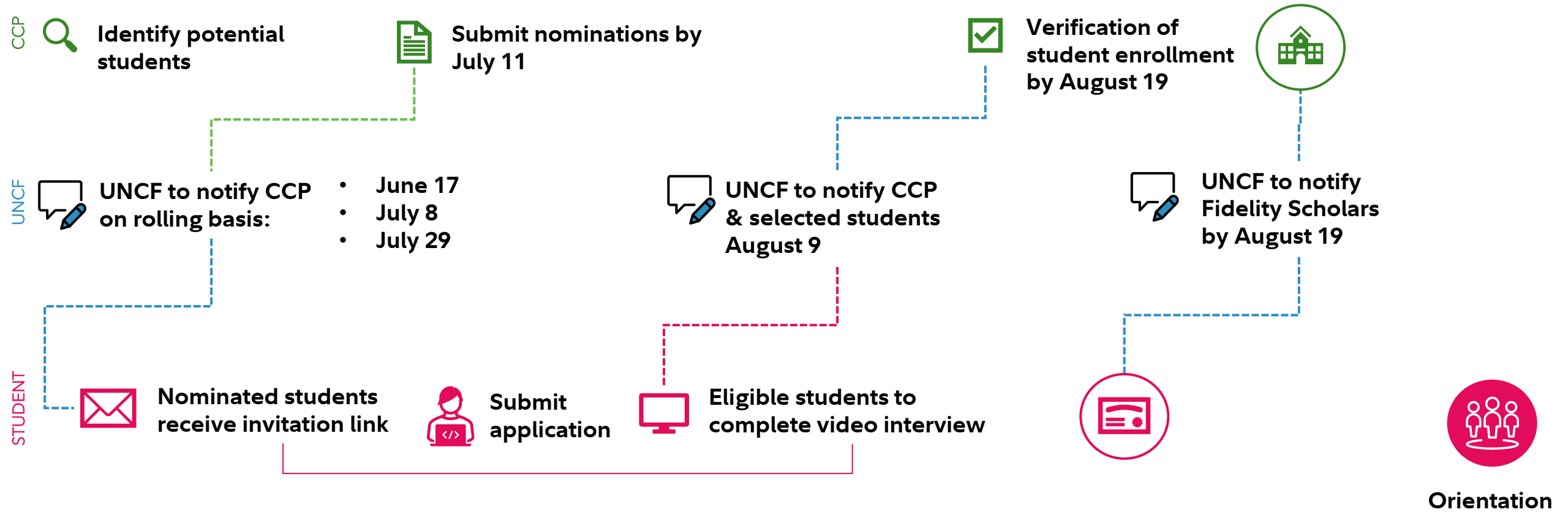
- ✓ Transcript
- ✓ Financial Aid  
Award Letter



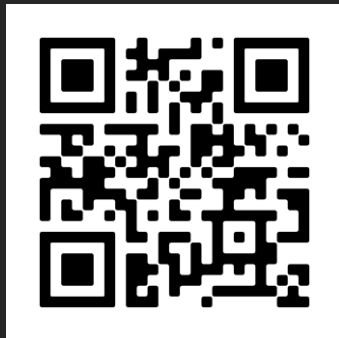
Video interview



# Fidelity Application Process







# Questions



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