

DENVER KIDS CHAMPIONS FAQ



What is the Champions giving circle?

The Champions program is a small giving circle of generous individual donors, like you, who link arms to support one of the five satellite regions we serve by pledging a minimum of \$5,000 for five years. We refer to this giving circle as your “cohort.”

What is a Denver Kids “satellite?”

Denver Kids serves 1,250 students in 144 Denver Public Schools. Those schools and students are located in five “satellites” or regions throughout Denver: Near Northeast, Far Northeast, Northwest, Southeast, and Southwest.

Will I be matched with a satellite in the part of town where I live or work?

Possibly, but not necessarily. Familiarity with the satellite region is also not necessary.

Will I interact with students or staff?

While there will be opportunities to meet students in our program, the majority of your interactions will be with a Denver Kids Educational Counselor.

Does my participation as a Champion require me to volunteer?

No, you are not required to volunteer.

What kind of onboarding will I receive?

Prior to meeting with staff or students, all new Champions will attend a Denver Kids onboarding session. Given our unique relationship with Denver Public Schools, additional trainings—including poverty, bias, and inclusivity workshops—will be made available throughout the year.

Given there will be some interactions with students, will I need to have a background check?

Yes. Careful screening helps ensure the safety of the students in our program, while also managing our organization’s risk and liability.

Will I be notified when new donors join my cohort?

As each cohort forms—meaning, while we’re actively recruiting \$5,000+ donors to pledge their support for five years to collectively help meet the \$50,000/year goal—Champions will be notified as their giving circle grows. The \$50,000 will support as many as 25 students in our program for one year.

Once a cohort is established, Denver Kids will arrange a kick-off meeting at the satellite location for Champions and Educational Counselors to meet.

How will I know that students in my satellite are progressing?

As a Champion, you will be invited to attend semiannual satellite meetings. Additionally, you will also receive student profile stories and quarterly updates on students' successes, challenges, and significant milestones.

Will the Champions have opportunities to meet?

We will host an introductory Champion cohort meet-and-greet along with quarterly coffee meetings and informal happy hours. An annual event for all Champions will also be held.

How will Champions be recognized?

Champions will be listed on the Denver Kids website and publicly recognized as a group at the annual breakfast in May. Names will be included in the breakfast event program and other public donor listings, unless a donor wishes to remain anonymous.

I know someone who might be interested in joining me as a Champion. What should I do?

The impact of your giving grows exponentially when you refer our Champions program to your network of friends and family. Please contact the Denver Kids development team at 720.423.2470 to discuss in greater detail. We look forward to providing you with information about our organization and the Champions program for you to share.

Should I approach my company about being a Champion?

The Champions program is actually best suited for individuals. However, strong partnerships with businesses are critical to the success of our dropout prevention and youth intervention programs. Your company can support us through a variety of ways including: student career exploration opportunities, philanthropic gifts that sustain our work, employee volunteer opportunities, and event underwriting. Contact our development team at 720.423.2470 to tailor a partnership that meets your community relations goals while also furthering our mission to help Denver Public Schools students, grades K-12, successfully complete high school, pursue post-secondary options, and become contributing members of the community.



**Ready to make a meaningful impact?
Become a Champion today!**

