

# What You Should Know About HBCUs & PBIs

## What are HBCUs and PBIs?

HBCUs (Historically Black Colleges and Universities) are institutions founded before 1964, and were designed to extend higher education opportunities to Black Americans at a time when this privilege was limited. There are approximately 100 HBCUs around the country, with one even being housed in the state of Delaware!

PBIs (Predominantly Black Institutions) also aim to educate Black American students and were founded after 1964. They play a significant role in serving historically underrepresented groups in higher education and giving them access to supportive learning environments.

HBCU's must serve a minimum of 70% black students and 50% students from low income households?

Both provide culturally affirming spaces that help students thrive socially and academically.

## Why are these institutions important?

HBCUs and PBIs not only give students the tools to succeed in the real world like other colleges and universities, but are spaces for underrepresented students to find community and be celebrated in higher education.

## Financial Aid

- Did you know that there are scholarships created for Black and African American scholars like you? Look through our Scholarship Compendium <https://scholarships.delawarestudentsuccess.org/> to learn more! Being a Delaware student will give you a higher chance of earning a scholarship from our state."
- "Do you need help applying to FAFSA? Be sure to check out our website and use StandByMe to get one-on-one help from a trained expert!"
- Also scholarship opportunities specifically for underrepresented students
- Delaware Student Success FAFSA Page: <https://www.delawarestudentsuccess.org/fafsa/>

# Delaware State University (DSU)

## Delaware's HBCU

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### Get to Know DSU!

- The Universities Mission is “to leverage a proud HBCU legacy and commitment to excellence in every field of human endeavor to enhance the recruitment and preparation of talented professionals to contribute to a sustainable, global community.”
- Over 70% of all students at DSU identify as Black or African American.
- DSU has over 60 programs, including associate, bachelor's, master's, and doctoral degrees—from agriculture and business to health sciences and education.
- See more here: <https://www.desu.edu/>

### Finding Community on Campus!

Many colleges and universities have a Black Student Union or other organizations to help students build meaningful connections. When you get to campus, be sure to attend your school's RSO or activities fair to learn more about the clubs, sororities and fraternities, and other extracurricular groups available to you!”

#### Some examples at DSU include:

- Delaware State African Student Association (ASA)
- Black Broadcasters Alliance & NABJ (National Association of Black Journalists): <https://chess.desu.edu/departments/mass-communications-visual-performing-arts/student-organizations>
- Fraternities & Sororities (e.g. Alpha Kappa Alpha, Delta Sigma Theta, Omega Psi Phi, Phi Beta Sigma, Zeta Phi Beta): <https://www.desu.edu/student-life/student-organizations/fraternity-sorority-life>
- Black Male Initiative Conference: <https://www.desu.edu/news/2025/02/annual-black-male-initiative-conference-held-dsu>

#### Other HBCUs to consider :

- Lincoln University: <https://www.lincoln.edu/index.html>
- Howard University: <https://howard.edu/>
- Morgan State University: <https://www.morgan.edu/>

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about HBCUs and PBIs?

<https://www.delawarestudentsuccess.org/what-are-minority-serving-institutions/>



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