# **COLLEGE ASSISTANCE MIGRANT PROGRAM**



The College Assistance Migrant Program at Millersville University (CAMP or MU CAMP) provides support and retention services to first-year university students from migrant and seasonal farm worker families. CAMP works with campus faculty, student services and community based organizations to help students make the most of their educational opportunities.

#### **ABOUT CAMP**

CAMP was launched at Millersville University in 2016 in connection with the Migrant Education Program on campus through a grant awarded by the U.S. Department of Education's Office of Migrant Education. CAMP serves approximately 2,000 participants annually throughout the U.S. Migrant students experience distinct and complex challenges within the education system and CAMP is committed to helping these students achieve academic success to insure future career opportunities.

### **ABOUT CAMP STUDENTS**

MU CAMP aims to serve at least 20 new students each academic year and continues to provide academic and social support to "CAMP Alumni" throughout the students' stay at Millersville. CAMP students represent diverse nationalities, including Bhutan, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Egypt, Haiti, Iraq, Karen, Mexico, Myanmar, Nepal, Thailand and USA. Often times, CAMP student's second or third language is English, and many are first generation college students, which means their families are experiencing the process of going to college for the first time. CAMP students come to Millersville University as freshmen or as transfer students with less than 24 credits and enroll in a variety of majors from Biology to Business Administration to Education.

## **SCHOLARSHIPS**

Financial assistance is awarded to all first year CAMP students to support them with the financial responsibility of paying for college. Students receive a tuition scholarship, room and board scholarship, and financial assistance to be used for travel and books. The CAMP scholarship is competitive and will be awarded based on applicant needs, strength of application and program capacity. Acceptance of the scholarship includes adhering to the CAMP "Good Standing Agreement," which outlines the academic and participatory expectations students must follow.



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#### **SERVICES**

Comprehensive academic, social and financial services are provided to all CAMP students and alumni. Students are given access to educational supplies and equipment, laptops and iPads, academic advisement, tutoring, exposure to STEM disciplines and skills workshops. Program staff work closely with other departments, offices and programs within the MU community to insure that students are receiving, accessing and engaging in all applicable services offered by the university.

#### STUDENT EMPLOYMENT

Opportunities to develop leadership skills and gain work experience will be offered to students by MU CAMP. Alumni and freshman CAMP students can apply for positions as peer mentors, translators, CAMP assistants and various other opportunities as they become available.

#### FACILITIES

The CAMP Support Center is located at 114 Stayer Hall and serves as the central location for all MU CAMP activities as well as the offices of the CAMP Counselor/Resource Coordinator and the CAMP Secretary. At the Support Center, students fulfill study session hours, socialize with other CAMP students, receive assistance and guidance with questions and concerns, can print and copy documents, as well as have access to many other educational supplies and equipment. The CAMP Director's office is located close by at Pike House which serves as the Central Office of the Migrant Education Program on campus.



"CAMP helped me emotionally and financially." – A. Aguero Dominguez, Class of 2021

#### **ELIGIBILITY**

Individuals are eligible to be a CAMP student if they or their parents worked at least 75 days in the past 24 months in migrant/seasonal farm work that is not a constant year-round activity. This includes crop, dairy, poultry, or livestock production as well as the cultivation or harvesting of trees or on a fish farm. Individuals are also eligible if they have participated in a Migrant Education Program (MEP) at any point in their lifetime.

#### **HOW TO APPLY**

CAMP students will need to complete an application for admission to Millersville University as well as a CAMP application. CAMP applications are accepted year round but it is best to complete an application as soon as possible. A PDF copy can be downloaded from the "How to Apply" section of the MU CAMP website. For a paper copy or for assistance with completing the application, please contact the CAMP staff at the information provided below. The Millersville University application must be completed online at www.millersville.edu/admissions/undergrad. Please contact the MU Admissions Office at 1-800-MU-ADMIT or 717-871-4625, or by email at admissions@millersville.edu for assistance.

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