C5 Youth Foundation of Texas changes the odds for high-potential youth from risk-filled environments, inspiring them to pursue personal success and preparing them for leadership roles in college, work and their communities.

C5 Texas exists because at-risk students can and should graduate from high school and attend and succeed in college, but statistics say they will not without significant intervention. To combat that trend, C5 makes a five-year commitment to successfully guide each of our students through the complicated process of graduating from high school, and preparing for and succeeding in college. Our solution includes character and leadership development, mentoring, academic and educational opportunities, community service, assistance in pursuing higher education that give our at-risk youth the chance for a brighter future.

What our Five C’s mean!

We provide our Leaders with experience in a summer camp setting, year-round leadership development programs, community service and preparation for continuing education and career development.

- Character Driven
- Community Focused
- Challenge Ready
- College Bound
- Committed to a Better Future

Our 2018-2019 Leaders:

- 41% MALE
- 59% FEMALE
- 17% AFRICAN AMERICAN
- 3% ASIAN
- 12% BIRACIAL
- 54% HISPANIC
- 14% WHITE

100% of C5 Leaders graduate high school on-time
98% enroll in college
90% year to year retention rate
80% of C5 spaces are reserved for youth from families where neither parent has graduated from college

Each C5 graduate has performed 250+ hours of service

Signature Summer Experiences

Our summer experiences provide our Leaders with opportunities to be exposed to a 25-day camping environment, a hiking adventure in the Tetons Valley National Park, a college tour/life experience across Texas and surrounding states and a curriculum focused group experience to improve skills needed for college success: collaboration, investigation, decision-making, writing, presentation.

52 ATTENDED C5’s Camp Leadership U & Camp Leadership U2
35 ATTENDED C5’s Bridges Trek
32 ATTENDED C5’s Road to College
26 ATTENDED C5’s Actively Changing Tomorrow (A.C.T.) Now Summit

Pathways

C5 provides a series of intentional educational and interactive experiences that helps youth achieve outcomes, as well as learn 21st century leadership development skills, and engage in community service.

30 PATHWAYS were offered in the 2018-2019 school year

Leadership Summit and Graduation

This annual professional development conference focuses on leadership, college and career development skills. The graduation portion celebrates the end of the programming year, as well as our graduating seniors and transitions Leaders to the next level.

C5 Texas helped me develop the leadership skills, self-reflection, and concern for community that have not only been instrumental to my success, but inform the work I want to do going forward. In my research and clinical work, I am interested in violent injury prevention in teens, prevention of gun violence, and interventions that promote health equity both locally and globally. My hope is that my work helps promote justice in and through healthcare.

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