



Parent Powered Solutions Fund Request for Proposal Overview

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The Postsecondary Success for Parents Initiative

The **Aspen Postsecondary Success for Parents Initiative** is dedicated to identifying challenges faced by **student parents** on their **journey towards postsecondary completion** and finding solutions to those challenges

With funding from Imaginable Futures, we are investing \$150,000 into **organizations that serve student parents** and are committed to engaging student parents in leadership practices.

Goals of the Webinar

- 🗨️ Review the Parent Powered Solutions Fund RFP;
- 🗨️ Provide background on the key criteria in the RFP;
- 🗨️ Provide an opportunity to learn from student parents through a Parent Advisor panel; and
- 🗨️ Provide opportunities for Q&A with Parent Advisors

The Aspen Institute: Principles that Endure and Inspire

The Aspen Institute is a global nonprofit organization committed to realizing a free, just, and equitable society. Founded in 1949, the Institute drives change through dialogue, leadership, and action to help solve the most important challenges facing the United States and the world.

Headquartered in Washington, DC, the Institute has a campus in Aspen, Colorado, and an international network of partners.



Ascend at the Aspen Institute: A New Way Forward for Children and Families

Ascend at the Aspen Institute is the national hub for breakthrough ideas and collaborations that move children and the adults in their lives toward educational success, economic security, and health and well-being.

We embrace a two-generation approach and a commitment to racial equity and a gender lens. How we work:

- **Convene and communicate**
- **Build leadership and a national network**
- **Advance practice and policy solutions**



2Gen Core Components



The Two-Generation (2Gen) Approach



Two-generation (2Gen) approaches build family well-being by intentionally and simultaneously working with children and the adults in their lives together.

Ascend Parent Advisors



The 11 Cohort II Parent Advisors are representative of the demographics of the students who are parents across the United States. They are dedicated to the highest quality of education, inspiration, and engagement in the national student parent community. Parent Advisors advocate for equitable access to postsecondary education, training programs, and family support for students who are parenting by sharing knowledge and best practices.

Presenters



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Goals of the Parent Powered Solutions Fund

- 🗣️ Place **parent voices** and their experiences at the **center of philanthropic decision-making**;
- 🗣️ Expand **opportunities to share parent and family narratives** and recommendations with practitioners, policymakers, and philanthropists at local and national levels
- 🗣️ Better understand and **support community-based organizations in strengthening their programming and advocacy for parents** pursuing postsecondary degrees and credentials; and
- 🗣️ Surface and **support solutions parents believe to be most effective.**

Eligibility

To be eligible for the Parent Powered Solutions Fund grants, applicant organizations must be:

- Working to implement or expand undergraduate (or first postsecondary credential) programs and policies that benefit parents and engage them in creation and iteration;
- Serving parents with low income up to 200 percent below the federal poverty line;
- Committed to documenting and sharing results, learning, and tools with the field;
- A 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization (excluding K-12 schools) including, but not limited to, programs that support postsecondary access and completion for parents and programs that provide supports during the summer before enrollment; and
- Located within the United States.

Priority

Priority will be given to applicants whose organizations:

- Bring a racial equity and intersectional lens to their work;
- Propose producing new tools, knowledge, and strategies;
- Include parents in decision-making;
- Hire students who are parents to serve other student parents; and
- Serve the children of the parents in their program.

Using the RFP Submission Form

- 🗨 Organizations will use a submission form online to submit their full proposals (RFPs). The form link is on the RFP splash page.
- 🗨 Questions should be sent to aspenppsfRFP@aspeninstitute.org



Aspen Postsecondary Success for Parents
Initiative Parent Powered Solutions Fund
Proposal Submission



Cover Sheet Information

Applicant Organization *	<input type="text"/>
Employer Identification Number *	<input type="text"/>
Address of Organization *	<input type="text"/>

Panel Discussion



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Q&A





**Thank you for
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