

Make your move to become a MassMutual academic achiever!



Have you heard about the MassMutual Academic Achievement Program?

It's been around since 1985 and its intent is to reward, recognize and motivate students to get better grades. It offers you opportunities you might not get otherwise. It's available to students who attend high schools in Springfield, Mass.

Every student is automatically eligible to participate in the MassMutual Academic Achievement Program. To qualify for program benefits, you must be recognized as a MassMutual Academic Achiever or Rising Achiever.

Rising Achiever

Get grades on your report card that average out to a B or better and you earn Rising Achiever status.

MassMutual Academic Achiever

Maintain a "B or better average" on your report card with no F's for the four consecutive marking periods from January to January (marking periods 3 & 4 of your current school year and 1 & 2 of your next school year) to become a MassMutual Academic Achiever. As long as you maintain a "B or better average," you'll keep your Academic Achiever status. When you achieve this status you'll get a bronze medallion. Do it for two years (not necessarily consecutively), get a silver medallion. Three years – you've got a gold one.

MassMutual Achiever Club

Join your school's MassMutual **Achiever Club** and help one another succeed. Club members get the word out about the MassMutual Academic Achievement Program and encourage students to join in. Also consider being an officer in your MassMutual Achiever Club and learn valuable leadership skills.

MassMutual Academic Achiever Citywide Student Planning Council

Represent your school as a member of the MassMutual Academic Achiever **Citywide Student Planning Council**. Working with school and company representatives, students on the council help plan celebrations for students who achieve success in the program.

MassMutual Academic Achiever Conference – Building Your Future

Do you have a plan to help build your future? Do you have the needed tools and materials? **The MassMutual Building Your Future Conference** will give you the tools and knowledge to help you construct the blueprint for your life. The day is full of rewards, provided to you *free of charge*, as a benefit of being a MassMutual Academic Achiever. You will be invited to the Western New England College campus to take part in a variety of hands-on activities that explore different careers and provide you with information on how to pay for and apply to college.

PSAT Early Participation Program – Free

Springfield High School **Sophomores** – learn about the college application process and what is expected of you academically in college by taking part in **free PSAT testing** available to you through the collaborative efforts of The College Board, MassMutual and the Springfield Public Schools. After taking the test your school along with The College Board will help you identify any weak areas and provide you with guidance and coursework to help you improve your score. You may find out that you could benefit from taking more challenging Advanced Placement



We'll help you get there.®

coursework to better prepare you for college and even earn some college credit.

SAT Prep Online Course – Free

Springfield High School **Juniors**—can take advantage of **The College Board’s SAT Online course**. It is available anytime, all you need is a computer with internet access. Students may take six full-length practice exams, with immediate feedback on their performance. You will receive a personalized plan for strengthening weak areas to help you improve your score on the test. This program is at no cost to students and their families, courtesy of MassMutual.

Awards Ceremony

When all is said and done, the school year ends with an awards ceremony planned by each school’s MassMutual Achiever Club. Each school plans their own event featuring an award medallion ceremony in which MassMutual Academic Achievers receive their bronze, silver and gold medallions. Many clubs have speakers and parties as a part of their ceremony.

MassMutual Scholars Program - Career Pathways Scholarships

How will you pay for college? As a MassMutual Academic Achiever your senior year, you’re eligible to apply for a MassMutual scholarship. Students from Hampden County, Mass. and Hartford County, Conn. attending colleges in Massachusetts, Connecticut; or other specified college that are interested in careers in financial services may be eligible to apply for a MassMutual Scholarship.

If you’re awarded a scholarship, MassMutual will continue to renew it as long as you continue to keep your grades up. That’s \$5,000 per year, up to \$20,000 for 4 years. Apply online at www.communityfoundation.org.

Junior Achievement (JA) Job Shadow

What would it be like to work at MassMutual? What kind of career do I see myself in? Discover the possibilities and

what a day at work at MassMutual is like by taking part in the annual JA Job Shadow event. MassMutual Academic Achievers can participate through their MassMutual Academic Achiever Clubs. Please contact your advisor to find out more.

Junior Achievement (JA) Stock Market Challenge

How will you and a team of 3 fellow Academic Achievers invest \$500,000 in the NYSE? Start thinking about the possibilities because when the bell rings at the MassMutual Center, every 80 seconds is a new trading day. Learn more about the stock exchange, how it works and what traders do each day by taking part in this event. Please contact your MassMutual Academic Achiever Club Advisor to find out more.

Internships

MassMutual Scholars – Career Pathways Career Readiness Program & Internships

MassMutual Scholarship recipients are also eligible to apply for internships at MassMutual that will provide them with hands on experience in the financial services industry. In preparation, MassMutual Scholars attend career readiness workshops annually.

MassMutual IT Academy offers summer internships to eligible students from Springfield, Mass. Students are assigned to work in areas that allow them to use their computer technology skills. Students may be selected to continue their internships on a part-time basis during the school year.

Center for Youth Internship and Employment (CYIE)

MassMutual works with Springfield Public Schools and the Center for Youth Internships and Employment (CYIE), a program of the Regional Employment Board, to select eligible high school seniors to participate in internship opportunities at MassMutual.

For more information on the MassMutual Academic Achievement Program and Career Pathways, contact Pam Mathison at 413-744-2169 or pmathison@massmutual.com.

