Wilmington Succeeds

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Educational Attainment Rate: Bachelor’s +
• Address the issue of “brain-drain”

• Make local college more accessible/affordable

• Value graduates staying in the community

• Provide incentives for home ownership
A PATH TO QUALITY EDUCATION AND QUALITY OF LIFE.

BACKGROUND

TO APPLY
A PATH TO QUALITY EDUCATION AND QUALITY OF LIFE.

Ensuring that Wilmington is *always* a great place to call home.

The Wilmington Succeeds program is truly a collaborative effort linking public and private institutions in Wilmington. The effort is being spear-headed by the City of Wilmington (Mayor Randy Riley), the Clinton County Regional Planning Commission (Executive Director Chris Schock), Wilmington College (President Jim Reynolds), Southern State Community College (President Kevin Boys), and the Wilmington City Schools District (Superintendent Ron Sexton) with each institution providing resources to help Wilmington be more proactive in attracting and retaining college graduates in the community.

Efforts focused on young professional development began in early 2012 as Mayor Riley hosted a first-ever young professional round-table, which eventually led to a 2013 community attitudes study on young professionals in Clinton County through a partnership between the Clinton County Regional Planning Commission, Ohio University, and Energize Clinton County. Following these efforts, discussions began that eventually led to the Wilmington Succeeds program, which is designed to help counter a decreasing educational attainment rate within Wilmington and retain local college graduates.
Guide student through post-secondary option and college credit plus programs. Promote programs at WC and SSCC.

Provide special gap funding scholarships for students that graduate from Wilmington City Schools.

Wilmington College provides to qualifying Junior-level students (at the college), who graduated from Wilmington High School, with a special loan that at graduation will be 75% forgiven and the additional 25% forgiven if the graduate remains a resident of the City of Wilmington for two years.

The City of Wilmington has created a special fund that will award $2,500 homesteading grants to recent college graduates (3 years<) who purchase a home in the community.
12 scholarships to Wilmington College and SSCC
6 of WC Scholarships
7 Homesteading Grants ($2,500 each)
2017- Forward

• Expand to other county schools.

• Increase participation at all levels.

• Increase homesteading grant awards and total amounts.

• See increases in bachelors+ educational attainment rates.