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# Back to School Isn’t Just for Kids at [INSERT NAME OF LIBRARY]

**[INSERT NAME OF CITY/COUNTY]** Residents without a High School Diploma Are Eligible to Enroll in Gale Presents: Excel Adult High School

**City/Town, State, Date —** Back-to-school season creates a renewed feeling of potential. Kids are collecting school supplies, teachers are decorating classrooms, and some adults are finding ways to continue their education. At **[INSERT NAME OF LIBRARY]**,adults **[INSERT YOUR LIBRARY’S AGE REQUIREMENT]** havethe opportunity to finish high school online with *Gale Presents: Excel Adult High School*. This accredited program, provided by Gale, part of Cengage Group, helps adults graduate high school in a flexible environment, entirely online, and with dedicated support from success coaches and tutors. With the ability to transfer existing credits and earn a high school diploma in 24 months or less, *Excel Adult High School* makes adults more motivated than ever to go back to school.

[According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics,](https://www.bls.gov/careeroutlook/2023/data-on-display/education-pays.htm)1 high school graduates in the United States earn nearly $10,000 more annually than those without a high school diploma, experience lower unemployment rates than the national average, and are less likely to live in poverty. The latest U.S. Census Bureau data reveals more than **[INSERT RELEVANT STATISTIC FROM U.S. CENSUS BUREAU DATA]** adults in **[INSERT NAME OF CITY]** don’t have a high school degree or equivalent.

“**[INSERT NAME OF LIBRARY]** is excited to bring adults in our community this second chance to advance their educations and achieve their career goals,” said **[INSERT NAME AND TITLE OF LIBRARY SPOKESPERSON]**.“Earning a high school diploma can change a person’s life, and *Gale Presents: Excel Adult High School* allows us to lower the barrier to graduation in **[INSERT NAME OF CITY]**.”

“We’re proud to help **[INSERT NAME OF LIBRARY]** make a positive impact in their community by offering *Gale Presents: Excel Adult High School*,” said Shawn Clark, senior vice president, domestic learning, at Gale. “This flexible high school completion program proves it’s never too late to earn your diploma and go after your dreams. We hope this access inspires more adults in **[INSERT NAME OF CITY]** to return to school this fall.”

**[INSERT NAME OF LIBRARY]** will award scholarships for *Gale Presents: Excel Adult High School* to residents who qualify. Features of the program:

* The accredited high school diploma is accepted by colleges, employers, and the military (it isn’t an equivalency exam).
* The 21.5-credit curriculum is aligned to national standards. Learners can select from more than 100 core academic, elective, and college-level courses.
* There’s no cost to eligible students.
* The program is 100% online, with 24/7 access to courses.
* The schedule is flexible and self-paced—learners can finish in 24 months or less. Students can graduate sooner with transfer credits.
* Transfer credits are accepted from previous high school(s) and passed portions of the GED®, HiSET®, or TASC exams.
* Unlimited one-on-one tutoring sessions and support from success coaches are offered.
* Course translations and read-aloud tools for English language learners are available.
* Students can earn up to 21 free college credits through ACE (American Council on Education) courses.
* The counseling team can assist with course selection, college planning, and career guidance.

Interested residents can visit **[INSERT URL TO LIBRARY’S EXCEL LANDING PAGE]** to learn more about *Gale Presents: Excel Adult High School*.

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