

TABLE 1 Veterinary Medicine Pipeline/Pathway Programs*

NAME	DESCRIPTION
Organizations	
blendVET	A youth veterinary pipeline program that supports middle and high school students from underrepresented and marginalized communities throughout North America. blendVET’s Believe and Belong in Veterinary Medicine program introduces students to a variety of opportunities within veterinary medicine. The students get a chance to engage with diverse professionals, gain real-life experiences through different workshops, and even interact with live animals. This program is perfect for students who are interested in veterinary medicine and don’t know which route to choose. Resources are also available to parents to help support their child’s budding interest. Check out blendVET’s website and when the program will be in your city (or you can even invite the organization)! Not only does blendVET offer a youth program but also opportunity for professional development.
The Diversify Veterinary Medicine Coalition (DVMC)	An organization that bolsters and exemplifies diversity. Attraction and retention of diverse veterinary professional students is difficult, which is why DVMC provides scholarships, education grants, networking opportunities, and community that supports early career professionals from marginalized communities.
Pawsibilities Vet Med	A community of veterinary professionals creating a more diverse, equitable, and inclusive veterinary profession by supporting individuals from historically underrepresented communities at any and every point in their career journey. Pawsibilities Vet Med fuels the veterinary pipeline by educating, encouraging, and supporting individuals as young as 13 by providing a safe space for one-on-one mentoring, resources to advance veterinary careers, and encouraging exchange of ideas.
PetX Foundation	A youth pipeline program based in Atlanta, Georgia, that serves students of all ages, particularly in underrepresented/marginalized communities. PetX Foundation serves as a beacon of representation in the industry through career days, education, and hands-on workshops for students. This program gives the students an opportunity to explore the various aspects of veterinary medicine through professionals within the industry. In the future, PetX Foundation will be looking to support veterinary professionals through peer-based mentoring and hands-on and educational training.
Vet for a Day	Created by the Critter Fixers, Drs. Terrence Ferguson and Vernard Hodges, who are mixed animal veterinarians from rural Georgia. Vet for a Day is a traveling day-long program aimed at ages 12 to 16 and is unique in that there is a focus on exposing children to a variety of species, a necessity with the growing population of exotic and large animals that owners are increasingly seeking care for. A panel of veterinary professionals also shares which classes children should focus on, activities in which they should partake, and possible college majors to pursue.
Vet Set Go	The first web-based community dedicated to helping young aspiring veterinarians. Resources include volunteering and shadowing opportunities, vet camps and zoo camps, testimonials, basic veterinary education (free and paid), and more. The online and app setup allows self-paced interest to cultivate while offering hands-on opportunities once the child is ready to participate.
University/College Programs	
Iowa State University’s PA-VEAP (Production Animal — Veterinary Early Acceptance Program)	The primary goal of PA-VEAP is to recruit and retain future veterinarians practicing food animal medicine, primarily in underserved areas. Eligible students are undergraduate entrants to ISU directly from high school, identified after completing their second semester.
Tufts University pipeline programs	Multiple, including Adventures in Veterinary Medicine, K-12 Outreach and STEM Programs, and Tufts at Tech
Tuskegee University summer programs	Multiple, including Summer Enrichment & Reinforcement (SERP); Veterinary Science Training, Education, & Preparation Institute (VET STEP); and Tuskegee Summer Veterinary Research Scholars Program (TVSP)
University of Florida youth pathways and outreach programs	Multiple, with levels based on elementary and high school grades as well as undergraduate programs
University of Georgia’s VetCAMP (Veterinary Career Aptitude and Mentoring Program)	An intensive weeklong summer program designed for middle school eighth graders, high school freshmen, and high school sophomores who are interested in exploring their passion and curiosity in veterinary medicine. The goal is to build on essential skills of young prevet students and educate students and chaperones through interactive workshops focused on veterinary medicine.
University of Minnesota admissions pathway programs	Multiple, including Veterinary Food Animal Scholars Track (VetFAST), Veterinary Leadership through Early Admissions for Diversity (VetLEAD), and Native American Talent in Veterinary Education (NATIVet)
University of Pennsylvania’s EPP (Educational Pipeline Program)	A joint program between multiple UPenn schools, including the School of Veterinary Medicine. The program offers year-round health career activities and mentorship for students in local West Philadelphia high schools.
University/College Articulation Agreements	
Arizona State University–Midwestern University partnership	2 seats are held annually for ASU students applying to Midwestern University’s College of Veterinary Medicine.
Ross University’s partnership pathways program	Offers students from participating colleges, universities, and organizations numerous benefits that may include waived tuition deposit, waived application fee, priority application consideration, personal admissions interview, and designated seats.
University of Missouri’s Bachelor of Science in Veterinary Technology (BVST) program	Provide students who have earned an associate’s degree in veterinary technology from 30 partner schools the opportunity to complete a bachelor of science in veterinary technology at the University of Missouri by facilitating transfer of associate-level credits. Transfer students will also have access to financial aid and student services on the same basis as native MU students.

*This list is not exhaustive. Current as of March 2026.