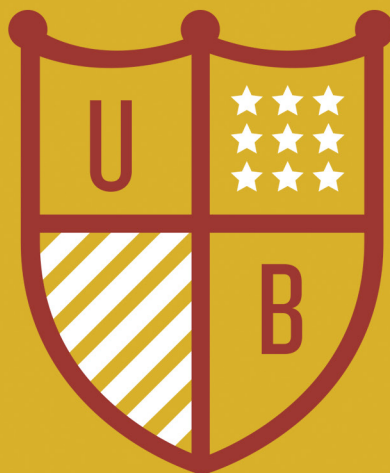


APPLICATION



UNIVERSITY BRIDGES

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The goal of the program is to develop a platform of DeKalb County youth to become college ready in order to make a meaningful impact in DeKalb County. University Bridges will offer seminars, workshops and hands- on experience to encourage development and academic achievement.

University Bridges will attract several applicants, with the mission is to select 30 students who are indifferent with the decision of post-secondary education. These students will join campus leaders for a 3 day, 2 night experience at Savannah State University, Georgia Southern University and Columbus Technical College. Throughout their stay, faculty and campus leaders will equip these students with essential fundamental elements of earning a college degree. They will learn certain aspects such as the importance of education, financial literacy, community involvement, protecting their brand, success in networking for the future, and more.

ADMINISTRATION

The University Bridges Program is administered by the DeKalb County government Office of Youth Services. The office is administered by Ms. Karrianna Turner, Manager, Division of the DeKalb County Human Services Department. The program is facilitated by Kristen Wimberly, Youth Services Liaison.

OBJECTIVES

- Increase enrollment for Colleges and Universities and provide exposure to postsecondary institutions.
- Provide opportunities for youth to interact on various cultural and social settings and establish a network of positive youth by providing mentoring.
- Develop a cohort of college ready youth.
- Giving youth the opportunity to gain more knowledge of college readiness will increase the percentages of youth that go to post-secondary institutions.
- The program is set to begin in April 2019. The application process will begin in February 2019.

PROGRAM GOAL

The Office of Youth Service's University Bridges Program aims to equip DeKalb County high school students to post-secondary exposure. Through a series of forums, workshops and hands on experience, our goal is to promote and stimulate an appreciation for colleges and universities. Having youth gain an opportunity of this hands- on experience, may increase their motivation to go to a post- secondary institution. It will also increase enrollment for the partnering Universities.



University Bridges

6 Week Workshops

College Readiness Sessions

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Session 1: Picking the College/ University for YOU!

Students will learn the important factors to consider when choosing a college/ university such as: In- State vs. Out- of- State Tuition, Colleges/Universities & Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU's), Private vs. Public Institutions, and how to select a major. By the end of the session, students will have a better idea for choosing a post-secondary institution. Student will make a list of one desirable, one attainable, and one fall-back college/university.

Session 2: Applying for Schools

Students will review the Common Application and identify necessary documentation needed for their specific college list.

Session 3: Writing is Key!

Students will learn the importance of a personal statement and letters of recommendation. Students will also learn about the importance of building a good relationship with teachers, faculty, staff and community members to acquire letters of recommendations.

Session 4: Financial Literacy

Students will review the FASFA and learn how to apply for financial aid.

Session 5: Scholarships

Students will learn how to search and apply for scholarships. They will also learn about the Pell Grant and the HOPE Scholarship (for GA residents in state only).

Session 6: Edit and Send!

Students will wrap up any uncompleted documents. Assistance will be given to students who need it in order to timely submit all documentation for colleges and scholarships.

Field Trip: College Trip (Fall 2018)

Students will get exposure of colleges/ universities during a one day field trip to Spelman College, Morehouse College, Clark- Atlanta University, Georgia State and Georgia Technical College. During the field trip, students will be able to do college tours, eat on campus, sit in different class settings, and see on- campus life!

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Deadline: Applications must be received by **March 11, 2019**

For more information, contact Kristen Wimberly, Program Liaison
Phone: (404) 371- 2641 email: kwimberly@dekalbcountyga.gov

Applications can be submitted to: **kwimberly@dekalbcountyga.gov**

Requirements

- In order to be considered, students must meet the following criteria:
- Must be a resident of DeKalb County.
- Currently enrolled in the 12th grade and attend a DeKalb County high school.
- Minimum GPA of 2.3
- Must complete all University Bridges Workshops
- Must have a completed application of Georgia Southern University and Savannah State University
- Must attend Orientation session scheduled for March 2019.
- Submittal of a COMPLETED Application
- Must have taken or are scheduled to take the SAT/ACT (Seniors Only)

APPLICATION

Dossier Section:

Applicant Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City, State, & Zip Code: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____ Age: _____

Birth Date: ____/____/____ Gender: F M Race: _____ (Optional)

High School: _____ Grade: _____ GPA: _____

Email Address: _____

Major of Interest: _____

Shirt Size: (Male Size) Circle One

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Parent/ Guardian Name: _____

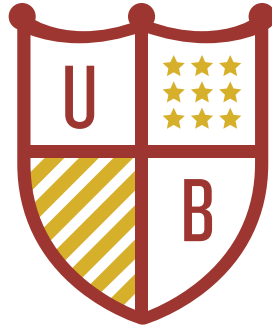
Parent/ Guardian Daytime Phone Number: _____

Parent/ Guardian email address: _____

Short Answer:

In what ways do you feel this experience will help benefit you personally?

How can University Bridges support your long- term educational and career goals?



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