



The Access Center

BRIDGE SCHOLARS PROGRAM

June 10 - August 3, 2018

Application Deadline February 13th, 2018

The Access Center is pleased to invite you to this year's **2018 Bridge Scholars Program**. This opportunity is made possible through an agreement between Colorado State University and The Access Center. The Bridge Scholars Program allows students to enroll in college level and credit-bearing courses during the 8-week Summer Session. Participants reside in a supportive and structured residential community prior to their fall enrollment. Bridge Scholars benefit from a strong network of support and services from key campus offices and departments exposing them to a wide-array of campus resources to aid in their successful transition to college. Also, students have access to special cultural, educational and recreational events sponsored and/or provided by the Bridge Scholars Program.

Selected students are required to participate in the entire 8-week Summer Session as well as attend the **Bridge Scholars Information Session on Sunday, May 6th**, 9:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m., in order to register for summer courses and take necessary placement exams.

Opening/Move-In Day on Sunday June 10th, and two weekend activities. Students have the option of staying on campus for most weekends or leaving after the last class on Friday's but are required to return by Sunday's at 6 p.m.

Students selected to participate in the program will receive a Bridge Scholars Program Grant Award worth up to \$6,500.00 to cover the following costs:

- ▶ Summer Session Tuition and Fees for six academic credit hours
- ▶ Room and Board (including meals) in Corbett Hall
- ▶ Miscellaneous Expenses (i.e. books and supplies)

Additionally, admitted students who will begin their enrollment at Colorado State University in the fall and who participate in and complete the summer Bridge Program will receive a **Bridge Partnership Award** in the amount of \$12,500 (\$2,500 per academic year). The exception will be for those students who have already received a Partnership Award (only one Partnership Award per student is allowed). Students receiving the Partnership Award are required to join either the Academic Advancement Center and/or the Key Communities Residential Learning Community. Students will learn more about this option at the May 6th event.

Please carefully read the information below regarding the Bridge Scholars Program eligibility requirements and the application and selection process.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

To apply for the Bridge Scholars Program, all applicants **must** meet the following eligibility requirements:

- 1) **Demonstrate Financial Need** as referenced in the Application Requirements section below.
- 2) **Be a first-generation student**, meaning that neither the father or mother, nor parent/guardian has earned a bachelor's or graduate degree.
- 3) **Be a Colorado resident*** for tuition classification purposes (DACA & Asset Students are eligible to apply).

*If you are eligible under the Colorado ASSET Bill, a completed CSU Institutional Aid Application is required instead of the FAFSA. See your RAMweb.colostate.edu, Financial Aid, 2016-2017, requirements screen for further information or contact Sylvia Martinez with questions at (970) 491-1570 or Sylvia.Martinez@colostate.edu.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

The completed Bridge Scholars Program Application **must be submitted by Tuesday, February 13th, 2018**. A complete application consists of the following:

Application: <http://accesscenter.colostate.edu/application-process>

- Bridge Scholars Program Application
- Completed Essay Responses located on the website above in application
- Financial Aid Application and confirmation page: List CSU for FAFSA: CSU's federal school code is **001350**
 1. Submit the **2017-2018** FAFSA form (needed for summer financial aid & classes)
 2. Submit the **2018-2019** FAFSA online (needed for Fall/ Spring classes)
 3. Provide The Access Center with a scanned, faxed or printed copy of the **2017-2018 Confirmation Pages by February 13th, 2018 and the 2018-2019 Confirmation Pages by February 13th, 2018.**

*ASSET Students, please contact Sylvia Martinez at the Office of Financial Aid at (970) 491-1570 for the required forms/processes for establishing financial need.

SELECTION OF BRIDGE SCHOLARS

The selection process is competitive and there are a limited number of program participants. The selection committee will evaluate applicants based on their essay responses as well as their ability and willingness to assume responsibility and to demonstrate a high standard of excellence in the areas of academic study and college classroom performance. Students interested in the Bridge Scholars Program must demonstrate a strong commitment to completing their college education. Bridge Scholars are expected to display good judgment and adhere to all Bridge Program and University guidelines, procedures and policies.

The Bridge Scholars Program is designed to provide exceptional educational and personal benefits. Students will gain valuable academic and campus experiences that will ensure their successful transition from high school to college; providing them with the all important "head start" on their college education. However, these benefits can only be achieved through dedication and hard work. Interested students are urged to give this application their full and careful consideration.

All students will be notified of their application status by late-February. Selected students will be sent a **Bridge Scholars Program Confirmation Email** containing important program as well as summer session course registration information shortly thereafter.

REMINDER

Selected students will be required to participate in the **Bridge Scholars Information Session** on **May 6th** on the Colorado State University campus. The Access Center and University staff will be on hand to provide critical program information. At least one parent and/or family member is required to attend along with the participating student. Details regarding location, time and agenda will be included in the Bridge Scholars Confirmation Packet.

For Bridge Scholars Program and/or Application questions, feel free to contact:

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