



The Florida State University Center for Academic Retention and Enhancement

Summer Bridge Program

Florida State University is committed to recruiting, retaining, and graduating first-time-in-college students who may have been disadvantaged due to economic, educational, or cultural circumstances. To assist with these goals, the Center for Academic Retention and Enhancement (CARE) was created. CARE provides a comprehensive program of orientation and academic support designed to ease the transition from high school to college, and to build a strong academic foundation. The majority of applicants selected to participate in CARE will be first-generation college students from financially disadvantaged backgrounds who have demonstrated a strong desire to succeed. Applicants must be legal Florida residents.

Students admitted to the University through the CARE Summer Bridge Program will begin their studies in the summer term. **Students must apply for financial aid by completing the 2009-2010 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) which can be found at www.fafsa.ed.gov/. Those who are deemed Pell Grant eligible will have 100% of their financial need met from non-loan sources for the summer semester. *The 2009-2010 FAFSA form must be completed by February 20, 2010.***

All CARE Summer Bridge Program participants will live together in campus housing during the initial summer term, along with upper-division students who serve as residential peer counselors, guides, and mentors. Participants will also:

- Tour campus facilities and the local community.
- Meet key University faculty, staff, and administrators who will become part of the student's support system.
- Meet campus student leaders and representatives of student organizations to learn more about what the University has to offer.
- Participate in cultural enrichment activities.
- Have fun and make lifelong friends.

If you would like to be considered for admission to Florida State University through the CARE Summer Bridge Program, you must first:

- Submit the University application online at www.admissions.fsu.edu/.
- Submit the \$30 application fee or SAT or ACT fee waiver.
- Submit official high school and all post-secondary transcripts (dual enrollment).
- Submit official ACT (#0734) and/or SAT (#5219) scores from **every** test taken.
- Submit the residency affidavit found at www.admissions.fsu.edu/.
- Submit the CARE Summer Bridge Program application.
- Submit a copy of the 2008 signed tax return or other proof of income which indicates the **Adjusted Gross Income (AGI)** of your family household.
- Submit the 2009-2010 FAFSA online at www.fafsa.ed.gov/. The FAFSA FSU Code is 001489.
- Submit two letters of support (one should be from your high school counselor).
- Submit an attached essay indicating why you would like to participate in the CARE Summer Bridge Program.

For full consideration, all documents should be submitted as early as possible, but no later than January 20, 2010. The University reserves the right to close CARE admission earlier, if warranted by enrollment limitations and the number of applications received.

Florida State University • CARE Summer Bridge Program Application

Name _____ Date of Birth _____
Last First Middle Initial

Street Address _____ Apt. No. City State Zip Code

() Telephone Number () Daytime Telephone Number Email Address

Name of High School _____

() Name of High School Counselor Telephone Number of High School Counselor Email Address of High School Counselor

<p>1. Please check the highest educational degree level obtained by the parent/legal guardian(s) with whom you are currently living.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><small>Father/legal guardian Mother/legal guardian</small></p> <p>No high school/did not complete high school <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>High school diploma or GED <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Associate of Arts/Associate of Science <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Bachelor's degree <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Graduate degree (master's/doctoral) <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Professional degree (physician, lawyer, dentist etc.) <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>2. Please indicate the occupation or type of employment for the parent/legal guardian(s) with whom you are living:</p> <p>Father/legal guardian: _____</p> <p>Mother/legal guardian: _____</p>
<p>5. Please list the name(s) of your immediate family who have attended Florida State University.</p> <p>Name: _____ Relationship: _____</p> <p>Name: _____ Relationship: _____</p>	<p>3. Are you living in a single parent home? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>If yes, with whom do you live? _____</p>
<p>7. Do you have family obligations that keep you from participating in extracurricular activities? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>a. I have to work to supplement family income. Please describe: _____</p> <p>b. I provide primary care for family member(s). Please describe: _____</p> <p>c. Other. Please describe: _____</p>	<p>4. Family Size: _____ Family Gross Income: _____</p> <p>The 2008 signed tax return must be submitted for full consideration.</p>
<p>8. I have taken or plan to take the following ACT and/or SAT exams:</p> <p>ACT: <input type="checkbox"/> September 12, 2009 <input type="checkbox"/> October 24, 2009 <input type="checkbox"/> December 12, 2009 <input type="checkbox"/> February 6, 2010 <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____</p> <p>SAT: <input type="checkbox"/> October 10, 2009 <input type="checkbox"/> November 7, 2009 <input type="checkbox"/> December 5, 2009 <input type="checkbox"/> January 23, 2010 <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____</p>	<p>6. Have you ever participated in any of the following programs:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> College Reach-Out Program (CROP) <input type="checkbox"/> Upward Bound</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Talent Search Program <input type="checkbox"/> College Summit</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other. Please specify: _____</p>

Student Agreement: I certify that the information given in this application is complete and accurate and I understand that to make false or fraudulent statements within this application may result in disciplinary action, denial of admission, and invalidation of credits or degrees earned. Should any of the information I have given change prior to my enrollment at the University, I shall immediately notify the Office of Admissions.

Student Signature _____ Date _____

Parental/Legal Guardian Agreement: I certify that the information given in this application is complete and accurate and I understand that to make false or fraudulent statements within this application may result in disciplinary action, denial of admission, and invalidation of credits or degrees earned by the student who has completed this application. Should any of the information change prior to the student's enrollment at the University, I shall immediately notify the Office of Admissions.

Parent/Legal Guardian Signature _____ Date _____

**Please return completed form and all supporting documents no later than January 20, 2010 to:
 The Florida State University, Office of Admissions, P.O. Box 3062400, Tallahassee, FL 32306-2400**