
2015 Goodwill Youth Services Summer Bridge Application

Our mission

The mission of the Goodwill Summer Bridge Mentoring group is to assist first generation college students in making the transition from high school to college successfully by providing post-secondary readiness curriculum and mentor support.

Mentoring

Goodwill will provide students with support that is above and beyond what a typical college student receives. Students in this program are matched with a mentor who will provide support and guidance. Mentors and students will participate in a nine-week summer program designed to prepare students for college life. Mentors stay connected with students for the duration of one year providing support and encouragement to help ensure that students are successful.

In this exciting and interactive summer program students learn about:

- Time management/Study skills
- Utilizing campus resources
- Assertive communication
- Making healthy choices in college

On-Campus Support

Students selected for this program will receive on-campus support. A Goodwill Post Secondary Retention Coordinator will serve as a guide, supporting students after high school graduation in order to support the successful completion of a college degree. This will be done through individual coaching and support, and skill-building activities focused on student needs and obstacles faced in college.

When students meet with a Post-Secondary Retention Coordinator they will receive:

- Free tutoring resources
- Scholarship support
- Help with finding jobs
- Leadership and volunteer opportunities

Students are required to be in contact with a Post Secondary Retention Coordinator at least once per month.

Leadership

As part of this program, students will be able to grow and develop into leaders in their community. Students will serve as a positive influence for other students who may need additional support.

Students will be offered multiple volunteer opportunities:

- College panels
- Community service
- Ambassadors at Goodwill community events
- Peer Mentoring

Through this volunteer work we hope students will provide support and serve as role models for younger people who may need help.

Qualifications:

- Attending an accredited non-profit Colorado college, university, or technical college for the 2015-16 school year. (Please see attached list)
- Have a high school diploma or GED by the time the program starts.
- Complete and submit the Free Application for Federal student aid (FAFSA) – **students will need to verify this by sumitting the FAFSA confirmation page).**

Requirements:

- Participants must be enrolled in an accredited non-profit Colorado college, university, or technical college for the 2015-16 school year.
- Participants must be able to attend ALL Summer Bridge meetings in addition to a student orientation, celebration banquet, and winter holiday party. Summer Bridge meetings will be held once a week.
- Participants must keep in contact with their mentor at least once a month for the full duration of the 2015-16 academic year.

Student Checklist:

- Submit a completed application to Goodwill or a Goodwill staff member by 4:30pm on Friday, March 20th. Applications will be reviewed as they are received. Early applications are encouraged.**
- Provide a copy of student's high school transcript (ask your counselor or Goodwill facilitator)
- Provide typed essays.
- Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) at www.fafsa.gov. **Please include FAFSA confirmation page with Expected Family Contribution (EFC) in the application.**
- Candidates will be evaluated by the accuracy & completion of their application packet and by the completion of an interview by Goodwill staff.
- Interviews will be scheduled from March 23rd -April 17th 2015.**

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact: Seena Berg at sberg@goodwilldenver.org or 303-482-7924. Or contact the Goodwill facilitator or staff member at your school.

Section II

Mother's Information:

Name _____
Level of Education: Some High School High School Graduate Some College Associate's Degree
 Bachelor's Master's Doctorate
Phone _____ Email _____

Father's Information:

Name _____
Level of Education: Some High School High School Graduate Some College Associate's Degree
 Bachelor's Master's Doctorate
Phone _____ Email _____

Legal Guardian / Person Responsible (if other than parent)

Name _____ Relationship _____
Level of Education: Some High School High School Graduate Some College Associate's Degree
 Bachelor's Master's Doctorate
Phone _____ Email _____

Who should be contacted in case of an emergency?

First Name _____ Last Name _____
Phone _____ Relationship _____

Essay Questions

Please answer both essay questions. Print your essays on a separate sheet of paper and attach it to your application. The combined total length for the 2 essays must be at least 500 words and no more than 800 words. Your document should be double spaced and please use 12-point type.

1. **What is your definition of a mentor and what value do you hope your relationship with a mentor will bring to your life?**
2. **Describe a significant challenge you've experienced in your life and how you overcame it, or attach a college application essay.**

I certify that I have read and understood all of the requirements for the Summer Bridge Application. All information contained in this application is true and complete

Applicant Signature

Date

Please have a parent or legal guardian sign below(if under 18 years of age):

Parent/Guardian Signature

Name (Print)

Date

List of accredited non-profit, colleges and universities in Colorado

Eligible Colleges:

Adams State University	Johnson & Wales University
Aims Community College	Metropolitan State University of Denver
Arapahoe Community College	Northeastern Junior College
Colorado Christian University	Otero Junior College
Colorado College	Pickens Technical Center – Voc. Tech
Colorado Mesa University	Pikes Peak Community College
Colorado Mountain College	Naropa University
Colorado Northwestern Community College	Red Rocks Community College
Colorado School of Mines	Regis University
Colorado State University	University of Colorado - Boulder
Colorado State University – Pueblo	University of Colorado - Colorado Springs
Community College of Aurora	University of Colorado – Denver
Community College of Denver	University of Denver
Delta Montrose A.V.S.	University of Northern Colorado
Emily Griffith Technical College	US Air Force Academy
Fort Lewis College	Western State Colorado University
Front Range Community College	