



Dear Bridge Applicant,

Attached is the TRIO Bridge Application. Please read the application materials carefully and be sure to complete all sections in addition to including the supplemental materials. The supplemental materials may be brought or sent to our office under separate cover.

The TRIO Bridge Application process is open to all Upward Bound participants who will graduate from Airport High School, Jefferson High School or Monroe High School this June, have a complete admissions application to Monroe County Community College by the application deadline, and is in good standing with their respective UB program.

The Bridge Program is intended to:

- Enable participants to experience the demands of college and to develop the skills necessary to succeed in college while under the guidance of TRIO staff.
- Allow participants to earn college credit

The Bridge Program includes payment for tuition at MCCC for up to six (6) credit hours of approved courses (college math & English) and books and supplies not to exceed \$100.

The Bridge Program is competitive and students are expected to submit a complete, organized, and typed application, inclusive of all required materials, and which reflects their best efforts to present themselves as motivated students who are willing to work to succeed in a postsecondary degree program and who are positive and appropriate role models for their peers.

Feel free to contact any Upward Bound staff member with questions about the application. Good Luck!

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What is the BRIDGE SCHOLARSHIP?

The Summer Bridge Program was established to assist participants with their transition from high school to college. Provided resources such as academic advising and tutoring help to maintain the focus of the program, which is long-term academic success for the participant.

Seniors who graduate in good standing with Upward Bound are eligible to compete for a Bridge Scholarship for the summer semester at Monroe County Community College. **Please note that you do not have to continue your education at MCCC after the summer semester. You may transfer your credits to the school of your choice.**

This scholarship includes:

- A. Tuition at MCCC up to six credit hours of approved courses (college math & English).
- B. Books and supplies not to exceed \$100.00.
- C. Tutoring and monitoring by Upward Bound staff.

In order to be considered for a scholarship you must fulfill the following requirements:

1. An 85% attendance rate at tutorial sessions over the course of your junior and senior years.
2. A 75% attendance rate at optional activities (field trips, college visits, etc.) over the course of your junior and senior years.
3. Must graduate from high school with a cumulative G.P.A. of 3.0 or better.
4. Must have an SAT composite score of at least 900.
5. Must have completed all senior year requirements by the required deadlines.
6. Must complete an MCCC Application for admission and have been accepted for the following summer semester.
7. Must complete the following application in its entirety and return it to Upward Bound Academic Advisor by deadline. **Submission deadline is April 1, 2026.** Please see your advisor for updates.
8. Must achieve a grade of "C" or better in each MCCC course to receive tuition reimbursement & stipends.

Bridge Scholarships will be awarded to participants based upon the criteria listed above as well as academic potential and need for program services. If you have any questions, please speak to your academic skills coordinator.

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APPLICATION CHECKLIST | Bridge Scholarship

- ☐ Completed Bridge Application (*Application must be typed and signed when submitted*)
- ☐ Report Card (*Must be the most recent up to the submission of the application*)
- ☐ Admission to MCCC (*An application to MCCC must be submitted and acceptance confirmed by the college for the SU26 Semester before the scholarship can be awarded*)
- ☐ Read and sign Scholarship Acceptance Contract

APPLICATION COMPLETE ONCE ALL ABOVE ITEMS SUBMITTED!

We strongly suggest that you complete your FASFA Application

- ☐ Complete FASFA (*include MCCC as a school to receive your FASFA Information*)

Bridge Scholarship Acceptance Contract

(You must read, sign, and have a parent sign this contract. It does not guarantee your selection for scholarship award. It serves as an explanation of scholarship policies, and will be kept on file, should you receive the award.)

Date: _____

I, Student Name: _____

1. Understand that the Upward Bound Summer Bridge program will be my first attempt at college success and my grades will reflect the effectiveness of the postsecondary aspect of our program.
2. I agree to work on my academic performance and continue to show good citizenship and participation by meeting the obligations below.
3. I also understand and agree to the fact that if I do not meet the obligations outlined below, I will not receive my stipends and I will be responsible for full payment of all tuition and fees related to the six academic credits for the summer semester at MCCC.

To remain in good standing with the Upward Bound Summer Bridge Scholarship Program, I must:

4. Meet with an assigned Academic Counselor at Study Session once per week
5. Turn in a status report to demonstrate satisfactory academic progress and attendance twice during the summer semester.
 - a. Due by 3rd and 5th Monday of summer semester
6. Return all textbooks purchased by the Upward Bound Program by the Saturday following the end of the summer semester.
7. Submit a transcript showing a grade of "C" or better for each class taken no later than the last week of August.

SIGNATURE

I agree to adhere to the above listed steps toward successfully completing my Upward Bound Bridge program. I understand that my progress will be reviewed on a regular basis. I understand that any unmet stipulation will cause a reduction/loss of my stipend and/or I will be responsible for all fees associated with the scholarship, including but not limited to tuition and books, for the summer semester.

Applicant Name *(please print)*

Applicant Signature

Date

Parent/Guardian Name *(please print)*

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

Upward Bound Staff Name *(please print)*

Upward Bound Staff Signature

Date