

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 turned in separately or via e-mail for convenience but must be in by the deadline.

The TRIO Bridge application is open to all ETSU Upward Bound participants who will graduate in the 2024-2025 school year. Applicants must have applied and been accepted to East Tennessee State University for the **Summer 2025 term** in order to participate in the Bridge 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 Upward Bound staff
- Allow participants to earn college credit

The Bridge program includes payment for tuition and fees at ETSU for up to six (6) credit hours of approved courses, meals throughout the week, books, and needed supplies.

Students participating in the Bridge program are expected to submit a complete and organized 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.

If you have any questions or need assistance completing your Bridge application, please reach out to an Upward Bound staff member!

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UPWARD BOUND BRIDGE APPLICATION

The Summer Bridge program was established to assist participants with their transition from high school to college. Provided resources such as academic advising and mentoring 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 participate in the Bridge program. **Please note that you do not have to continue your education at ETSU after the summer term. You may transfer your credits to the school of your choice.**

The program includes:

- Tuition & fees at ETSU up to six (6) credit hours of approved courses
- Books and needed supplies
- Academic and personal mentoring by Upward Bound staff
- Meals in the Dining Hall Monday-Friday

In order to be considered for the Bridge program you must fulfill the following requirements:

- Must have completed all senior year Bridge requirements by the required deadlines (including those in spring semester)
- Must complete an ETSU application for admission and be accepted for the Summer 2025 term
- Must complete the following application in its entirety and return it by **December 13, 2024.**

The Bridge program will run from June 9th - July 11th with move-in on June 8th and a Bridge-only trip the week of July 14th. Participation in the Bridge program will be determined by Upward Bound staff based upon the criteria listed above as well as academic dedication, past participation in the program, and behavior at school visits, Monday sessions, and past summer sessions.

If you have any questions, please reach out to the Bridge Counselor, Aimee Murray, at (423) 439-4474 or murrayam1@etsu.edu.

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DUE DECEMBER 13, 2025!

FULL NAME: _____

HIGH SCHOOL: _____

CURRENT GPA: _____

HIGHEST ACT SCORE: _____

DO YOU PLAN TO RETAKE THE ACT THIS SCHOOL YEAR? _____ YES _____ NO

HOW MANY CLASSES DO YOU PLAN TO TAKE DURING BRIDGE? _____ (1) _____ (2)

HAVE YOU APPLIED FOR ETSU SUMMER TERM 2025? _____ YES _____ NO

HAVE YOU BEEN ACCEPTED FOR ETSU SUMMER TERM 2025? _____ YES _____ NO

PLEASE LIST ANY AP OR DUAL ENROLLMENT CLASSES YOU HAVE TAKEN, ARE CURRENTLY ENROLLED IN, OR
WILL TAKE IN THE SPRING SEMESTER: _____

ARE YOU A PARTICIPANT IN THE MIDDLE COLLEGE PROGRAM? _____ YES _____ NO

PLEASE LIST ANY SCHOOLS YOU HAVE APPLIED TO FOR THE FALL 2025 TERM: _____

BRIDGE ESSAY (250 words)

YOU MUST WRITE A 250-WORD MINIMUM ESSAY ON THE TOPIC *"HOW HAS UPWARD BOUND PREPARED ME FOR COLLEGE AND LIFE AFTER HIGH SCHOOL?"* (Attach to application or e-mail to Aimee)

APPLICATION CHECKLIST

➤ Completed Bridge Application

➤ Admission to ETSU Summer Term 2025

*(A complete admission application to ETSU must be submitted by **December 13th** to remain eligible for the Bridge program. Acceptance to ETSU for summer term 2025 must be confirmed before the term begins)*

➤ Bridge Essay

*(The Bridge essay must be typed and a minimum of 250 words on the topic "How Has Upward Bound Prepared Me for College and Life After High School". The essay may be printed and attached to the application or e-mailed directly to murrayam1@etsu.edu but it must be turned in by **December 13th**.)*