



2009 STUDENT APPLICATION



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Challenge yourself

**SUMMER PROGRAM 2009
JUNE 22 - JULY 31
MON-FRI
PLUS CELEBRATION
August 1, 2009**

**APPLICATION DUE:
April 3, 2009**

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Lehigh Valley Summerbridge Program Information and Application Check List

STUDENTS:

We are delighted you are interested in the new challenges, fun experiences, and exciting opportunities offered by Lehigh Valley Summerbridge. Only completed applications will be considered. You may use this as a check-list to keep track of which parts of your file have been completed.

- _____ 1. GENERAL INFORMATION (2 pages)
Please have your parent(s) or guardian(s) complete these forms.
- _____ 2. STUDENT STATEMENTS I-III (3 pages)
Please complete these in your own handwriting. Be sure to write in pen, not in pencil. We suggest you do a rough draft on a separate sheet of paper first.
- _____ 3. TEACHER REFERENCE FORMS (2 pages)
Give a form to two of your current academic teachers, along with a stamped envelope addressed to the Summerbridge program -- your teachers should mail the completed form directly to our office.

PARENTS:

Your child has decided to apply to an exciting and challenging educational program. As your child completes the application, please take the time to note the following dates and discuss the commitment he/she is about to make.

1. DATES OF PROGRAM

The dates of the program are listed on the following page. Should your child be accepted into the program and decide to enroll, you would need to plan family events around these dates. Except in the case of illness, attendance is mandatory. If you see any possible conflicts, please discuss them with us prior to completing the application. You can reach us at 610-865-8072.

2. QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS

Many parents and students have specific questions about Summerbridge. After all, it is a lot of work to apply. Not all students who apply are accepted into the program. To answer your questions and concerns, you and your child are welcome to call the Summerbridge office at 610-865-8072 to make an appointment to meet with the directors.

3. COMMITMENT TO PROGRAM

A Summerbridge student attends two six-week summer sessions. Attendance is mandatory, and approximately two hours of homework will be assigned each night. In addition, two years of weekly tutoring, and monthly Saturday enrichment programs are also required. **We encourage you to discuss this commitment with your child.**

GENERAL INFORMATION (Cont'd)
To be Completed by PARENTS or GUARDIANS

WITH WHICH PARENT DOES THE CHILD LIVE? _____

IF APPLICANT DOES NOT LIVE WITH PARENTS, WHO IS THE LEGAL GUARDIAN?

NAME _____

First

Middle

Last

ADDRESS _____

PHONE _____ CELL PHONE _____

OTHER ADULT LIVING WITH CHILD _____

First

Middle

Last

RELATIONSHIP TO CHILD (I.E. STEPMOTHER/FATHER) _____

NAME AND LOCATION OF OTHER SCHOOLS YOUR CHILD HAS ATTENDED

1. School _____ Location _____ Years attended _____

2. School _____ Location _____ Years attended _____

3. School _____ Location _____ Years attended _____

RELATIVES WHO WERE FORMER SUMMERBRIDGE STUDENTS:

4. Yearly family income _____

5. Is your child a potential first generation college student? _____

6. Is your child eligible for free or reduced lunch? _____

7. Languages spoken in the home _____

STUDENT STATEMENT — PART I

Agreement of Commitment

Summerbridge has a limited number of available spaces. **To be considered for Summerbridge, I agree to:** 1) attend for two summers 2) attend tutoring during my 7th and 8th grade school years.

Student Signature

Parent Signature

1. Name 2 teachers who are writing your references _____

2. How much time do you usually spend on homework each night? _____

Do you find your work at school: too easy too hard about right

3. In your opinion, what are your very best qualities? _____

4. What do you like to do in your free time? _____

5. List the school activities you participate in: _____

6. What do you want to be when you grow-up? _____

7. Do you want to go to college? Why or why not? _____

8. What do you like best about school? _____

9. What do you like least about school? _____

10. As a Summerbridger what do you think would be the biggest challenge for you?

STUDENT STATEMENT — PART III

Express yourself! Use this page to tell us about yourself. Fill it up! Use your creativity. Put anything here: pictures, drawings, poetry, math equations, a rap, or anything else you can think of.

QUESTIONS YOU MAY HAVE ABOUT APPLYING TO SUMMERBRIDGE

Who should apply?

Summerbridge is looking for young people with a sincere interest in learning more, becoming better students, making friends, taking risks, and exploring our world. The program is for students who want to enter a college preparatory high school program in ninth grade. For more information please see our admission statement.

How do I know when my file is complete?

The deadline for applications is April 3, 2009. After receiving your written application, we will call you if anything is missing. Then, it is up to you to complete your file. Only completed applications will be considered. If you have any questions, call the Summerbridge office at 610-865-8072.

When do students find out if they are accepted into the program?

Decision letters will be mailed in late April 2009. We would like to accept every student into the program, but because we have a limited number of spaces, we cannot accept everyone who applies.

Is transportation provided?

If you live in the Allentown, Bethlehem or Easton School Districts, transportation will be provided to and from the summer program. Year-round tutoring will take place at your middle school; some middle schools run a late bus. You will need to provide your own transportation to special events and weekend trips.

How long is the program?

This summer, the program is from June 22 to July 31. We will break on July 3rd and 6th for the holiday. Our daily schedule is from 8:55 to 3:30, Monday through Friday. August 1, 2009 is our end of summer Celebration. Mark your calendar now because you will want your families to come!

Is it expensive?

The program is free to the students we accept. Foundations, corporations, and individuals fund Summerbridge.

Any important advice?

Remember that applying to Summerbridge is like being in a contest. All of the Summerbridge applicants are talented students; however, space is limited. You may or may not get accepted. Be proud of applying; it shows you are motivated. Write in pen, not in pencil. Do a rough draft so your writing is your best. Be yourself!!! We want to get to know who you are and what you think about school and the world around you.

PLEASE SEND ALL FORMS TO:
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Call Lori Wehr or Jarred Weaver at 610-865-8072 for more information.

IMPORTANT PROGRAM DATES

APPLICATIONS DUE:	April 3
MANDATORY PROGRAM ORIENTATION: (For accepted students)	May 2
SUMMER PROGRAM BEGINS:	June 22
PARENTS' INFORMATION NIGHT:	June 30
HOLIDAY:	July 3rd & 6th
OLYMPICS:	July 10th
CELEBRATION:	August 1

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TEACHER REFERENCE FORM

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We would appreciate your candid responses which will be kept confidential. If you have any questions regarding the program, please call Lori Wehr, Executive Director, at 610-865-8072.

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April 3, 2009

Student's Name _____ School _____
Teacher's Name _____ Area(s) taught _____
E-mail _____

ACADEMIC QUALITIES

1. Please rate the student 1-3 on the following criteria:
(Key 1 = below average, 2 = average, 3 = above average, nb = no basis for judgment)

- a. attitude toward homework _____
- b. communication skills _____
- c. intellectual curiosity _____
- d. critical thinking _____

2. What is the student's approximate grade average?

3. What type of classes is the student currently enrolled? (i.e. below level, on level, above level)

4. Is this student working toward their full potential?

5. On a scale of 1-5, how motivated is this student?

6. Has this student demonstrated any behavior problems in or out of the classroom? Please explain.

I recommend this student _____ with great enthusiasm _____ with confidence
_____ with reservation _____ I do not recommend

Additional Comments:

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Lehigh Valley Summerbridge Admissions Statement

Lehigh Valley Summerbridge at Moravian Academy supports bright and motivated middle school students who aim to overcome limited education opportunities.

All students are required to take part in two six-week summer sessions and two years of after school tutoring. In addition, monthly field trips, while not mandatory, are encouraged.

Summerbridge Students:

Are rising 7th and 8th grade students (students must apply during their 6th grade school year)

Are economically disadvantaged as defined by the Pennsylvania Department of Education's criteria for free and reduced lunch (available on our website at www.lvsummerbridge.org or through our office at 610-865-8072). These students receive priority in admission to the program.

Are academically focused students who plan to enroll in college preparatory classes in high school

Wish to pursue a college education

Are in good behavioral standing at their home school

Although siblings are not automatically accepted, siblings who meet the requirements previously stated are given priority.

Annual student recruitment drives begin in March of each year. Students are primarily recruited from the following schools: Broughal Middle School, East Hills Middle School, Harrison-Morton Middle School, Holy Infancy School, Nitschmann Middle School, Northeast Middle School, Shawnee Middle School, St. Jane's School, Raub Middle School.