

# CARE

*Center for Academic Retention and Enhancement*

The **Center for Academic Retention and Enhancement (CARE)** at Florida State University contributes to the successful retention and graduation of undergraduate students who have experienced significant economic or educational hardship.

## THE CARE SUMMER BRIDGE PROGRAM

The CARE Summer Bridge Program (SBP) provides a comprehensive program of orientation and academic support, designed to ease the transition from high school to college while building a strong academic foundation. Applicants selected to participate in SBP will be first-generation college students from socioeconomically disadvantaged backgrounds who have demonstrated resilience.

### PARTICIPANTS IN THE SUMMER BRIDGE PROGRAM WILL:

- Live together in campus housing during the first summer term, along with FSU students who serve as peer counselors and mentors.
- Receive comprehensive orientation programming, learn about academic requirements, and take seven credit hours of college coursework in the first summer term.
- Engage with key university faculty, staff, and administrators, who become part of the student's support system throughout their time at FSU.
- Participate in cultural enrichment activities and have fun while making lifelong friends.

### SUMMER BRIDGE PROGRAM BENEFITS:

- Financial aid to cover all tuition & fees, meals, housing, health insurance, transportation, books & supplies
- Waived admission deposit
- Deferred orientation fees
- Free family orientation
- Reduced fall/spring housing deposit

During your first summer term, you will learn effective study habits and time management skills. When you return in the fall, you will be familiar with student life and comfortable with campus living.



## FIRST-YEAR ADMISSION DEADLINES

Your CARE application and all supporting documents required for the CARE Summer Bridge Program must be received by your preferred decision deadline. We encourage students to complete their application as soon as possible due to limited space availability within the CARE Summer Bridge Program.

APPLICATION PLAN	APPLICATION DEADLINE	DECISION RELEASE DATE
Early Action (Florida Students Only)	October 15, 2022	December 15, 2022
Regular Decision (All Students)	December 1, 2022	February 15, 2023
Rolling Decision (All Students)	March 1, 2023	Released on a Rolling Basis in Early April

## CARE SUMMER BRIDGE REQUIREMENTS

- Must be a first-generation-in-college student
- Have a minimum 3.0 weighted academic GPA
- Have a 19 ACT composite or 990 SAT total score
- Complete all the minimum academic courses as determined by the state of Florida
- Meet Florida residency requirements
- Qualify for the Pell Grant as determined by the FAFSA for the 2022–2023 AND 2023–2024 aid years

## HOW TO APPLY

### PART 1—The Application

Apply at [admissions.fsu.edu](https://admissions.fsu.edu). On the admissions application, you must answer **Yes** to the question: “Would you like to apply to the CARE Summer Bridge program?”

### PART 2—The Application Status Check

After submitting the application, you will gain access to your Application Status Check ([admissions.fsu.edu/StatusCheck](https://admissions.fsu.edu/StatusCheck)). This is your custom list of next steps. Applicants will complete the following items here:

- Self-report all your ACT and/or SAT scores.
- Link your Self-Reported Student Academic Record through your Application Status Check. Please allow one to two business days after linking for the checklist item to be satisfied.
- Upload your essay and resume/list of activities.
- Submit the CARE supplemental application.
- Complete both the 2022-23 and 2023-2024 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).

Additional supplemental applications or checklist items may be added to your checklist. This is why it is important for students to monitor the Application Status Check throughout the application process.

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