



# CARE

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.

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.

### SUMMER BRIDGE PROGRAM BENEFITS

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



*"CARE empowered me to seize every opportunity and make the most of my time not only at Florida State, but for the rest of my life. The CARE department helped me tap into my full potential."*

**Nastassia Janvier, CARE 2017**  
2021-2022 SGA Student Body President and  
Chair of the Florida Student Association

# DEADLINE & REQUIREMENTS

The application and all supporting documents must be received by November 1, 2021. Students who complete their application by November 1 will receive a decision by February 17, 2022.



**NOV 1**  
**DEADLINE FOR ALL MATERIALS**

**FEB 17**  
**DECISION AVAILABLE ONLINE**



Learn more here.

## 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 2021-2022 AND 2022-2023 aid years

*\*Biological or adoptive parents who have not earned a U.S. Bachelor's degree.*

**NOTE:** Meeting minimum requirements for CARE does not guarantee admission to the program.

## YOUR APPLICATION ROAD MAP

### 1 SELECT ONE ONLINE APPLICATION AT [ADMISSIONS.FSU.EDU](https://admissions.fsu.edu)



**NOTE:** You must answer "Yes" to the question: "Would you like to apply to the CARE Summer Bridge program?" on the admissions application.

### 2 CREATE YOUR SSAR

Create your self-reported student academic record (SSAR) using your official high school transcript as a guide.

### 3 REVIEW YOUR APPLICATION STATUS CHECK

Complete the following items on the Application Status Check ([admissions.fsu.edu/StatusCheck](https://admissions.fsu.edu/StatusCheck)) by the deadline:

- Self report all your ACT and/or SAT scores.
- Link your SSAR by copying the 32-character code from your SSAR account.
- Upload your essay.
- Upload your resume/list of activities.

### 4 COMPLETE YOUR FAFSA

Complete BOTH the 2021-2022 and 2022-2023 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). We recommend using the IRS Data-Retrieval Tool found at [fafsa.gov](https://fafsa.gov).



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