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## **ETSU UPWARD BOUND SUMMER BRIDGE STUDENT AGREEMENT 2020**

**Classes:** All ETSU Upward Bound Summer Bridge Program participants for 2020 will register for up to two university level Summer Term I courses during the mandatory Summer Orientation on May 14<sup>th</sup>, 2020. Each class will be a 3 credit hour General Education course. Summer Term I classes run from June 8<sup>rd</sup> through July 10<sup>th</sup>. It is the student's responsibility to see how and if Bridge courses will transfer to their college of choice for Fall.

**Summer Attendance:** Since summer courses are extremely fast-paced, it is not recommended that students participate in the Bridge program if they plan to miss more than one or two days of the summer. Attendance and grading policies are completely at the discretion of the course instructor and Upward Bound cannot approve or excuse absences. Students who fail to comply with Bridge course attendance policies may be dismissed from the program and may be asked to reimburse the Upward Bound program for the cost of tuition, fees, books, and housing paid on their behalf.

**Tuition and Fees:** All Summer Term I tuition and fees for the UB Bridge participant are paid by both the UB Bridge participant and the ETSU UB program. UB Bridge participants, by completing the 2019-2020 FAFSA and financial aid verification requirements, will utilize their Federal Pell Grant funds toward their Summer Term I tuition and fees. The ETSU UB program will pay the unpaid tuition and fee balance that remains once a student's financial aid award has been applied to the student's tuition and fees for Summer Term I.

**Financial Aid:** Students must complete all Financial Aid and Verification requirements and have summer aid awarded before beginning Bridge classes. Failure to complete this process could result in the student not being able to participate in the Summer Bridge Program. Bridge participants should actively be involved in the financial aid process. It is their responsibility to secure funds for Summer Term I. Students must use Goldlink to view Financial Aid information and track completion of Financial Aid requirements. The UB staff is available for consultation and it is the student's responsibility to contact the UB staff for support.

**Housing:** The Upward Bound program will pay all costs and fees required to secure housing for the student during Summer Term I. The UB program has paid the Housing Office a \$100 deposit that will be returned to the Upward Bound program at the completion of the summer term. Bridge participant housing is provided in a designated area determined by the ETSU Office of Housing only for the period of time that the student is actively participating in the ETSU Upward Bound Summer Bridge Program. If the student ceases to be eligible for the program or voluntarily withdraws from participation for any reason, he or she must immediately move from the designated dorm area.

Bridge participants are solely responsible for following all ETSU Housing rules and policies and are solely responsible for any damages to the dorm room or University property. Bridge students are to make arrangements with their roommate concerning visitors to the room, cleaning /upkeep of room, and other roommate responsibilities. The ETSU Housing Office may communicate with the Upward Bound program concerning any problems that may occur while Bridge participants are residing in ETSU housing. The UB assistant director(s) and/or TRIO Programs Director reserve the right to request room reassignment if deemed necessary, and also reserve the right to revoke Bridge students' housing privileges in the event that their behavior in provided housing is disruptive or presents a safety hazard to other students.

**Meal Plan:** The UB Program will provide meals for all UB Bridge participants by sign-up. The UB program participates in the United States Department of Agriculture Summer Foods Program and all students, including Bridge participants, must have certain nutritional requirements on their plate at each meal. If a student misses three or more meals that they have signed up for, Upward Bound will no longer pay for their meals.

Please indicate the meals you would like to sign up for below:

- Breakfast: 7:15-7:45
- Lunch: 12:20-1:15
- Dinner: 5:00-6:00

**Stipend:** Students will earn a weekly stipend of \$10 per week for participation in the Bridge program. If students fail to return textbooks or incur damage fees in dorms/apartments, this stipend will be forfeited to reimburse Upward Bound for lost deposits.

**Textbooks:** Textbooks for course(s) will be provided by the ETSU Upward Bound program. Upward Bound Bridge participants must return textbooks to the Upward Bound office at the end of Summer Term 1. Failure to do so will result in forfeiture of stipend check. By signing this contract the student agrees to return all textbooks to the Upward Bound program at the completion of Summer Term 1 in good condition.

**Supplemental Instruction (SI) and Bridge Meetings:** ETSU Upward Bound Summer Bridge participants are required to attend every scheduled Supplemental Instruction session and Bridge meeting that is arranged by the program. Absences from SI and Bridge meetings are only permissible with an excuse from a medical doctor. Failure to attend all required sessions or to provide adequate documentation for absences will result in disciplinary action from the program up to and including dismissal from the program. Two unexcused absences from SI will result in a mandatory conference with UB staff and possible dismissal from the Upward Bound Summer Bridge Program.

**GPA Requirements:** ETSU Upward Bound Summer Bridge participants must earn a 2.50 or higher in their coursework during the Summer Bridge Program. The Upward Bound Program staff reserve the right to remove any Summer Bridge participant from the program for failure to meet basic course requirements. Failure to meet academic performance criteria could result in the Summer Bridge participant being required to reimburse the ETSU Upward Program the full cost for any tuition, fees, books, and housing paid by the ETSU Upward Bound program on their behalf for participation in the Summer Bridge Program. Participation in the Upward Bound Summer Trip will be denied to any Summer Bridge participant who earns less than a 2.50 GPA overall in their coursework.

**General Upward Bound Activities:** Aside from the UB Summer Trip and mealtime, the Summer Bridge participants will not be allowed to participate in activities of the general Upward Bound Summer Program. Permission has been given for all 2020 Summer Bridge participants to attend the Welcome Back party, Barter Play Trip, and Awards Day activities. Bridge participants are not allowed to participate in any other Upward Bound activities, including evening recreation, without specific permission from the Program Director. Summer Bridge participants are not allowed to be in the undergraduate dormitory, nor are UB undergraduates allowed in the UB Summer Bridge Program housing area. Bridge participants are not allowed to sign-out other Upward Bound undergraduate participants unless the undergraduate is a sibling of the Bridge participant and permission has been granted by the undergraduate's parent(s). Failure to comply with this rule could result in immediate dismissal from the ETSU Summer Bridge Program.

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Upward Bound Bridge Student (please print)

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Date

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Upward Bound Bridge Student Signature