

## Augsburg TRIO/SSS Summer Bridge Application Essay Questions

*The deadline for application submission is Friday, March 20, 2020  
by 12:00 p.m. Central Daylight Time. Late submissions will not be accepted.*

Although your responses will not be judged on structure, take time to formulate well-written responses with attention to content and presentation. Support your essay responses with details or examples as they are a vital part of the selection process and will help us determine whether you are a good candidate for the Augsburg TRIO/SSS Summer Bridge program. **You must respond to all essay questions and essay responses must be typed in 12-point standard font.**

Please note, **you cannot save the application once you start it**, so give yourself time and be sure your application and responses are complete before you submit.

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1. As a TRIO/SSS and Summer Bridge participant you will begin your college career early at Augsburg University. Interacting with new people, adjusting to demanding college courses and living away from home can be a big challenge. Explain how you are academically, emotionally, and socially ready for Summer Bridge and for college.
2. TRIO/SSS works with students to address academic, social/personal, and financial concerns as they progress toward graduation. What challenges have you experienced in these areas that presented a barrier to your academic success up to now? How did you address those barriers and how will you address them during college?
3. What do you expect to learn or gain from Summer Bridge? In addition to graduating from the University, what three academic goals do you have for yourself as an Augsburg student and as a TRIO/SSS participant and why? How do you anticipate Summer Bridge will help you achieve those goals?
4. What are your career goals after Augsburg graduation and why? Discuss your 2 year, 5 year, and 10 year post-graduation plans as you pursue these career goals.

5. Describe a belief about which you feel very strongly. Describe the reasons or experiences that led you to this point of view and how you approach someone who does not share your view.

6. Summer Bridge selection tends to be very competitive among many deserving first generation, low income candidates. If you were applying for the one remaining spot in the Summer Bridge program why should we choose you? Is there anything else that should be taken into consideration in evaluating your application?