

Augsburg TRIO/SSS Summer Bridge 2024 Application Essay Questions

*The deadline for application submission is Friday, March 15, 2024
by 1:00 p.m. Central Daylight Time. Late submissions will not be accepted.*

Space in Summer Bridge is limited. Because we do not do interviews, it is important you put in the effort to make your application as strong as possible. Students will be selected for Summer Bridge based on responses to these essays and confirmed eligibility for the program.

Essay responses will be scored on these factors:

- **Quality of responses for each essay:** well-written, clearly focused, and organized
- **Content, details, and examples:** explain what you mean, use more than one example when you think it's important
- **Completeness:** there is no length limit, use whatever space you need to respond completely
- **You:** leave the reader with an impression of who you are. Tell us more than what we can see in your high school transcript and college application. Put another way, we will not know enough about you to select you if you only respond in one-sentence answers!

We strongly recommend you compose -- and edit! -- your essays in a separate document and copy/paste them into the response windows.

1. Rising tuition costs have greatly influenced students' choice to continue in higher education immediately following high school graduation or at all. Why did you choose Augsburg, TRIO/SSS and the Summer Bridge program, particularly now?
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 barriers to your academic success up to now? How did you address and (or) plan to continue to address them as you continue on to college? What have you learned about yourself throughout this process?
3. It is said that people form an impression of you within one minute of meeting. If you had the opportunity to meet in person with the Summer Bridge selection committee, what would you like them to learn or remember about you from your first impression?

Before you hit "submit" and based on the criteria above, ask yourself, "Did I answer these questions and is this my best work? Did I or someone I trust proofread my work for errors?"