ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

✓ Will earn a standard high school diploma (have passed the FSA or have concordant score on ACT or SAT)
✓ Have GPA of 2.75 or higher (unweighted)
✓ Have NOT earned college credit from Dual Enrollment (DE) or Advanced Placement (AP) courses
✓ Have completed community service/documented on high school transcript
✓ Must score at least 7 on the LOEP (Levels of English Proficiency) to participate in the BTS Summer Program Cohort
✓ The Bridges to Success scholarship is a needs based scholarship; need is determined by parents tax information submitted on the FAFSA
✓ Students not eligible for Federal Financial Aid because of immigration status are eligible to apply, but may need to submit additional documentation
✓ The Bridges to Success scholarship is NOT a Merit Based Scholarship program. Students who are high academic achievers, and are focused on accelerated learning and independent course study should consider applying for the Honors Program: Seneff Honors College
Are you COMMITTED to earning a College Degree?
Are YOU ready to be challenged, pushed, and encouraged to make YOUR Goals a reality?
Do you want to be a part of a program with proven success strategies?
Do you need Support, Structure, and Organization to stay on track academically?
Could you benefit from REQUIRED Learning Support (Tutoring), Skill Shops, Mentoring, and Cohort Classes?
Do you need help selecting, and following an academic advising plan for successful completion of your AA (Associates of Arts) or AS (Associates of Science) degree?
Are you interested in performing service/giving back to your community through volunteerism and service projects?
Are you interested in personal and professional growth opportunities (skill shops, seminars, lecture series, networking opportunities, college tours, and student leadership conferences)?
Have had some personal challenges and adversities in life, and want an opportunity to regroup and start on a new path?
What will you gain?

- Proven strategies for success and academic achievement
- Caring and supportive staff and faculty vested in your future
- Needed structure to stay focused on academic goals
- Clear and transparent communication of program requirements
- Weekly updates/reminders from Academic Advisors and Program Director
- Intentional interactions with your peers by participating in a cohort model program
- Advanced registration for courses during FALL/Spring semesters

Are you willing to commit?

- Summer Program starts third week in June approximately two weeks after High School Graduation
- Attend 6-week program with classes Monday- Friday for 6 weeks
- Engage in accelerated course work designed to prepare you for Freshman year of college
- Be willing to limit your part-time/full time work hours to earn a college degree (no more than 20 hours a week)
- Attend campus/program seminars twice a semester
- Complete required tutoring/learning support (Writing, Math, Speech)
- Complete minimum of 30 hours of community service/volunteer service per semester
- Participate in Day of Service/Adopt A Highway project
HOW TO FIND 2019 BTS Online APPLICATION

1. Go to www.valenciacollege.edu/bridges

2. In the right hand navigation panel, you will see a RED icon Bridges to Success Application 2019 Student Application click on it.
   a. Login to your Valencia College Atlas account.
      
      Note: You must first apply to Valencia College. Once accepted, you are able to set up your atlas account.

3. If you have additional questions, you can email us at bridgestosuccess@valenciacollege.edu

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Personal Essay
In 800 words or more please answer the following three questions using 12 pt. Times New Roman font, double-spaced.

1. Why do you want to participate in the Bridges Summer Program?
2. Describe a personal challenge or adversity you’ve experienced and how you were able to overcome that obstacle (provide specific steps that were necessary).
3. How will the Bridges program help you in achieving your educational and career goals?

Include your name and Valencia ID number on all pages of the essay.

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