

## COLLEGE BRIDGE PROGRAM

### Eligibility Application

College Bridge is a unique program that enables Chicago public school juniors and seniors to take one college course per semester at Northeastern Illinois University. It also provides a wonderful opportunity for high school students to become familiar with a college environment, enjoy the use of our facilities, earn college credits and fulfill high school electives. In addition to these benefits, there is no cost to students. Tuition, textbooks and public transportation expenses are paid for by the Chicago public schools (CPS). College Bridge is a competitive program and space in the program is limited, therefore, we recommend that students submit complete application packets in accordance with the application deadlines.

**Questions about the NEIU/CPS College Bridge Program can be directed to Marcia Boyd, College Bridge Coordinator, at 773-442-4044, or Cyrille Brennan at 773-442-4053.**

### Application Deadlines

Fall Semester	May 15
Spring Semester	October 15

*College Bridge students may attend during fall and spring semesters only.*  
**Application and all materials must be submitted by the application deadlines**

### Eligibility

1. Junior or senior standing at a Chicago Public High School
2. Minimum grade point average of 3.0 (on a 4.0 scale)
3. 90% attendance rate
4. Take Northeastern's English and math placement exams and place into English 101 and Mathematics 102 (Students with ACT math scores of 20 or higher do not have to take the math placement exam). Full program eligibility cannot be determined until the student's English and math placement scores are acquired.
5. Counselor Recommendation.

### Student Instructions

1. Meet with High School Guidance Counselor to discuss program requirements.
2. Review the NEIU Schedule of classes and identify a first, second and third choice class.
3. Complete Part 1 of the application form, listing the classes in order of preference.
4. Complete the "Release of Transcript" form.
5. Give the entire application packet to your high school counselor.
6. If selected to participate, students are required to attend all NEIU classes, once registered. If students stop attending courses, they are **required** to contact Marcia Boyd, College Bridge Coordinator, at 773-443-4044 or m-boyd@neiu.edu, or Cyrille Brennan, Registration Supervisor, at 773-442-4053 or cm-brennan@neiu.edu immediately.

### High School Counselor

1. Complete College Bridge Enrollment Verification Form
2. Complete Counselor Recommendation Form
3. Submit student's high school transcript (with ACT scores, if available)
4. Send application (Parts 1, 2 & 3), Transcript Release Form, and high school transcript to: Steven Pajak, NEIU Admissions Office, 5500 North St. Louis, Chicago, IL 60625.

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## Part 1: Eligibility Application (Completed by Student)

Please Print Neatly

\_\_\_\_\_  
Last Name                                      First Name                                      Middle                                      Social Security Number/ID

\_\_\_\_\_  
Street Number                                      City                                      State      Zip                                      Phone

\_\_\_\_\_  
Email Address                                       Male       Female                                      \_\_\_\_\_  
Birth Date (Mo/Day/Yr)

### Ethnic/Racial Origin (Optional):

White (Non-Hispanic)                                       Hispanic                                       Asian/Pacific Islander  
 Black (Non-Hispanic)                                       American Indian or Alaskan Native

### Citizenship:

U.S. Citizen       Non U.S. Citizen       International Student \_\_\_\_\_  
Country of Origin

Permanent Resident \_\_\_\_\_  
Country of Origin                                      Alien Registration Number                                      Type of Visa

*(Non U.S. Citizens and Permanent Residents must submit photocopies of either visa or permanent resident card).*

### High School Information:

\_\_\_\_\_  
High School Name                                      \_\_\_\_\_  
Expected Graduation Yr

\_\_\_\_\_  
Counselor Name

Are you interested in attending Northeastern Illinois University as a degree seeking student?  
 Yes       No

### Student Verification

This application must be signed and dated by the applicant before action can be taken. I understand that withholding information or giving false information may make me ineligible for admission to the University or subject to dismissal.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature                                      Date

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**Part 2: RECOMMENDATION (Completed by HS Counselor)**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student Name Social Security/ID #

How long have you known this student? \_\_\_\_\_

In what capacity have you known this student? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Please assess this student in the following areas:

Academic Ability

Superior  Above Average  Average  Below Average  Poor

Academic Motivation

Superior  Above Average  Average  Below Average  Poor

Attendance

Superior  Above Average  Average  Below Average  Poor

Emotional Maturity

Superior  Above Average  Average  Below Average  Poor

Self-Confidence

Superior  Above Average  Average  Below Average  Poor

Additional Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Counselor's Name (Print) Title Ph. Number

\_\_\_\_\_  
Counselor's Signature Date

COUNSELOR: Please request an official or unofficial transcript for your student and send the completed application (Parts 1,2, & 3) and transcript to:

**Steven Pajak, Admissions Manager  
Northeastern Illinois University  
5500 N. St. Louis Avenue  
Chicago, IL 60625**

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**NORTHEASTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY  
OFFICE OF ENROLLMENT SERVICES**

**Release of Transcript**

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To: College Bridge Student  
From: Alice A. Medenwald, Registrar

Before your Northeastern Illinois University Course is recorded on your high school transcript, you must complete this form.

I, \_\_\_\_\_, authorize Alice A. Medenwald, Registrar, to release my Northeastern Illinois University transcript to the Director of the College Bridge Program, Chicago Public Schools, and the Bridge Coordinator at \_\_\_\_\_ high school.

This authorization begins on this date and is valid until I am no longer enrolled in the CPS Bridge Program-Northeastern Illinois University.

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature Witness: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Return this form to:

**Steven Pajak, Admissions Manager  
Northeastern Illinois University  
5500 N. St. Louis Avenue  
Chicago, IL 60625**

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## Part 3: BRIDGE ENROLLMENT VERIFICATION (Completed by High School Counselor)

### High School Information:

Student's Name \_\_\_\_\_ High School Name \_\_\_\_\_

Cumulative GPA \_\_\_\_\_ Expected Graduation Year \_\_\_\_\_ Attendance Rate \_\_\_\_\_ ACT math score (If available) \_\_\_\_\_

Advanced Placement Scores:  No  Yes, these courses should be listed on student's transcript

### COURSE ENROLLMENT INFORMATION:

Semester Applying For:  Fall  Spring Year \_\_\_\_\_

**My signature verifies that the following information is correct and that this student is eligible for participation in the College Bridge Program:**

\_\_\_\_\_

**Counselor's Name (print)      Date      Counselor's Signature (Required)**

### COURSE CHOICES:

*Please select from the General Education Program Limited List and Math and English Courses listed in the NEIU Schedule of Classes. You must meet all course pre-requisite requirements. R means Thursday.*

Course Title	Discipline (eg. Math, Biology)	Course Number	Section Number	Day(s) & Time
1st Choice				__M__T__W__R__F  Time(s)
2nd Choice				__M__T__W__R__F  Time(s)
3rd Choice				__M__T__W__R__F  Time(s)