College Prep Program at APL

Our 11th Summer!

Do you dream of going to college, but don’t know what to do?

Don’t be scared, be prepared!

Apply to colleges • Write winning essays • Find money • Learn about STEM careers • Visit colleges • Learn study skills • Get mentoring • Work on yourself • Have fun!

Apply online @ trailblaze.org

2019 Edition

In partnership with JHU/APL STEM office and Preparation Meets Opportunity Foundation
All volunteer staff! $50 program fee (waivers available)

Questions? Please contact us at info@collegeprepprogram.org
We recommend using our online application (see [trailblaze.org](http://trailblaze.org)) instead of the paper application, if possible, but please choose whatever is most convenient for you. DO NOT fill out both versions!

You will need a free google account to use the online form and will need to upload a short video.

If you use the paper version you MUST email us at: [info@trailblaze.org](mailto:info@trailblaze.org) to register your application, including your name and date mailed, or it will not be reviewed.

We are here to help!!!
You, the STUDENT, must fill out every question on this application to be considered. Evidence of parent/teacher completion will result in disqualification of the applicant. Apply online instead at trailblaze.org!

Student Name (First, Last): ________________________________ Nickname: ________________
Address: ________________________________ Phone #: ________________________________
Student Email: __________________________________ Student Birth Date: __________________
School Name: __________________________________ School County: __________________

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Highest Education Completed (circle one):

- Less than high school
- Some high school
- High school diploma/GED
- Military (no college)
- Some college
- 2-year degree
- 4-year college degree
- Advanced degree + 4 year degree

School Name: ________________________ School Name: ________________________
4-yr degree earned in United States? Y N School County: ________________________

4-yr degree earned in United States? Y N

How many people live in your household, including yourself? _________
Have any of your brothers or sisters attended a 4-year college? Y N
Have any of your brothers or sisters graduated from a 4-year college? Y N

What is the primary language spoken in your home? ____________________
What is your native language? ____________________

When will you be graduating from High School? circle one Spring 2020 Spring 2021
Other: ________

Gender: M F Other
Race/Ethnicity - are you Hispanic or Latino/Latina? Y N

Questions? Please contact us at info@trailblaze.org
Race/Ethnicity - circle one or more
• Black or African American
• White or Caucasian
• Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander
• Asian
• American Indian or Alaskan Native
• Middle Eastern
• Other _____________________

Are you eligible for the Free or Reduced School Lunch Program?  Y  N
*If you are not sure, please ask your school!

If you have taken the SAT, please list your score _____/1600 (not required!)
Have you taken an SAT Prep Course?  Y  N  If Yes, describe: _____________________.

Are you a member of MESA?  Y  N
What activities (if any) have you participated in as part of the APL STEM office or MESA?
________________________

How did you hear about the College Prep Program? Please list person or program name.

__________________________________________________________

Have you previously applied to College Prep?  Y  N  *If yes, what year? __________
Please explain in your essay why you are applying again this year.

Are you able to attend ALL of the program sessions?  Yes  No
It is very important that you attend each class, because it is difficult to catch up if you miss. Missing class is cause for dismissal from the program.

What other programs and activities will you be involved with during CPP, if selected? This includes sports, music, jobs, summer school, camps, travel, and major school assignments. We require that you make CPP your priority if selected. If any of these activities require missing CPP, please explain.

__________________________________________________________________________

Do you have transportation to class at the JHU Applied Physics Laboratory?  Y  N
If you are relying on another CPP applicant to drive, list their name here: ________________
Unfortunately, we cannot provide transportation to the program.

Short Answer Questions

• Do you want to go to a 4-year college or university?  Y  N
• Do you think you will be able to go to a 4-year college or university?  Y  N
• Do you plan to work in the US after finishing your education?  Y  N
• Where do you hope to go to college? ________________________________
• What is your anticipated major in college? ____________________________
• What job do you want to have when you grow up?
  ___________________________________________________________________
• What is your biggest question about attending college?

____________________________________________________________________________

Questions? Please contact us at info@trailblaze.org
Please rate your interest in science, technology, engineering, or math fields:
(You do NOT have to plan to major in these areas to participate in our program!)

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Please rate how certain you are about attending a 4-yr college right after high school:

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Please rate your interest in a science, technology, engineering, or math internship at JHU/APL (regardless of your planned major):

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Please rate your desire to participate in the College Prep Program on a scale of 1 – 10:
**This answer should reflect the student’s feelings...NOT the parents’, please.**

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CPP will help you get into college, if you work hard and give it your best. You are expected to come to all classes, and do significant homework each night. Please rate your commitment to CPP on a scale of 1 – 10.

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College Prep requires an average of 4-6 hours of homework each night during the week to be successful (less during school session, more during summer break). Will you make this commitment? Y N

Explain: ____________________________________________________________

You are invited to attach (or email) any additional information more fully explaining your need for the program. You may include information such as a statement about a parent losing a job, tax returns, number of people living at home, etc. This additional information is optional.

This chart reflects the results of a recent class survey, showing that all of this hard work is worth it!
Short Essays:

1. (200-250 words) Describe yourself. Please discuss your activities, leadership positions and awards, unique circumstances and why you want to participate in this program?
2. (200-250 words) Please describe your goals for the future, and any barriers you face in achieving these goals. How will you benefit from College Prep?
3. (100-200 words) What is one aspect of the world you would like to help influence or change? Why?
4. (100-200 words) We encourage you to explore all of your options and to consider applying to top, 4-year colleges around the United States. Are you willing to consider new options for school? Are you willing to follow through on advice provided as part of this program? Please explain.

If using the paper application, a video submission is not required.
Interview Scheduling:

All finalists for CPP will be interviewed at JHU/APL in Laurel, MD prior to final admission decisions, to allow us to fairly evaluate all applicants. Please indicate your availability and preferences for the following dates and times. Make sure you have transportation!

Finalists will receive an interview appointment lasting approximately 1 hour. Please indicate your preferences below and reserve these times for our interviews. Interview notifications are made on April 20th and you will be expected to confirm by April 22nd to keep your spot!

Your parent or guardian will also be separately interviewed immediately after the student’s interview concludes. If your parent or guardian is not available to attend, please get in touch beforehand so that we can help you make other arrangements. Do NOT wait until the interview date!!!

Mark with X sessions that you ARE available. If you cannot attend a particular date, leave BLANK. If you have exceptional circumstances, and cannot attend any of these sessions, please indicate, and explain on a separate sheet of paper. We will do our best to accommodate you!

___ April 27th (8am-1pm) ___ April 28th (8am-1pm)
___ April 27th (1pm – 6pm) ___ April 28th (1pm – 6pm)

The following questions do not impact your selection to the program, but help us to plan for the summer. You must answer all of them!

Do you have a working computer at home?  Y  N
If so, are you the primary user of this computer?  Y  N
Do you have a laptop that you could bring to class each week?  Y  N
Do you have reliable access to the internet?  Y  N
Do you have reliable access to the internet at home?  Y  N

Please email info@trailblaze.org to let us know that your application is on its way! YOU MUST STILL MAIL YOUR COMPLETED APPLICATION BY THE POSTMARK DEADLINE to be considered for admission. We use this to help track your application and make sure that it is not lost in the mail! This is a required step for us to review your application.

“I, ______________________ (print name), have filled out this application myself; truthfully, and it represents my own work. I am genuinely excited and interested in attending College Prep. I authorize CPP to use this information to track my academic progress using the National Student Clearinghouse and similar resources.”

Signature ________________________________ Date: _______________

Questions? Please contact us at info@trailblaze.org
To the Registrar, School Counselor, or Guidance Department:

This student is applying to the College Prep Program at APL, a summer-enrichment program designed to help high school students prepare for college. As part of our application review, we require information about the student’s academic performance.

Please complete this form and return it to the student. If you have questions, please email William Gray Roncal at info@collegeprepprogram.org. Thank you for your help.

Student Name: ________________________________

School Name: ________________________________ School County: ________________

Unweighted GPA: ______ / ________ Weighted GPA: ____________

Class Rank: ________ / ________ Student does not currently have a class rank

GPA and class rank calculated through (check one): _____ End of last school year
____ Using current year grades

Please include a copy of the student’s latest transcript. Please also include the latest grade report from the current academic year. This information helps us to best evaluate each student. Unofficial copies of the documentation are acceptable.

Is this student eligible for the Free or Reduced Lunch Program? YES NO

Please write a brief statement of student need for the program, or how they will benefit from CPP, if known:
________________________________________________________________________________________________________
________________________________________________________________________________________________________

Counselor Name: ___________________________ Position: _______________________

Contact Phone or Email: ____________________________________________________________

__________________________________________  __________________________
Signature                                                                 Date