



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

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

**2019
Edition**

Questions? Please contact us at info@collegeprepprogram.org

We recommend using our online application (see 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 to register your application, including your name and date mailed, or it will not be reviewed.

We are here to help!!!



College Prep Application • due April 8th, 2019

2019 Edition

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: _____

<u>Parent or Guardian #1 Information</u>	<u>Parent or Guardian #2 Information</u>
Name: _____	Name: _____
Phone: _____	Phone: _____
Email: _____	Email: _____
Occupation: _____	Occupation: _____
Job description: _____	Job description: _____
Employer: _____	Employer: _____
Do you live with this person? Yes Sometimes No	Do you live with this person? Yes Sometimes No
<i>Highest Education Completed (circle one):</i>	<i>Highest Education Completed (circle one):</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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	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

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?

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!)

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
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Lowest

Highest

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

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
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Lowest

Highest

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

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
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Lowest

Highest

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. ****

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
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Lowest

Highest

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.

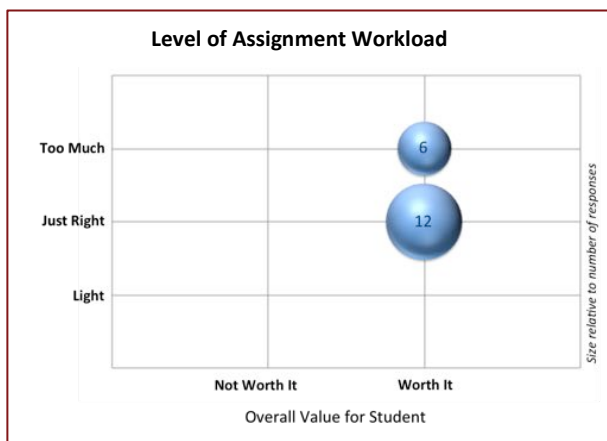
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Highest

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: _____



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

*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**.*

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: _____



College Prep Program High School Counselor Report

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