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**Summer Bridge** PROGRAM





## A LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Greetings:

At Philander Smith College, our aim is to move this great institution to new heights. We are excited to invite you to be a part of this forward momentum. The **Philander Smith College S.T.A.R.T. Summer Bridge Program** is a unique opportunity for newly admitted students to get a **strong start** on their college career, experience campus life and explore the City of Little Rock, Arkansas.

During an intensive five week program, students will enroll in up to six credit hours of coursework. Program participants will be paired with current student scholars, mentors and academic advisors who will help them navigate through academic, self-improvement and leadership workshops.

A unique and innovative attribute of the **Philander Smith College S.T.A.R.T. Summer Bridge Program** is that we will actively engage students in four distinctive tracks/pathways ensuring their success. After completing the program, students will earn college credits and be prepared to excel academically as leaders on campus and in the community.

At Philander Smith College, we believe that a **strong start** means a **strong finish**. Our institution plays a vital role in the lives of our students as we prepare young people for leadership in our local, national and global communities. We continue a proud tradition of producing academically-trained graduates. By enrolling your student in the **Philander Smith College S.T.A.R.T. Summer Bridge Program**, you help them get a **strong start!**

Join us as we continue to move ***Philander Forward!***

Sincerely,

**Roderick L. Smothers, Sr., Ph.D.**  
President  
Philander Smith College

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## STUDENT TUITION ASSISTANCE AND READINESS TRACKS/PATHWAYS

The **Philander Smith College S.T.A.R.T. Summer Bridge Program** is a five week academic enrichment and leadership development program. It provides a seamless transitional opportunity for first-time freshmen to get an early and **strong start** on their college career by staying on campus, and completing up to six (6) credits during five (5) weeks in the summer. This intense and exciting summer experience offers students the opportunity to prepare for the academic, personal, and social challenges that they may encounter while in college. Students are provided with a structured environment conducive to building the fundamental skills and relationships necessary for successful completion of a bachelor's degree. In addition to tutoring, study skills training, and academic and leadership development workshops, the program provides extensive academic and personal counseling to equip and support participants.

Students selected as Philander Smith College S.T.A.R.T. Summer Bridge Program Scholars are awarded a summer-only scholarship that covers tuition, housing, and a meal plan. The Philander Smith College S.T.A.R.T. Summer Bridge Program is committed to the development of the entire student.

### PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

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Before the fall semester, students are offered the opportunity to adjust to the demands of college, both in and out of the classroom. Once students are assigned mentors and are aligned with the appropriate Track/Pathway (Urban, Ambassador, Community or Christian), they will:

- Enroll in six hours of coursework;
- Attend study/discussion groups with supplemental instructors and tutors;
- Participate in social, cultural, professional and spiritual activities;
- Reside in on-campus housing for the entire summer term;
- Attend academic, self-improvement, and leadership workshop/seminars;
- Meet with counselors for academic advising, course scheduling, and assistance with career goal development.

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### PROGRAM BENEFITS

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During the summer program participants will benefit from the following early intervention services:

- Early assessment,
- Mentoring and academic advisement,
- Fall schedule completion,
- Registration and financial aid advisement,
- Career and leadership development workshops,
- Social, spiritual and cultural experiences,
- Become familiar with PSC's campus and surrounding community.

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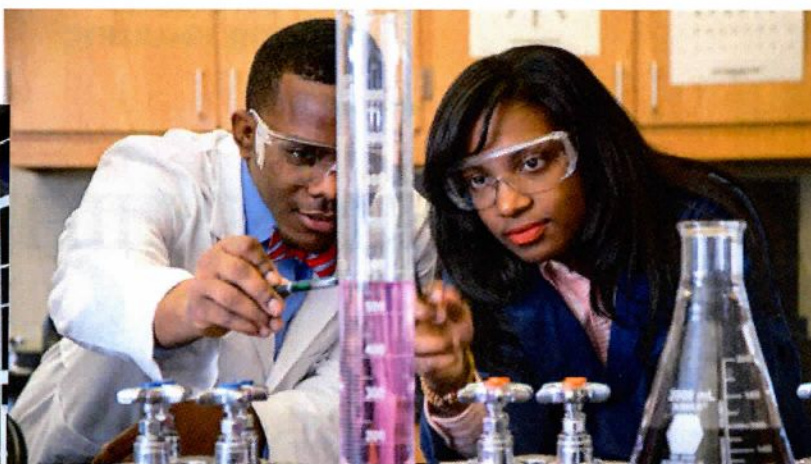
Students considered for participation in the Philander Smith College S.T.A.R.T. Summer Bridge Program must meet the following requirements:

- Be a member of an under-represented minority group;
- Be admitted to Philander Smith College;
- Be available to attend the program for the entire five-week summer session;
- Plan to continue enrollment and graduate from Philander Smith College;
- Have a cumulative high school GPA of 2.5 or better.

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**Applications may be obtained and/or submitted online at [www.philander.edu](http://www.philander.edu).**

**All applications must be submitted no later than June 19, 2015.**







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### THE 4-TRACK/PATHWAY SYSTEM

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Using a success track/pathway model, eligible students are aligned with one of the following scholastic tracks:

#### **TRACK/PATHWAY 1: Urban Scholars**

This track/pathway is designed for students who have an interest in pursuing majors in fields that are linked to providing innovative solutions to the challenges of urban issues such as poverty and crime. As part of their matriculation, these students will be required to volunteer a designated number of hours working and interacting with professionals in their chosen disciplines. (Minimum grade point average is 2.5).

#### **TRACK/PATHWAY 2: Ambassador Scholars**

This track/pathway is designed for those students who, while in high school, demonstrated strong leadership and communication skills, and are capable of working independently and with team members. Eligibility for this track requires three (3) letters of recommendation, preferably from the school counselor, a teacher and the pastor of the church that the student attends. These students will voluntarily represent, positively promote, and uphold the mission of Philander Smith College by serving as student representatives during a variety of college-hosted programs, events and activities. (Minimum grade point average is 3.0).

#### **TRACK/PATHWAY 3: Community Scholars**

This track/pathway is designed for those students who exhibit a high level of altruism, empathy and concern for others, particularly the elderly, infirmed, indigent and neglected. These students will volunteer with help agencies and ministries throughout the Little Rock Community to provide assistance to persons in need. (Minimum grade point average is 2.5).

#### **TRACK/PATHWAY 4: Christian Scholars**

This track/pathway is designed for those students who have been diligent in performing church-related duties. They must be interested in sharing the tenets of their faith with others through committed work with the Philander Smith College campus religious life and ministries. These students must be of good moral character, devoted to service and willing to devote time to helping others through peer counseling, rap sessions, etc. (Minimum grade point average is 2.5).

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## Student Tuition Assistance and Readiness Tracks/Pathways

### APPLICATION FORM

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NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

HOME PHONE (     ) \_\_\_\_\_ CELL PHONE (     ) \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL \_\_\_\_\_

SOCIAL MEDIA HANDLE(S) \_\_\_\_\_

GENDER ☐ MALE ☐ FEMALE ETHNICITY \_\_\_\_\_

DATE OF BIRTH \_\_\_\_\_ U.S. CITIZEN ☐ YES ☐ NO

HIGH SCHOOL \_\_\_\_\_

ANTICIPATED MAJOR/DEGREE PROGRAM \_\_\_\_\_

NAME OF ADMISSIONS REFERENCE \_\_\_\_\_

TITLE (COUNSELOR, PASTOR, TEACHER, COMMUNITY LEADER) \_\_\_\_\_

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES \_\_\_\_\_

T-SHIRT SIZE \_\_\_\_\_

CAREER GOAL(S) \_\_\_\_\_

INTERESTED IN MINISTRY WORK? ☐ YES ☐ NO NEED FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE? ☐ YES ☐ NO

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#### COMPLETE AND MAIL APPLICATION TO:

PHILANDER SMITH COLLEGE / OFFICE OF ADMISSIONS  
900 DAISY BATES DRIVE  
LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS 72202  
1.800.446.6772 / WWW.PHILANDER.EDU





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## OUR MISSION

We graduate academically accomplished students who are grounded as advocates for social justice determined to change the world for the better.

### WE VALUE

- Students who exhibit academic scholarship and a love for learning
- Students who are seriously committed to earning a college degree;
- Students of high moral character and who possess a willingness to work with and serve others
- Students who are enthusiastic and motivated;
- Students who aspire to reach their full potential.

### WE OFFER

- A learning community that provides excellent opportunities for teaching and learning in and out of the classroom;
- A safe community in which our students can live, learn and grow;
- A student-centered community that caters to the social, spiritual and developmental needs of our students;
- A transparent community that encourages ongoing dialogue and positive interactions among our students, faculty and staff.



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