



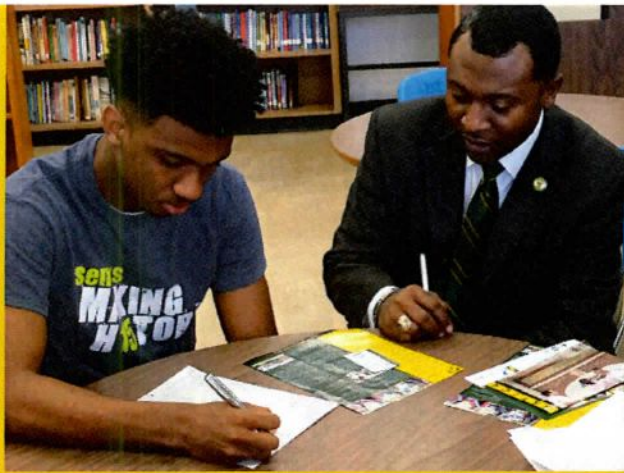
# PHILANDER

# START

# SUMMER BRIDGE

STUDENT TUITION ASSISTANCE AND READINESS TRACKS/PATHWAYS 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 eight 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 child in the **Philander Smith College S.T.A.R.T. Summer Bridge Program**, you will be helping him/her to 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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JUNE 20 - JULY 22, 2016

## 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 eight (8) 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.

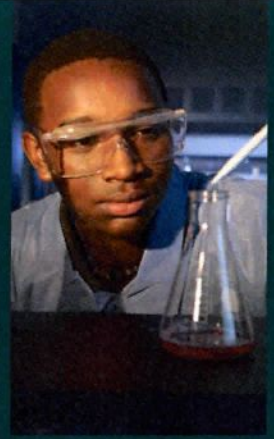
Students selected as Philander Smith College S.T.A.R.T. Summer Bridge Program Scholars are awarded a summer-only scholarship that covers tuition, housing, and a meal plan. The Philander Smith College S.T.A.R.T. Summer Bridge Program is committed to the development of the entire student.



## PROGRAM BENEFITS

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.



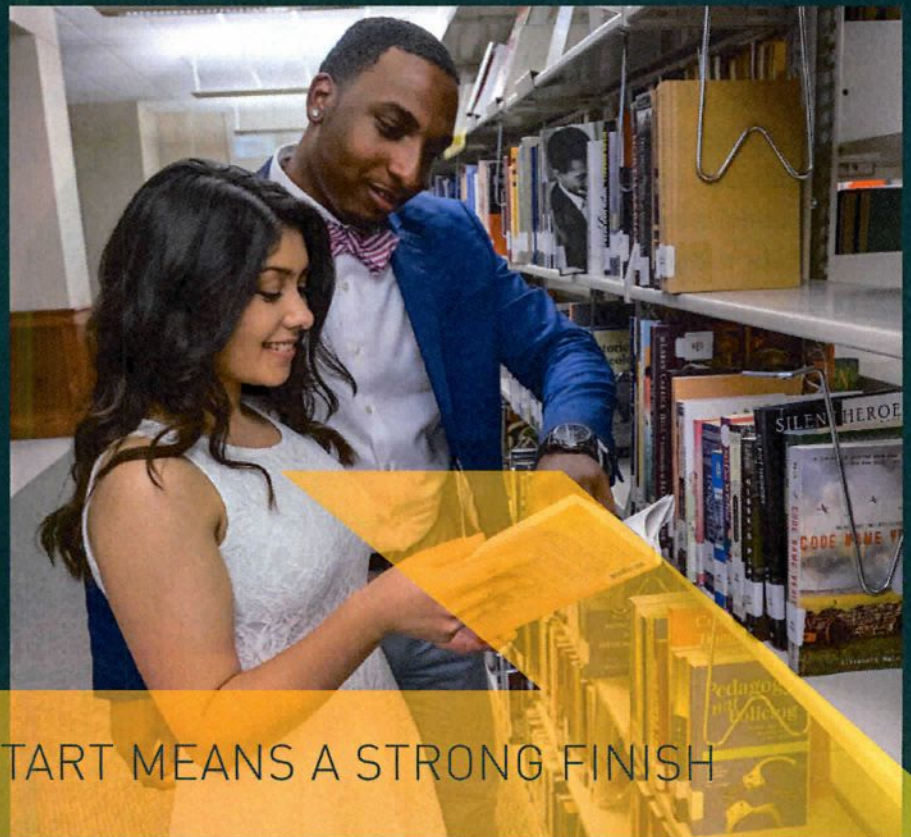
## ELIGIBILITY

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 at least 2.0;
- Be a **serious** student.

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 17, 2016.



A STRONG START MEANS A STRONG FINISH



## STUDENT TUITION ASSISTANCE AND READINESS TRACKS/PATHWAYS

### PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

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 eight 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.

### THE 4-TRACK/PATHWAY SYSTEM

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).



# APPLICATION FORM

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, ETC.) \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

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

**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



# PHILANDER AT A GLANCE

## DIVISIONS, MAJORS AND MINORS

### Division of Business and Economics

BBA in Business Administration

BBA in Organizational Management

### Division of Education

BS in Early Childhood Education

BS in Middle Childhood Education

BA in Physical Education

BS in Vocational Education/Business Tech

### Division of Humanities

BA in English

BA in Philosophy and Religion

### Division of Natural and Physical Sciences

BS in Biology

BS in Chemistry

BS in Computer Science

BS in Mathematics

BS in Physics

BS in General Science

### Division of Social Sciences

BA in Political Science

BSW in Social Work

BA in Psychology

BA in Sociology

Minor: Black Family



## QUICK FACTS

- Institutional control: Private
- Two-year or four-year: Four Year
- Academic calendar: Semesters
- Religious affiliation: United Methodist
- School size: Small (fewer than 1,000 students)
- Average class size: 17
- Number of registered organizations: 21
- Freshmen allowed to have cars: Yes
- Freshmen required to live on campus: Yes

## OVERVIEW

- Founded in 1877, Philander Smith College is a small, privately funded, four-year, liberal arts, career-oriented institution supported by the General Board of Higher Education and a Ministry of the United Methodist Church.
- The College has a rich legacy of providing an educational experience that embraces academic excellence, builds self-esteem, cultivates critical thinking skills, and prepares students to be future leaders and advocates for social justice.

## ACTIVITIES

- In addition to the more than 21 registered student organizations, students have opportunities to volunteer and intern with national organizations such as Big Brother/Big Sister, Heifer International or City Year.
- The **Bless the Mic Lecture Series** brings noted speakers such as Cornel West, Al Sharpton, Michael Eric Dyson, Judge Glenda Hatchett, Susan Taylor, Andy Young and many more to enlighten and challenge the minds of the campus and local communities.

## CAMPUS

- Nestled on over 25 acres and within walking distance of downtown Little Rock, Philander Smith College offers state-of-the-art facilities in the heart of Arkansas' economic, cultural and governmental centers.

## COST AND FINANCIAL AID

- Tuition: \$11,804.00
- Room and Board: \$8,484.60  
Total for the academic year with fees: \$21,048.60
- Scholarships: Three Levels (1. half tuition, 2. full tuition and fees, and 3. tuition, room and board fees and book stipend)
- Grants: Yes
- Loans: Yes
- Work-study programs: Yes
- Co-ops/internships: Yes

## APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

- Essay required: No
- Interview required: No
- Application deadline: July 1, 2016
- Application fee: \$25

## HOUSING

The Office of Residential Life has three campus housing options for our students:

### The RLC (Residential Life Center)

Complete with 264 beds, this coed residential housing center features a private bath in each room, along with cable and high-speed Internet access. The complex offers such amenities as community meeting and recreation rooms, study rooms, laundry rooms on every floor, and a workout facility.

**Residential Suites** – A residential suite facility houses 55 residential students, in addition to the 60 bed facility. The suites offer single occupancy rooms featuring private card access entry, laundry facilities, Internet, cable, common and lounge areas and private social spaces. This facility is reserved for upperclassmen that have a need for a more private student atmosphere.

## CAMPUS CENTER

The Campus Center is the nexus of student life and engagement. This 16,000 square foot facility offers an array of state-of-the-art amenities designed to enhance the student experience at PSC while also serving faculty, staff and other guests to the campus.

## 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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