

August 2019

Dear Colleagues,

Greetings from Miami University's Office of Admission! We hope that you have had an enjoyable and productive summer break.

As we prepare for a new school year, we are proud to announce the **2019 Bridges Program** dates. Bridges is an overnight experience for high-achieving high school seniors from historically underrepresented populations or who are committed to promoting a deeper understanding of and appreciation for diversity. We welcome various diverse identities — racial/ethnic, sexual orientation and gender identity, and socioeconomic.

Participants will be immersed in campus life — engaging with students and professors in the classroom, eating in our award-winning dining halls, staying overnight with current students, and journeying through campus to uncover the Miami college experience. Miami will cover the cost of food, lodging, and activities.

Students who complete the Bridges Program and enroll on the Oxford campus for Fall 2020 will be eligible to receive the Bridges Program scholarship. Last year, the scholarship ranged from \$2,500 to \$5,000. It is renewable for four years and is stackable with other scholarships for which a student may be eligible. **Most Bridges participants receive multiple awards for totals ranging from half to full tuition.**

We will host four Bridges sessions this year, and transportation will be provided from these locations:

- **Session I:** October 27-28, Chillicothe, Columbus, and Portsmouth, Ohio
- **Session II:** November 3-4, Cincinnati and Dayton, Ohio
- **Session III:** November 10-11, Akron, Cleveland, and Toledo, Ohio
- **Session IV:** November 17-18, Out-of-state students (via Cincinnati and Dayton airports and bus stations)

To be considered for the Bridges Program, students must submit the following:

- Online application with two short answer essays (available at MiamiOH.edu/Bridges)
- List of junior- and senior-year classes
- Counselor recommendation form
- Standardized test scores (ACT, SAT, PSAT, or Pre-ACT) — students who have not yet taken a standardized test may submit a letter from a high school counselor attesting to college readiness

Please note, the number of applications for the Bridges Program is typically far greater than the number of spaces available. Students selected for the program typically have a GPA of 3.00 or higher (on a 4.00 scale), complete a rigorous curriculum, and have demonstrated leadership and co-curricular involvement. The application deadline is **September 27, 2019.**

Enclosed is a poster with information about the Bridges Program. We ask that you please post it in a prominent location to help spread the word to your students.

If you have any questions about the program or the application process, we invite you to visit the Bridges Program website at MiamiOH.edu/Bridges. Also, please feel free to contact our office at 513-529-2531 or outreach@MiamiOH.edu.

We hope to see your students on campus for the Bridges Program this fall!

Sincerely,

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