



OSU Access Collaborative Program

The ACCESS Collaborative Program is an academic and social support program to assist low-income single parent students who are pursuing a college education at The Ohio State University.

Purpose

The purpose is to increase retention and graduation rates of low-income minority single parent students at The Ohio State University by minimizing the barriers that may prevent full participation by these students. The Program coordinates University and community support services to meet low-income single parent's needs as students and as heads of household.

Eligibility

Eligibility for the ACCESS Collaborative Program requires:

- Full time custodial responsibility of all dependent children and children must reside in the student's household while the student is attending The Ohio State University.
- Maintain a 2.3 minimum GPA- Category I participants. (There is no minimum GPA for Category II & III participants.)
- Full-time or Part-time status as an Ohio State University student.

ACCESS Collaborative Program Membership Privileges

Category I members have access to:

- ✓ Opportunity to earn Book Scholarship after completing one semester of positive participation
- ✓ Daytime childcare referrals
- ✓ Up to ten (10) hours of evening care for classes, study tables and other academic needs
- ✓ Limited scholarship opportunities
- ✓ Priority Housing with Buckeye Village
- ✓ Priority Registration
- ✓ General Meetings and Workshops focusing on but not limited to child development, academic success, life skills and financial literacy
- ✓ Referrals to OSU & Community resources
- ✓ Career Guidance & Post Baccalaureate assistance
- ✓ Assistance with applying for resources from the Franklin County Department of Job & Family Service and other community agencies
- ✓ Priority with the ODI Tutoring Programming
- ✓ Priority with the ODI Mentoring Program
- ✓ Occasional family activities

Category II and III members have access to:

- ✓ General Meetings and Workshops focusing on but not limited to child development, academic success, life skills and financial literacy
- ✓ Referrals to OSU & Community resources
- ✓ Daytime childcare referrals
- ✓ Up to five (5) hours of evening childcare for classes, study tables and other academic needs
(category three (3) participants not eligible)
- ✓ Career Guidance & Post Baccalaureate assistance
- ✓ Assistance with applying for resources from the Franklin County Department of Job and family Services and other community agencies
- ✓ Priority with the ODI Tutoring Program
- ✓ Priority with the ODI Mentoring Program
- ✓ Enrichment Activities with children
- ✓ Occasional family activities

The ACCESS Collaborative Program provides numerous services to meet students' needs in daily living and successful academic performance. These services include but are not limited to:

Workshops

All participants are required to attend MANDATORY workshops and programming consisting of:

- **Parenting Skills:** building self-esteem and promoting autonomy in children, improving family harmony, guiding children to maturity.
- **Financial Planning:** how to apply for financial aid, household budgeting, how to save and invest for the future.
- **Life Skills:** stress management, relationship building, and communication skill development.

Career Guidance & Post Baccalaureate Assistance

Students are provided access to a variety of resources and programs that provide exposure to and enhance skills in avenues beyond the undergraduate degree, such as guidance on applying to graduate school, cover letter and resume writing, and interview etiquette.

Housing Assistance

Participants are entitled to receive priority consideration for a two (2) bedroom townhome in Buckeye Village, a safe, on-campus family housing community. Limited housing assistance is also so available to qualified participants.

- Eligibility for housing assistance
 - Minimum GPA of a 2.5/4.0 scale;
 - Must be an active member of the program for at least two (2) consecutive semesters;
 - Must be attending program meetings.
 - Must be a Category I participant in the program;
 - Must be willing to move into or already reside in Buckeye Village;
 - Must be and remain in good standing with both ACCESS Collaborative and Buckeye Village;
 - Must have at least 12 months of studies remaining at The Ohio State University;
 - Only you and your child will be dwelling in the residence.

Childcare

Category I participants are eligible to receive up to ten (10) hours of evening childcare per week from The Ohio State University Childcare Center. This resource is provided to participants for academic activities such as attending ACCESS Collaborative-based programs, tutoring sessions and studying. Category II participants are eligible to receive up to five (5) hours of evening care. Category III students are not eligible for evening child care.

Priority Registration

Participants are granted the opportunity to register for classes before other students at the University, to ensure enrollment in all courses required for graduation.

Scholarship Opportunities

After one (1) quarter of participation and with at least a GPA of 2.7 or above are eligible for a book scholarship. This scholarship is awarded on a semester basis. In addition, students with a GPA of 3.0 and above and have been a participant in the ACCESS Collaborative Program for at least one (1) year are eligible for the Longaberger Foundation/ACCESS Collaborative Program scholarship, awarded annually.

ACCESS Collaborative also offers resources and referrals:

- Housing Guides
- Child Care Centers
- Jobs and Family Services
- Community Resources



Office of Diversity & Inclusion
ACCESS Collaborative Program Application

NAME: _____
Last First MI

Sex: M F OSU Student No.: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Home/Permanent Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Phone: _____
Local/Campus Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Phone: _____
OSU Email Address: _____ (the only address we will be sending email to, so please forward to your personal account)

Marital Status: (check one)

Divorced Widowed Separated Never Married

Ethnicity: (Check all that apply)		
<input type="checkbox"/> Asian/Pacific Islander /African American	<input type="checkbox"/> Black/African American	<input type="checkbox"/> Hispanic/Latino
<input type="checkbox"/> Native American	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify) _____	<input type="checkbox"/> White

Do you have FULL PHYSICAL CUSTODY (living with you) of your child(ren)? Yes No

Semester you wish to enter the ACCESS Collaborative Program? Autumn Spring

1. Are you currently enrolled as a student at The Ohio State University? Yes No

If YES...

Year and semester enrolled? _____

What is your class rank? (circle one) FR SO JR SR GRAD

Are you a full time or part time student? _____

Total number of years you have been in college: _____

Current college of enrollment: _____

Intended major: _____

Current GPA: _____

College/Department Academic Counselor and contact information: _____

Scholarship Recipient? YSP MSP CAMP other (specify) _____

Intended semester and year of graduation? _____

EFC (Expected Family Contribution) _____ School Year _____

If NO...

What school do you currently attend? _____

What semester do you plan to enroll at OSU? _____

Do you plan to enroll full time or part time? _____

Intended major: _____

2. Are you currently employed? Yes No

If YES...

What is your occupation? _____

What is your annual income from employment? _____

Do you intend to work during the academic year? _____

What do you anticipate your income to be? _____

Total number of members in your household? _____

For each child, please provide the following information:*(if necessary, please attach additional sheets to include all children)*

Full Name	Gender	Date of Birth	School/ Grade

If your child(ren) are not of school age, please provide the Name, Address and Telephone number of your caregiver(s):

1. _____

2. _____

Please provide the following information for an Emergency Contact:1. _____
Name Address Phone # Relationship2. _____
Name Address Phone # Relationship**Are you receiving any of the following:** (Check all that apply)

- Title XX Food Stamps Healthy Start or Medicaid
 Cash Assistance WIC Other (specify) _____

***My signature below indicates that I fully understand the following:**

1. If admitted to the ACCESS Collaborative Program, I'm expected to sign and abide by all terms in the agreement that governs the Program.
2. The ACCESS Collaborative Program staff will make every effort to assist me in my academic and personal growth. In doing so, they may need to speak with a community organization and/or person(s) who may assist me with my situation. I give the ACCESS Collaborative Program staff permission to discuss my situation with appropriate organizations and/or persons to advocate for me on my behalf.
3. I will participate in all recommended (if necessary) interventions that will assist in my academic and personal growth.
4. All services provided by the ACCESS Collaborative Program are subject to change without notice.

Signature*_____
Date

ACCESS Collaborative Program Essay

To complete your application, please submit a written essay in which you answer the following questions honestly, accurately and as thoroughly as possible:

1. What has/was your high school experience like?
2. Why do/did you want to attend The Ohio State University?
3. What has your college experience been like (if applicable)?
4. What has your work experience been like (if applicable)?
5. Why do you think you would be a good ACCESS Collaborative Participant?
6. What role do you see the ACCESS Collaborative Program playing in the life of your family?
7. What are your hopes and aspirations for yourself and for your child(ren)?
8. What are your academic and personal goals and what assistance do you need to achieve them?
9. Where do you see yourself in the next 5 years, 10 years?
10. How do you cope when faced with stressful academic and/or personal situations?
11. **A.** Do you have a current “support system” (relatives, friends, counselors, academic professionals and others presently assisting you while in school)?
 - i. **YES**.....what is the level in which you rely on them?
 - ii. **NO**.....Who do you turn to for support when needed?**B.** How does your child’s(ren) father fit into this support system? Please explain
12. How do you feel about attending mandatory ACCESS Collaborative Program meetings and activities?
13. Please answer...
 - i. What am I willing to do to help myself be successful academically? Personally?
 - ii. What initiatives am I willing to take to assist in not only my own success, but the success of the single parent student community in the ACCESS Collaborative Program as well?

APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE PROCESSED WITHOUT AN ESSAY. The essay should be typed and no more than eight (8) pages in length.

Please submit your completed application and essay to:

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