



## New Student Application

### Mission

The mission of Student U is to empower students in the Durham Public Schools to own their education by developing the academic skills and personal wellbeing necessary to succeed in college and beyond.

### Core Values

The following six values drive the Student U community. We believe by embodying these values, we become the best version of ourselves.

**We will energize our community.**

**We will achieve greatness.**

**We will respect ourselves and others.**

**We will discover our best selves.**

**We will dream fearlessly.**

**We will share our brilliance.**

For questions, contact:

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Applications are due **December 7, 2018**

Send complete application to:

Student U

600 E Umstead St

Durham, NC 27701



Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

### Our Program

Student U is a college access and success organization that believes that all children can succeed when adequately supported. As an organization, we recognize the role that structural racism, poverty and other systemic injustices play in preventing students from receiving the best educational opportunities. We provide out-of-school time (summer and after-school) programming with in school advocacy to ensure that students and families are prepared for their journey to and through college. Our program begins the summer before students enter 6<sup>th</sup> grade and continues through their graduation from college. Student U strives to partner with students and their families to develop academic skills, teach financial literacy, cultivate positive personal well-being and engage students in their community. Through their connection with Student U, we hope that students realize their brilliance and use it to change the world.

Below you'll find a diagram that outlines our programming. Enrollment in Student U is an eleven-year commitment for students and their families. Our students' families are our teammates and we must work together to ensure students' success. We ask families to commit to consistent attendance and communication with our program.

### Student U Program

#### Middle School

- 6- week **Summer Academy** Program where students receive academic enrichment, participate in field trips and build positive relationships with their peers.
- Monday – Thursday **after-school program** (Year Round Program) where students complete homework, develop study skills and explore extra-curricular interests in clubs.

#### High School

- 9<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> grade students participate in a 6-week **Summer Academy** program where students continue to develop academic skills through elective-based courses.
- 11<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade students participate in **summer internships, SAT/ACT Prep classes** and personalized **college advising**.
- During the school year, in-school advocates check-in with students weekly to ensure they are meeting their academic and personal goals.
- All students have the opportunities to attend tutoring, receive enrichment funds and attend college tours.

#### College

- Students participate in a **summer & winter retreat** to set goals, learn about time management skills, summer experiences and other helpful topics for college students.
- Student U's College Success Coordinators regularly **check-in** on student progress and connect students with resources on campus.

Throughout their time in Student U, all students and families have access to our Licensed Clinical Social Worker and Learning Specialist who provide additional social-emotional and academic support. Families are engaged through workshops, meetings, phone calls and parent leadership opportunities.



**Application Directions:** Student U uses this application to learn more about families applying to Student U. We ask that families report honest and accurate information on this application.

Before you submit the application, please check the following boxes to ensure you have a complete application.

- Student Section:* Complete all 3 pages of application. Student should complete this section on his/her own. This portion is for us to learn more about students.
- Parent/Guardian Section:* Complete all 6 pages of parent/guardian questions. This portion is for us to learn more about you and your student. Be sure to sign the information release on page 5 and attach any IEP/504 information.
- Teacher Recommendation:* The Teacher Recommendation Form should be given to teacher. The teacher can mail the recommendation directly to Student U, or return the recommendation to students in a sealed envelope which can then be included with the rest of the application. Be sure to give the teacher enough time to complete the recommendation (at least two weeks).
- Student Data:* Please include a copy of your child's most recent report card and most recent End of Grade test scores. The counselor or data manager at your child's school can provide this information.
- Individualized Education Plan or 504:* If your student has an IEP or 504, please attach a copy of that application. This must be included for a complete application.

**Application Timeline:**

- All applications materials (student section, parent/guardian section, teacher recommendation and grade/test scores) due by **December 7, 2018**. Incomplete or late applications may not be considered for admission into Student U.
- In **January 2019**, student applications will be entered into a randomized lottery system. 50 students will be selected into Student U's Class of 2026.
- Admission letters will be sent home in **February 2019**. All admissions decisions are final.

## 2018 New Student Application Student Information

**Full Name:** \_\_\_\_\_  
First Middle Last

**Preferred name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date of Birth:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Home Address:**

\_\_\_\_\_

Street Address Apt #

\_\_\_\_\_

City State Zip Code

**Ethnic Background** – check all that apply

Black or African-American       Hispanic or Latino       American Indian

Multiracial       Asian/Pacific Islander       White or Caucasian

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**Gender:**       Male       Female

Are any languages, other than English, spoken at home?  Yes  No

If so, what language(s)? \_\_\_\_\_ Enrolled in ESL or ELL program?  Yes  No

What language does your family prefer? \_\_\_\_\_

**Current Grade:**       5       6       7

**Current school:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Teacher:** \_\_\_\_\_

**School attending next year:** \_\_\_\_\_

*If I am accepted to Student U, I understand that I am making a commitment to work hard with Student U through middle school, high school and college to achieve my dreams!*

\_\_\_\_\_

Student Signature Date

## Student Short Responses

**Please answer the following questions using complete sentences. Your answers will help us learn more about you! You can attach typed answers if you prefer.**

Describe one person you admire, and tell us why you admire that person.


What do you like best about school and why?


What do you want to be when you grow up and why?


Creative Response: At Student U, we believe in the importance of finding creative ways of expressing ourselves. Use this space to express yourself creatively. You may draw a comic, write a poem, draw a picture, tell a short story, or do anything you wish. This is an opportunity to let your brilliance shine!

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## Student Essays

**Please answer the following questions using complete sentences. You can attach typed answers if you prefer!**

Write about what you would do on a Magical Day—when you could be anybody you wanted to be, go anywhere you wanted to go, or do anything you wanted to do.


The Student U affirmation, said by teachers and students together, says, “We are destined to change the world.” What change do you wish to see in the world, and how would you go about changing it? Your world could be your classroom, school, family, neighborhood, Durham, or the world beyond.




Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

### Parent/Guardian Section

Parent/Guardian/Caretaker 1

**Full Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Relationship to Student:** \_\_\_\_\_

Does the child live with this person?  Yes  No

**Home Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

Number and Street

Apt #

City

State

Zip Code

**Phone** (circle preferred): \_\_\_\_\_

Home

Cell

Work

**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Employer:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Ethnic Background** – check all that apply

- Black or African-American
- Hispanic or Latino
- American Indian
- Multiracial
- Asian/Pacific Islander
- White or Caucasian
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**Education History** – check all completed

- Some High School
- High School/GED
- Two-year College
- Four-year college or above
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian/Caretaker 2

**Full Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Relationship to Student:** \_\_\_\_\_

Does the child live with this person?  Yes  No

**Home Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

Number and Street

Apt #

City

State

Zip Code

**Phone** (circle preferred): \_\_\_\_\_

Home

Cell

Work

**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Employer(s):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Ethnic Background** – check all that apply

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Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

### Parent/Guardian Short Responses

**Thank you for completing the parent/guardian portion of this application. Your answers to these questions help us learn more about you and your child.**

Why do you want your child to be a part of Student U?


What do you feel are your child's greatest strengths?


In what areas would you like to see your child grow?


What extra-curricular activities is your child involved in (ex: sports, religious activities, etc)?


Student U's mission is to empower students to take ownership of their education by developing the academic skills and personal well-being necessary to succeed in college and beyond. As a parent/guardian, how can Student U support *you* in helping your child reach his/her full potential? How will you support Student U in helping your child reach his/her full potential?




### Commitment to Student U

Enrollment in Student U is an eleven-year commitment from sixth grade until graduation from college. If your child is accepted and decides to enroll, we expect full participation and attendance in all parts of our program. This includes daily attendance at Student U's Summer Academy, after-school program and If a student is not fulfilling their commitment to our program, the Chief Program Officer will meet with the family to discuss the student's status in our program.

We believe that family involvement is essential to a child's success. Student U hosts several family events during the summer and school year including Parent Nights, U-Prep workshops, Family Day, Orientation, student-parent-teacher conferences and Celebration where we expect all families to attend.

<u>Middle School</u>	<u>High School</u>	<u>College</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 6- week Summer Academy Program where students receive academic enrichment, participate in field trips and build positive relationships with their peers.</li> <li>• Monday – Thursday after-school program (Year Round Program) where students complete homework, develop study skills and explore extra-curricular interests in clubs.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 9<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> grade students participate in a 6-week Summer Academy Program where students continue to develop academic skills through elective-based courses.</li> <li>• 11<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade students participate in summer Internships, SAT/ACT Prep classes and personalized college advising.</li> <li>• During the school year, in-school advocates check-in with students weekly to ensure they are meeting their academic and personal goals.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Students participate in a summer &amp; winter retreat to set goals, learn about time management skills, summer experiences and other helpful topics for college students.</li> <li>• Student U's College Success Coordinators regularly check-in on student progress and connect students with resources on campus.</li> </ul>

Throughout their time in Student U, all students and families have access to our Licensed Clinical Social Worker and Learning Specialist who provide additional social-emotional and academic support. Families are engaged through workshops, meetings, phone calls and parent leadership opportunities.

*If my student is accepted to Student U, I understand that I am making a commitment to partner with Student U throughout the 11 years he/she is in the program to reach his/her goals.*

\_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_  
Date



Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

### Release of Information

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) is a Federal law that protects the privacy of student education records.

RELEASE OF INFORMATION: I, \_\_\_\_\_ (parent/guardian name), authorize Student U to obtain and release information about my child, \_\_\_\_\_ (child's name), to and from his/her school and school staff (including all Durham Public School schools, non-district charter and independent schools). I authorize the Student U staff to gather my child's grades, class schedules, and test scores (report cards and/or End-of-Grade scores) from Durham Public Schools, non-district charter and independent schools. Furthermore, I permit Student U to speak with the teachers and counselors about my child's progress. This information will be used to help tailor supports and interventions for students. Student U will protect this information and keep it confidential.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

I, \_\_\_\_\_ (parent/guardian name) authorize Student U to release educational information to outside evaluators and/or researchers for the purpose of research and external evaluation of Student U programming.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date



Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

## Teacher Recommendation

Teacher Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Student U is a college-access organization that believes all students in Durham have the ability to succeed. In order to make this dream a reality, Student U creates a pipeline of services to support students through middle, high school and post-secondary education. By providing direct services during out-of-school time and advocating for students and families within schools, we ensure our students develop the academic skills and personal well-being needed to succeed in college and beyond.

### Our Pipeline

Beginning the summer before their 6<sup>th</sup> grade year, Student U students attend Summer Academy, during which they receive instruction in the four core subject areas, as well as a targeted reading intervention and/or enrichment class, all taught by local college students who have been trained to teach for the six-week program. During the school year, students will attend Student U's daily after-school program, where they receive homework help and tutoring from local college students and engage in targeted academic intervention. After middle school, students continue to engage in academic and college readiness support with Student U through their high school years and into their post-secondary education. Our hope is that each Student U middle school student enters our High School Program ready to succeed in rigorous classes and thrive in a traditional high school environment.

### How you can help us!

Please give us your detailed feedback about this student so we may receive a well-rounded picture of the student and understand how to best support him/her if accepted into Student U. Teacher recommendations must be received by Student U before **December 7, 2018**.

### Academic Information

In your own opinion, please circle the number that corresponds to the following statements.

**4: Consistently performs above grade level: *Student could benefit from enrichment and extension***

**3: Consistently performs on grade level: *Student could benefit from continued review, working towards extension***

**2: Below grade level: *With additional, consistent support student could reach grade level by 8<sup>th</sup> grade***

**1: Significantly below grade level: *Student needs intense, targeted support to reach grade level by 8<sup>th</sup> grade***

Subject	Ranking	Comments
Math	1 2 3 4	If you know student's current Quantile level, please list here: _____
Reading	1 2 3 4	If you know student's current reading level (Lexile, Fountas & Pinnell, etc), please list here: _____
Writing	1 2 3 4	

If student receives additional services and/or intervention during the school day, please indicate nature of support:

- IEP – Math
- IEP – Reading
- IEP – Other: \_\_\_\_\_
- 504 Plan
- No documented plan, but receives small-group and/or individual intervention regularly



Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

### Behavioral Information

	Always	Most of the time	Sometimes	Rarely
Student is respectful to peers.				
Student is respectful to teachers and/or other adults.				
Student is willing to take healthy risks and try new things on his/her own.				

**Behavioral comments: Please share additional information that would be helpful in supporting this student!**

**What do you see as this student’s greatest strengths?**

**What do you see as the biggest obstacle(s) to this student reaching his/her fullest potential?**

**Is there anything else we should know about this student?**

Please return to student in a sealed envelope or mail to Student U, 600 E Umstead St, Durham, NC 27701 before **Dec. 7, 2018**. Please contact April Warren, Middle School Program Coordinator, with any questions or concerns – [april.warren@studentdurham.org](mailto:april.warren@studentdurham.org) or 919-267-3958.



Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

## School Information Request

Parents, if you need a copy of your child's End of Grade test scores, Report Card, Individualized Education Plan (IEP) or 504 Plan, please complete this form and turn into your child's counselor.

To: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Counselor's name)

Re: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Child's name)

My child is applying for admission to Student U, a college-access and success program that seeks to empower students to take ownership of their own education. As a part of my child's application, I am requesting the following information from the school. **All applications materials must be received before December 7, 2018.**

### I need a copy of my child's:

- Most Recent End-of-Grade Test Scores
- Most Recent Report Card
- IEP or 504 Plan (if applicable)

### Please

- Send a copy home with my child

Or

- Mail a copy directly to:  
Student U  
Re: Student Application (Student Name)  
600 E Umstead St  
Durham, NC 27701

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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