



University of Bridgeport

Bridgeport's Brightest Program

Empowering local graduates

The Bridgeport's Brightest program is designed to make higher education more accessible and affordable for Bridgeport public high school graduates. By participating in this program, UB commits to you paying \$7,000 in tuition if you are a commuter student or \$12,500 for tuition and room and board if you are living on campus per year.¹ Students who take advantage of this program are still eligible for additional grants and scholarships, clearing a path to a UB education for students in our local community.

Transforming futures — together

Bridgeport's Brightest is a four-year renewable program that is the result of a collaborative partnership between University of Bridgeport and Bridgeport Public Schools. Recognizing the challenges students face in opening the door to higher education, UB and Bridgeport Public Schools worked together to provide a solution that supports students' access to financial aid. The Bridgeport's Brightest program aims to ensure equitable access to higher education for Bridgeport's public high school students.

How it works

The Bridgeport's Brightest program is made possible through a combination of grants, scholarships, and institutional aid. This program aligns with our mission to empower local students — fostering academic success, professional achievement, and community impact.

Fall 2025 Bridgeport's Brightest program requirements:

This program is limited to the first 50 applicants who meet the following criteria. The student must:

- Be a graduate from a Bridgeport public high school
- Enroll in a full-time, on-campus degree program at UB
- Have a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.5
 - Students with a GPA below a 2.5 will be reviewed by UB's Admissions team.
- Have completed the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid), including all financial aid elements, and participate in a financial literacy appointment
 - In place of the FAFSA, DACA students will work directly with Student Financial Services

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For more information, contact:
203-576-4552
bridgeport.edu/brightest

Admission Requirements

- Complete the application for enrollment at:
bridgeport.edu/apply
- Submit transcripts
 - Submit proof of high school completion or its equivalent
 - Submit transcripts from all colleges/universities attended (transfer applicants)
- Students must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.5
- First-year students must submit a personal essay (optional if you choose to submit SAT/ACT scores)

We are invested in your success

While you're earning your degree, you can take advantage of:

- 60+ career-focused academic programs ²
- A 15:1 student-to-faculty ratio ²
- Expert faculty with decades of experience in their fields
- Academic Advising
- Center for Career Development
- Tutoring



Scan the QR code for
additional information
about the Bridgeport's
Brightest program

University of Bridgeport is accredited by the New England Commission of Higher Education.
The University also is accredited by the Connecticut Office of Higher Education.

¹ Health insurance not covered under the scholarship but can be waived

² Fall 2024

³ ADT, 2021



Make the most of your college experience

When you live at UB, you'll have a chance to explore:

- Beautiful residence halls located right on Long Island Sound
- Over 30 clubs and organizations, including Greek life, to help you get involved on campus
- Men's and women's NCAA Division II athletic teams
- A diverse student body from over 30 countries
- Convenient location — 2 hours from Boston and 1.5 hours from New York City
- The #1 safest college campus in Connecticut ³

