

# SUMMER INCENTIVE PROGRAM



## ***The Mission***

The mission of the Eastern Michigan University Summer Incentive Program (SIP) is to provide high school graduating seniors who do not meet the prerequisites for admission the opportunity to attend Eastern Michigan University on a conditional basis. The program is two-fold: (1) Students gain the opportunity to participate in a structured program, take classes, and reside on campus during a six-week summer session; (2) Students will participate in an academic support program for the remainder of the Fall and Winter semesters of the first year. The program requires meetings with academic success coaches, pre-registration meeting with an Academic Adviser, attending workshops, utilizing tutoring services, and maintaining an above average grade point average (GPA). This program is designed to facilitate a smooth transition into University life while allowing each student to successfully develop academic skills and the personal responsibility necessary to ensure success at the University level. Upon successful completion of all program components, students are able to continue at Eastern Michigan University.

## ***Admissions Process***

Students cannot apply directly to SIP. In order to be eligible to participate in SIP, a student must have applied to Eastern Michigan University, been denied admission, and received a nomination/referral to the Summer Incentive Program by the Admissions Office. Nominees will be sent an application packet. Following receipt and review of the completed application (application form, personal statement, three academic letters of recommendation), applicants may be invited to attend a personal interview. Once the application process is complete, SIP staff selects the most promising candidates.

## ***The Program***

SIP participants are required to complete seven basic components:

- I. **Coursework:** Participants must pass both of the undergraduate courses during the Summer semester with a C or better in each class.
- II. **Eagle Careers:** Participants must attend eight (8) hours of assigned campus employment each week. Campus job assignments are not negotiable, and the student must report to work and perform all job duties as required by their employer.
- III. **Writing Consultation:** Participants must attend all consultation sessions, which will occur daily Sundays through Thursdays during each week of the Summer semester.
- IV. **Supplemental Instruction:** Participants must attend all supplemental instruction sessions, which will occur daily Sundays through Thursdays during each week of the Summer semester.
- V. **Academic Assistance:** Participants must attend all assistance sessions, which will occur daily Sundays through Thursdays during each week of the Summer semester.
- VI. **Workshops and Team Building Events:** There will be a series of weekly workshops and team building events covering different facets of the University experience. These workshops will be held on Fridays. Attendance is mandatory.
- VII. **The Resident Hall Experience:** Participants are required to live in the EMU residence hall from Sunday afternoon through Friday afternoon. Parents and/or guardians are required to drop SIP students off Sunday afternoon and pick SIP students up on Friday afternoon.

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## ***The Rules***

During the summer, SIP students are required to adhere to very strict guidelines designed to help the participant. The rules include: students must dress appropriately for the learning environment; attend all scheduled sessions on time; give up the use of televisions, cell phones, iPods/MP3 players, and iPads/tablets/laptops for the duration of the program; and abide by a curfew.

## ***Program Cost***

SIP students are **required** to pay for tuition and fees, meals (board) and a non-refundable \$300 program fee. Housing is free during the Summer semester. However, during the Fall semester, housing is the responsibility of the **student**. For the 2013 SIP participants, the cost to the student for the Summer semester was approximately \$4,200. However, tuition, fees and board costs for the Summer or Fall 2014 semesters have not yet been set. Financial aid is available to those who qualify and is based upon the completion of **both** of the **2013-2014** and **2014-2015** FAFSA (FAFSA.ed.gov).

## ***The Results***

The Summer Incentive Program at Eastern Michigan University has been recognized by the Chronicle of Higher Education as an “Academic Boot Camp” and as well as in the Lee Noel and Randi Levitz Retention Excellence Awards Program because of its intensive and structured academic and student work format.

Ninety-five percent (95%) of SIP students successfully complete the program (seventy percent (70%) with a GPA of 3.0 or above) and begin their freshman year at Eastern Michigan University ready for success. Through the SIP program, they have attained a solid grade point average, strengthened academic abilities, gained strong study skills, acquired knowledge of the campus community, and developed support networks.

Summer Incentive Program students have a higher first year retention rate compared to students who are admitted through the regular admissions process. This is important to note considering that the students admitted into the SIP program have significantly lower GPA’s and ACT scores and were denied admission to the University on that basis. SIP students have an average 2.3 high school GPA and an average ACT score of 16, as compared to the average 3.23 and 22 on the ACT achieved by the regularly admitted student population. However, through the Summer Incentive Program at Eastern Michigan University, *motivated* students are guaranteed the opportunity to successfully complete their post-secondary education.



## ADMISSION APPLICATION CHECKLIST

In order to be eligible to participate in SIP, a student must have:

- I. Applied to Eastern Michigan University.
- II. Been denied admission.
- III. Received a nomination/referral to the Summer Incentive Program by the Admissions Office.
- IV. Completed the SIP application process.

Once the completed application has been received, it will be reviewed. Following the review, select applicants will be scheduled for an intake interview. The interview will include the applicant, applicant's parent(s)/guardian(s), and representatives from the Summer Incentive Program. The combined results of the application and intake interview will determine those students invited to participate in the program.

Apply early for full consideration. Below is a checklist of all materials that must be received before an applicant will be considered for an interview. Failure to submit any of the following will nullify the student's candidacy.

**Completed and signed SIP application form.**

**350-word personal statement**

This statement should explain your previous academic performance and why you feel the Summer Incentive Program will enable you to succeed at Eastern Michigan University. Additional details are provided on page seven (7) of this packet.

**Three (3) academic letters of recommendation**

These recommendations should be from high school counselors or teachers (**not** family members or friends) who know your academic experience and work skills. Please provide them with copies of the "Academic Letter of Recommendation" form and ask them to submit the completed documents directly to the program office within Academic Success Partnerships by one of the following:

**I. Mail:**

Academic Success Partnerships  
ATTN: Summer Incentive Program (SIP)  
Eastern Michigan University  
301 Pierce Hall  
Ypsilanti, MI 48197

**II. Email\*:**

**emu\_sip@emich.edu**

\*If choosing this method, the counselor and/or teacher **must**:

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## SUMMER INCENTIVE PROGRAM APPLICATION

Students must complete all sections below and submit all supporting documents (see checklist) for applications to be considered complete. Incomplete applications will not be reviewed; interviews will not be offered to students whose applications are incomplete.

### *General Information (Please Print or Type Clearly):*

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**Last Name**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**First Name**

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\_\_\_\_\_  
**Address**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**City**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**State**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**ZIP**

(\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_  
**Home Phone (include area code)**

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**Second Phone (include area code)**

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**E-mail Address**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Date of Birth (MM/DD/YY)**

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**Parent or Legal Guardian Name**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Parent or Legal Guardian Email**

### *High School Information:*

\_\_\_\_\_  
**High School (HS) Name**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**HS Address**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**HS City**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**HS State**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**HS ZIP**

(\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_  
**HS Phone**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Years Attended**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Other High School(s) Attended**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**HS Counselor Name**

(\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_  
**HS Counselor Phone**

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**Academic Performance Information:**

1. What is your **current cumulative** high school grade point average (GPA)? \_\_\_\_\_
2. In the box below, please fill in your **most recent** ACT and/or SAT scores:

| ACT<br>(Date: _____) |  |
|----------------------|--|
| <b>English</b>       |  |
| <b>Mathematics</b>   |  |
| <b>Reading</b>       |  |
| <b>Science</b>       |  |
| <b>Composite</b>     |  |

| SAT<br>(Date: _____)           |  |
|--------------------------------|--|
| <b>Critical Reading/Verbal</b> |  |
| <b>Writing</b>                 |  |
| <b>Mathematics</b>             |  |
| <b>Total</b>                   |  |

Do you plan on retaking the ACT or SAT?  Yes\* (Which one: \_\_\_\_\_; anticipated date for retesting: \_\_\_\_\_)  
 No

3. In the box below, please fill in your **current** course schedule and your most recent semester grade for each class.

| Course Name | Most Recent Grade |
|-------------|-------------------|
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4. Have you participated in the EMU King-Chávez-Parks College Days Program?      **YES**      **NO**
5. Do you participate in extracurricular activities?      **YES**      **NO**  
 If **yes**, please list all activities plus your official/leadership role (treasurer, president, etc.).

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***Personal Intake Survey:***

Please respond to each of the following questions. Please make sure to answer each question fully and in complete sentences. If you need more space, please staple additional pages to the back of this application. Please ensure that your **full** name is listed at the **top** of every additional sheet.

- 1. Describe your most rewarding experience as a student and how it had a positive effect on you.**

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- 2. Where do you see yourself in ten years? What steps do you need to take to achieve your goals?**

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- 3. Describe a challenging experience in your past. Did you overcome this challenge? Why or why not?**

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## ***Supplemental Information:***

The following materials **must** be submitted in order to complete the application. Applications are not considered complete until all supplemental materials have been received:

- I. **Personal Statement:** Please attach a statement of **at least** 350 words and **no more** than 500 words; this statement must be word processed (created via Microsoft Word or similar program). As certification that you authored the statement, your name and signature as well as the date **must** appear at the bottom of the statement. Any statements without the author's name, signature, and date will be considered incomplete, which will, thereby, result in an incomplete, unreviewable application. Your statement **must** explain each of the following:
  - A. Your previous academic performance
  - B. Ways you think you can improve your academic performance
  - C. How the Summer Incentive Program will enable you to succeed at Eastern Michigan University.
  
- II. **Academic Letters of Recommendation (3):** **Three** academic letters of recommendation from *either* teachers and/or counselors are required. The "Academic Letter of Recommendation" form **must** be completed for each letter and submitted by mail or email (as a PDF from the teacher or counselor).

## ***Certification Statement***

I certify that all information in this application, as well as the supporting documents, is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I understand that misrepresentation or omission of any information may be cause for denial or cancellation of admission or may result in my being dismissed from the Summer Incentive Program at Eastern Michigan University, if discovered subsequently. I understand that all rules and policies of the Summer Incentive Program and Eastern Michigan University apply to me immediately upon admission, and it is my responsibility to become knowledgeable about them. I understand that all credentials submitted in support of this application become the property of the Summer Incentive Program and are not returnable.

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Student Name**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Student Signature**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Date**

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## ACADEMIC LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION FORM

I. **Student:** Please fill in your full name **before** sending this form to your recommender (i.e., a teacher or school counselor).

**(Please Print or Type Clearly)**

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**Last Name**

\_\_\_\_\_

**First Name**

\_\_\_\_\_

**M.I.**

II. **Recommender:** This student is applying to the Summer Incentive Program at Eastern Michigan University. This program provides both an intensive Summer semester learning program and a transitional Fall semester program for students who have been denied admission to the University. Please attach a letter and complete the following section to convey your assessment of this student's potential for success in this program and for University-level work. This letter **must** be on your organization's official letter head. This form **and** the letter of recommendation can be submitted by:

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**Recommender Name**

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**Official Title**

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