



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

## Application for New Middle School Students

### Student U

Student U is a community organization that uses the power of education to build a just and equitable Durham. 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 continue 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.

### Mission

Student U is a community organization that uses the power of education to build a just and equitable Durham.

We empower and equip first-generation college students in Durham Public Schools, their families, and educators to become the leaders that will transform our city. We walk with students and families from sixth grade through college, providing holistic support at each step along the way. We believe our students are powerful, and this power will help us realize a Durham where all students succeed.

### 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 application questions, contact:

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Associate Director of Operations

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#### Send or drop off the complete application to

Student U

600 E Umstead St

Durham, NC 27701

#### For Student U programming questions, contact:

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Associate Director of Student and Family Support Services

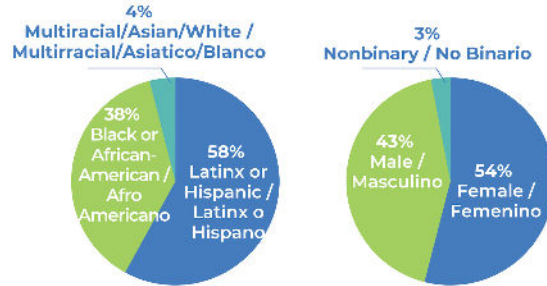
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**New Student Information Session on November 8, 2023, at 6:15 pm at W.G. Pearson Center.**

## Student U Program

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.



Middle School	High School	College
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>5-week <b>Summer Academy</b> Program where students receive academic enrichment, participate in field trips, and build positive relationships with their peers.</li> <li>Monday - Thursday during our <b>after-school program</b> (Year-Round Program), students complete homework, develop study skills, and explore extracurricular interests in clubs.</li> <li><b>Opportunity to sign up for a college savings Accounts</b></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>9th -10th grade students participate in a 5-week <b>Summer Academy</b> program where students continue to develop academic skills through elective-based courses</li> <li>11th -12th-grade students participate in <b>summer internships, SAT/ACT Prep classes, and personalized college advising.</b></li> <li>During the school year, advocates check in with students weekly to ensure they meet their academic and personal goals.</li> <li>All students can attend <b>tutoring, receive enrichment funds, and attend college tours.</b></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Students participate in <b>summer &amp; winter retreats</b> to set goals and learn about time management, skills, summer experiences, and other helpful topics for college students.</li> <li><b>Student U College Readiness and Success Coordinator regularly check in</b> on a student's progress and connects students with resources on campus.</li> </ul>
<p><b>All students and families can access our Licensed Clinical Social Worker and Director of Academic Support</b> who provide additional social-emotional and academic support through their time in Student U. Families are engaged through workshops, meetings, phone calls, and parent leadership opportunities.</p>		

## Attendance Requirements

Students are expected to attend our after-school program regularly, with specific attendance targets for each academic quarter. We encourage monthly communication and signed reports from advocates. If attendance falls below the requirements, families will enter a brief disengagement period, which can be resolved through a meeting with our team. Failure to engage may lead to dismissal, but families can reapply within a year if needed.

## New Student 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 Information, Responses, & Data:** Please include a copy of your child's most recent report card and most recent End of Grade test scores. Your child's school counselor or data manager can provide this information. You can also use the "School Information Request" form in the packet, to request this information from your school. This must be included for a complete application.
- One (1) Teacher Recommendation:** The last page on this application is Teacher Recommendation Information page. This information includes the QR code to the teacher recommendation form that will need to be completed by your teacher. Be sure to give the teacher with enough time to complete the recommendation (at least two weeks). Applications will not be considered complete until a teacher recommendation is completed and received.
- Parent/Guardian Section:** Complete all 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 6 and attach any IEP/504 information.
- Individualized Education Plan or 504:** If your student has an IEP or 504, please submit a copy of it with your application. This must be included for a complete application.
- Other Student Information:** Please share other pieces of your students identity that feel important.

### We are looking for students who:

- plan to attend a DPS school for the 2024-2025 school year
- are performing at or slightly below grade level
- qualify for free or reduced lunch
- are first generation college bound

### Application Timeline:

- All application materials are due by **December 4th, 2023**. Incomplete or late applications may not be considered for admission into Student U.
- In **January 2024** student applications will be entered into a randomized lottery system and students will be selected for Student U.
- Application results will be emailed on **February 2, 2024**. All admission decisions are final.

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*\*First-generation college bound students are students whose parents have not earned a Bachelor's degree yet.*

**Student Applicant Information****Student Full Name:**

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First
Middle
Last

**Date of Birth (MM/DD/YYYY):** \_\_\_\_\_**Home Address:** \_\_\_\_\_**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  Non-Binary  Prefer Not to Say Other: \_\_\_\_\_ **Pronoun:**Are any languages other than English spoken at home?  Yes  No If yes, which language(s)?**Enrolled in ESL or ELL program?**  Yes  No**Current Grade:**  5  6  7  8**Current school (2023-2024):****Which of our partnered middle schools will your student attend next year (2024-2025)?**

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|---------------------------------------|---|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> DSA          | <input type="checkbox"/> Lakewood         | <input type="checkbox"/> Githens | <input type="checkbox"/> Brogden |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Carrington   | <input type="checkbox"/> Maureen Joy      | <input type="checkbox"/> Shepard | <input type="checkbox"/> KIPP    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lowes Grove  | <input type="checkbox"/> Creative Studies | <input type="checkbox"/> Lucas   |                                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Little River | <input type="checkbox"/> Rogers Herr      | <input type="checkbox"/> Neal    |                                  |

Other: \_\_\_\_\_ \*access to all services, including transportation, is not guaranteed.



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

Does your child qualify for free or reduced lunch? Free Reduced Neither

Will your child (or one of their siblings) be the first person to attend a 4-year college in your family?

Yes No

Does your child have a sibling or household member who participates in Student U??  Yes No If yes, list their name and grade below. *Having a sibling or family member in a program does not guarantee admission to our program.*

Student name: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Student name:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

***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

**Parent/ Legal Guardian Information**

Name of Parent/Legal Guardian# 1: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to Student: \_\_\_\_\_

Does the child live with this person? Yes No

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

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip code: \_\_\_\_\_

 Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_*Check primary phone number above.*

Primary Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

Employer: \_\_\_\_\_

**Ethnic Background** – check all that apply

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|--|---|-----------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Black or African-American<br>Indian | <input type="checkbox"/> Hispanic or Latino     | <input type="checkbox"/> American |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Multiracial<br>Caucasian            | <input type="checkbox"/> Asian/Pacific Islander | <input type="checkbox"/> White or |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____                         |   |                                   |

**Education History** – check all completed

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|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Some High School             | <input type="checkbox"/> Four-year college degree (BA/BS)        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> High School/GED              | <input type="checkbox"/> Advanced Degree (Master's, Ph.D., etc.) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Two-year degree (Associates) | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____                            |

Is English your first language? Yes No

If not, what is your preferred language? \_\_\_\_\_

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

Name of Parent/Legal Guardian# 2:

\_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to Student: \_\_\_\_\_

Does the child live with this person? Yes No

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

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip code: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

*Check primary phone number above.*

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Is English your first language? Yes No

If not, what is your preferred language? \_\_\_\_\_

### Commitment to Student U

Enrollment in Student U is an eleven-year commitment from sixth grade until graduation from college. If your student 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 Middle School Team will meet with the family to discuss the student's participation 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.

*If my student is accepted into Student U, I understand that I am making a commitment to partner with Student U throughout the 11 years they are in the program to reach their goals.*

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<i>Parent/Guardian 1 Signature</i>	<i>Parent/Guardian 2 Signature</i>	<i>Date</i>
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### Individualized Education Plan or 504

Has your child ever been given an IEP (Individual Education Plan), 504 Plan, diagnosed with a learning need, or received individual help at school for any reason? No Yes If so, please attach a copy of the IEP or 504 plan with this application.

If yes, please briefly explain the learning needs below.

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### School Information Request

Parents, if you need a copy of your child's 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 application materials must be received before December 4th, 2023.** / *Mi estudiante está solicitando admisión a Student U, un programa de éxito y acceso a la universidad que busca empoderar estudiantes a tomar posesión de su propia educación. Como parte de la solicitud de mi hijo/a, solicito la siguiente información de la escuela. **Todos los materiales de solicitud deben recibirse antes del 4 de diciembre de 2023.***

#### I need a copy of my child's / Necesito una copia de/del:

- Most Recent Report Card / *La boleta de calificaciones más reciente de mi niño/a*
- IEP or 504 Plan (if applicable) / *IEP o Plan 504 (si es aplicable)*

#### Please:

- Return a copy to me (the parent/guardian) and / *Devuélvame una copia a mí (padre(s)/tutor) y*
- Email a copy to Karla Fernandez at [karla.fernandez@studentudurham.org](mailto:karla.fernandez@studentudurham.org). / *Envíe una copia a Karla Fernandez a [karla.fernandez@studentudurham.org](mailto:karla.fernandez@studentudurham.org).*

Or / O

- Mail or drop off a copy directly to: / *Envíe por correo o entregue una copia directamente a:*  
Student U  
Re: Student Application (Student Name)  
600 E Umstead St  
Durham, NC 27701

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Parent/Guardian Signature / *Firma de padres(s) / tutor*

Date / *Fecha*

Please contact Karla Fernandez, Associate Director of Operations, with any questions or concerns at [karla.fernandez@studentudurham.org](mailto:karla.fernandez@studentudurham.org) or 919-808-2613.

For your teacher!  
¡Para tu maestro!

# Teacher Recommendation Recomendación de Maestros

A teacher recommendation is required with every application. Please follow the QR code to complete the request by December 4th. Applications will be considered complete once a teacher recommendation is submitted.

***Se requiere una recomendación del maestro con cada solicitud. Siga el código QR para completar la solicitud antes del 4 de diciembre. Las solicitudes se considerarán completas una vez que se envíe la recomendación del maestro.***



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