

# **2026 Brown Pre-College Application Guide for the Providence Public School District**



## Welcome to Brown Pre-College!

Our Summer 2026 application opens on January 14. We are thrilled to expand the reach of our scholarship funds to Providence Public School District students. Our goal is to provide challenging college-level courses paired with educational, social and extracurricular experiences that prepare students for their next steps both in and out of the classroom.

Please use this guide to help navigate the application process for you and your students. Additional resources can be found on our website on the [Scholarships](#) pages.

We are always available if questions arise at [precollegepartnerships@brown.edu](mailto:precollegepartnerships@brown.edu).

We look forward to working with you!

### 2026 Programs Offered

**Summer@Brown On-Campus or Online**

**Brown Leadership Institute On-Campus or Online**

**Brown Environmental Leadership Labs (BELL): Alaska, Florida and Rhode Island**

**Brown Experiential Education (BEE): Barcelona and Oxford**

**STEM For Rising 9th and 10th Graders**

**Pre-Baccalaureate**

### 2026 PPSD Deadline

**Brown Pre-College Program Application and PPSD Scholarship Form Deadline**

**April 24, 2026**



## Things To Consider When Preparing Students To Apply

**PROGRAM PREFERENCE:** All students apply to Brown Pre-College. Students may indicate a program preference within the application. Indicating a program preference does not guarantee registration in a specific course or program.

**WRITING SAMPLE:** Students should consider our two prompts and choose one to create a thoughtful 250-500 word essay prior to starting their application. Prompts can be found on the [Apply](#) page of our website.

**GRADE REPORTS:** Students will provide two years of academic grade reports; the current year up to date of submission and one previous year (even if this is 8th grade). Unofficial transcripts like report cards or progress reports are accepted.

**QUALIFICATIONS:** We are seeking academically high-achieving students who provide a well-written application essay that highlights their curiosity, maturity and motivation. We review applications holistically. When determining admissibility, we look at a number of factors including academic performance, interests and English language proficiency. Students who do not fit this grade profile may demonstrate achievement using an optional recommendation or supplemental essay to tell us more about their academic history.

**NO APPLICATION FEE IS REQUIRED:** Confirmed PPSD students will have their application **fee waived automatically**. PPSD scholars are not required to pay an application fee or deposit.

## Let's get started...

The application is available at [precollege.brown.edu](http://precollege.brown.edu). New students will need to create an account.

**Note:** Students should use a personal email address and should refrain from using their school email address.

Students can then login anytime with the email and password they used to create the account. A login link is available on our homepage for return visits. Should they lose their password, students can click “Forgot Password” or contact [precollege@brown.edu](mailto:precollege@brown.edu).

Once an account is created applicants can start a new application within the student portal by clicking the “Complete Your Application” button and then “Start a new application”.

Applicants will be prompted to select a few options from a drop-down menu. The Application Type is “Pre-College”. The Term is “Summer 2026”.

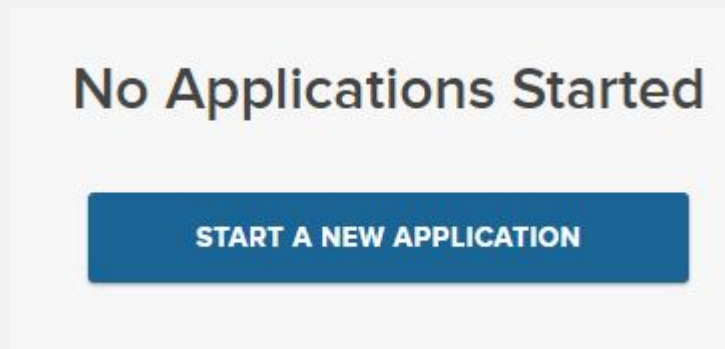
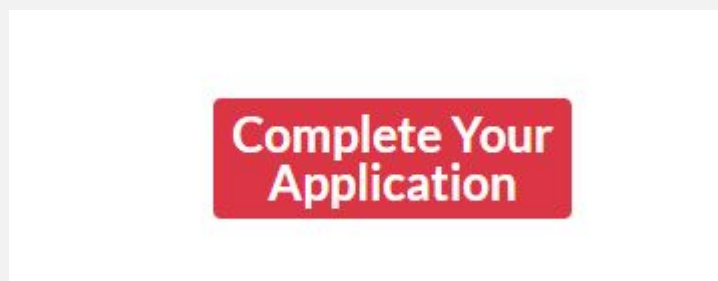
Student Sign In

Student Email

Password

**SIGN IN**

Create an Account | Forgot Password | Contact Us



**New Application**

What year do you expect to graduate high school?  
Please select one

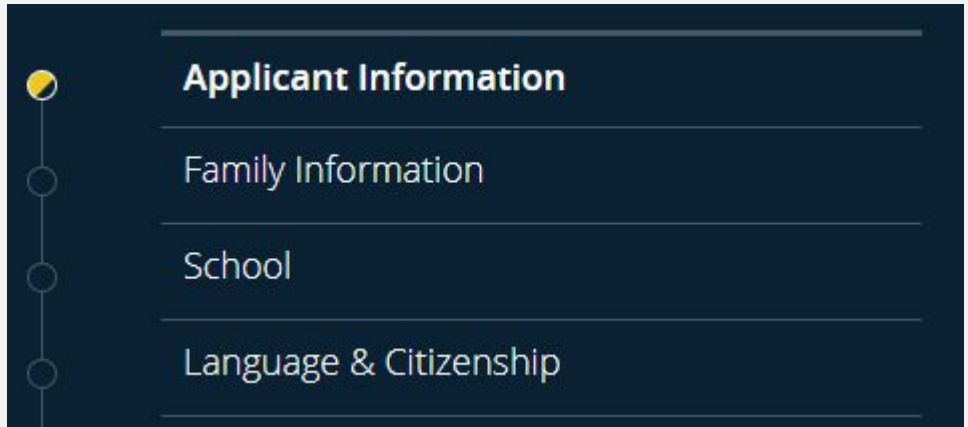
Application Type  
Please select one

Term  
Please select one

**START APPLICATION**

# Application Components

Students will complete the first sections of the application (shown at right) by answering the questions and filling in their personal information.



Students can elect to share more information about their gender identity or pronouns here. Please be sure to read the help text to know where and when this information will be reflected.

Would you like to share information about your pronouns or gender identity?

**Sharing your pronouns is optional.** If you provide your pronouns they may be used when we are communicating with parents, teachers, or recommenders. If admitted, your pronouns may be shared with Pre-College instructors and Student Life staff. If you are not comfortable with those listed knowing your pronouns, you do not need to share them at this time. **Enrolled students will have an additional opportunity to share/update their pronouns during the onboarding process.**

Please select the pronoun(s) most salient to your identity. (Hold ctrl to select more than one option)

**Sharing your gender identity is optional.** If you provide your gender identity it may be available within your Student Portal. If you provide your gender identity it may be shared with Student Life staff and professional staff. If you are not comfortable with those listed knowing your gender identity, you do not need to share this information at this time. **Enrolled students will have an additional opportunity to share/update their gender identity during the onboarding process.**

Click “No File Selected” to upload a transcript. Transcripts should be in JPG or PDF format and under 20MB in size. Clicking **+ ADD ATTACHMENT** will create a new upload field if a student needs to upload multiple grade reports. Do this once for the current year and once for the previous year.

Please submit the most recent grades from the 2025-2026 academic year. Grade submissions **must be in English, contain your full name, your school name and the school year and term.** If your transcript is not in English, you must provide a translation by a certified translator. Acceptable submissions may include, but are not limited to:

- Unofficial transcript,
- Report card,
- Progress report,
- Mark sheets,
- Screenshot of grades from a school portal (remember, it must show your full name) or
- Narrative assessment.

Please also be sure to include an explanation of the grading scale used by the school(s) if different from the U.S. grading system.

You may upload additional attachments by clicking the “Add Attachment” button. Please be advised, if you do not submit all required grades, you may be asked later for this material, which can cause the review of your application to be delayed.

If your academic year aligns more closely with the calendar year, please upload all of the grades from the most recently completed school year (2025).

Upload Current Grades - Max File Size 20MB

- No file selected  
This field is required.  
**+ ADD ATTACHMENT**
- How does your school divide the academic year?  
Please select an option

# Application Components

Students will be prompted to submit their 250-500 word essay. They are welcome to copy and paste their essay into the text box. Though formatting may look compressed from the original essay if pasted, it will appear in its intended format when reviewed by our team.

Students will also have the opportunity to provide additional information about their academic record that may not be reflected in their grades or essay. For example, an explanation for inconsistent grades or specific circumstances they would like the Admissions team to consider.

Please submit a **250-500 word** essay responding to **one** of the following prompts:

Many of our students come to learn more about one of their passions, or because they find a class in a subject that they are really excited about. Tell us about your passion or a subject that excites you. How will you continue to explore this subject or passion at Brown Pre-College?

**OR**

Look back on an event, an experience or an accomplishment that was meaningful to your educational journey. How did you grow as a result? What did you learn that will help you as you continue your journey at Brown Pre-College?

*Essay formatting may change in application once saved. This will not affect your application submission.*



Essay Response (250 - 500 Words)



Would you like to provide additional information on circumstances or qualifications that isn't reflected in other aspects of your application?

Please select an option



Would you like to provide additional information on circumstances or qualifications that isn't reflected in other aspects of your application?

Yes



Please share your additional information here



# Application Components

Recommendations are **not** required. To choose to submit a recommendation, select “Yes” and follow the prompts to include the recommender’s name and email. Applications will **not** be reviewed until we receive a recommendation, if elected.

Students will be asked to select which type of experience they are most interested in (on-campus, online, etc.) and to indicate their primary fields of academic interest. These interests do not guarantee enrollment in an area of study.

When students select studying on campus, they will be offered a few programs to choose from.

Recommendations are **optional**; however we strongly suggest you ask a teacher, mentor, counselor, or community member to submit a recommendation if you are:

- Interested in the Summer@Brown program or Leadership Institute and will be under the age of 15 as of June 19, 2022
- Interested in the STEM for Rising 9th and 10th Graders program and will be under the age of 14 as of June 19, 2022
- Interested in any of the Brown Environmental Leadership Lab programs
- Interested in any of the Location-Based programs
- And/or have inconsistent grades — any grades of C or below

If you select yes below, you will be prompted to provide the name and email address of a recommender. Your application will not be reviewed until this recommendation has been received.

Would you like to submit the name and email address of a teacher, mentor, counselor, or community member, that can attest to your academic and leadership skills, to provide a recommendation?

- No

All programs offer unique courses and experiences. Please consider what type of experience you'd like to have this summer and answer the following questions. If admitted, you will be eligible to register for open courses within any program as long as you meet minimum eligibility requirements. **This selection does not indicate enrollment in a course if your application is accepted. If accepted, you will need to pay the \$300 non-refundable deposit, then enroll in a course through your student portal.**

- You can experience Brown Pre-College in many different ways. Which experience are you most interested in?

Please select an option

- Primary Academic Interest

Please select an option

Secondary Academic Interest

Please select an option

CONTINUE

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- You can experience Brown Pre-College in many different ways. Which experience are you most interested in?

On Brown's campus in Providence, Rhode Island

- What program are you planning to participate in?

Summer@Brown

Please select an option

Summer@Brown

Brown Leadership Institute

- Environmental Leadership Lab: Rhode Island



# Application Fee Waiver

Students will have an opportunity to provide feedback on the application.

The following questions are used solely to improve our marketing and application processes. Responses to these questions have no bearing on admission decisions or the application review process.

- How did you hear about us?  
Please select an option
- Overall, I found this application easy to complete.  
Please select an option

We welcome you to provide any additional thoughts you may have on completing our application. (255 character maximum)

**CONTINUE**

PPSD students will **not** need to submit an application fee to apply. Once a student responds “Yes” to requesting a fee waiver, they will also need to select that they attend a PPSD school, as pictured.

- Would you like to request a fee waiver?  
Yes
- I would like to request an application fee waiver for the following reason:  
Please select an option  
Please select an option  
My school offers need-based school-wide free lunch.  
I have been approved for need-based free or reduced lunch for the current academic year.  
I am a partner nominee through an official Brown Partner Organization. (click to see list of approved organizations)  
**I attend a school in the Providence Public School District (Providence, RI).**  
I am the dependent of a benefits-eligible Brown University employee who has been employed by the University

Next, students select their PPSD school from the drop-down list and click “Continue”.

- Please select your school  
Please select an option  
**Please select an option**  
360 High School  
Central High School  
Classical High School  
DelSesto Middle School  
Dr. Jorge Alvarez High School  
E-Cubed High School  
Esek Hopkins Middle School  
Gilbert Stuart Middle School  
Hope High School  
Juanita Sanchez Educational Complex  
Mt. Pleasant High School  
Nathanael Greene Middle School

# Submitting the Application

After a student has selected their PPSD school, their application is almost complete. Their “Amount Due” will display \$0.00 and they can click “Submit Your Application”.

A dark-themed progress indicator showing 99% COMPLETE. Below the progress bar, a table lists: Application Fee : \$50.00, Discount : (\$50.00), and Amount Due : \$0.00. A blue progress bar shows 100% completion. A red button labeled 'SUBMIT YOUR APPLICATION' is at the bottom.

The student will be asked to verify their information, electronically sign, and submit the application. If a student’s application displays 99% complete in their portal, it is typically because they didn’t complete the final verification step.

Verify & Submit

**Please type your name below, which will serve as your electronic signature.**

**The application form may take a minute to process. Please click the Verify & Submit button once.**

I verify all is true and correct

Electronic Signature \_\_\_\_\_

**BACK TO APPLICATION**    **VERIFY & SUBMIT**

Students will be able to track the progress of their application and fee waiver request within the student portal. Fee waivers are typically processed within 24-72 hours.

Overall Application Status: **In Progress**

Application Requirements

- ✔ Application Form
- ✘ Application Fee Waiver Request: Under Review



## Completing a PPSD Scholarship Form

### Financial Information

The links below are not intended to be inclusive of all financial information posted on our website, but we hope they will provide easy access to your most pressing financial questions. If you have additional billing/payment questions after reviewing our website, please contact [precollegebilling@brown.edu](mailto:precollegebilling@brown.edu). If you have additional scholarship questions after reviewing our website, please contact [precollegescholarships@brown.edu](mailto:precollegescholarships@brown.edu).

### Program Dates and Costs

- General program dates
- Program costs

### Billing/Payment Information

- Payment Deadlines
- Billing Information - SAANs
- Payment Information
- Possible additional fees
- Refund policies

### Financial Aid Information

- Sibley Scholarship
- Providence Public School District Scholarship

[Complete the Scholarship Form](#)

### Fundraising Guide

### Providence Public School District (PPSD) Scholarship Form



**BROWN**  
Division of Pre-College  
and Undergraduate Programs

#### General Information

\*\*PPSD scholarships are intended to ensure that Brown Pre-College Programs are accessible to all PPSD students who are admitted to the Program, especially those who would not otherwise be able to afford the opportunity. PPSD scholarships cover the full cost of tuition, meals and housing for one course per year. Recipients must be currently enrolled in a Providence Public School District school.\*\*

Student Name \*

#### Household Information

\*Please complete this information based on your primary residence.

Upon submission of a Pre-College application, a PPSD Scholarship Form link will become available in the Financial Information tab of their student portal.

Students and parents/guardians should complete the scholarship form as soon as possible. The scholarship team will email a scholarship award letter to admitted students and parents/guardians within a few days of the scholarship form submission and the admission decision. The letter will note which programs still have scholarship funds available and what the student needs to do to accept the award (just email us to say they accept and enroll in a course).



## Enrollment Process

Students will be alerted when an admission decision is ready within their student portal via email. Accepted students will need to view their admission decision and indicate their intention to enroll. Their deposit fee will be automatically waived. If a student is asked to submit a deposit to register it is an error. **They should not submit payment and they should contact us.**

## Enrollment Guide

Please refer to our PPSD Enrollment Guide for complete enrollment instructions.

## Ongoing Communication

We will be providing links to rosters of your applicants during the application, enrollment and onboarding phase of the process to assist you with tracking.

If you have questions about rosters please contact us at [precollegepartnerships@brown.edu](mailto:precollegepartnerships@brown.edu).

**Thank you!**