

The Pratt Center - Fostering Success and Leadership

2019-2020 Application Packet

Please return completed and signed application form to Mr. Jarrett Pratt, Office of Inclusion and Multicultural Engagement, Cleveland State University, 2121 Euclid Avenue, Rhodes Tower 1254, Cleveland, Ohio 44115 by 5:00 PM on or before June 03, 2019. For additional information, email Mr. Jarrett Pratt, j.g.pratt@csuohio.edu or telephone – 216-687-9388.

The Pratt Center – Fostering Success & Leadership Program Overview

Program Purpose

The *Pratt Center – Fostering Success and Leadership Program*'s primary goal is to improve academic outcomes, success rates, and degree completion for CSU students who have experienced foster care and are pursuing an undergraduate degree. The Program promotes academic success and degree completion through a continuous system of support and resources. *Pratt Center Scholars* receive professional guidance, educational support, and peer mentoring as important components of the program structure. The goal is to assure successful planning and preparation for college, followed by structured academic coaching to make a smooth transition to university life and academic success. **Submission of applications for 2019-2020 program activities will be accepted until June 03, 2019.**

Program Overview

The program is customized to address the complicated needs of foster care alumni or youth in/aging out of foster care with a comprehensive system of support. Participation in the *Pratt Center – Fostering Success and Leadership Program* offers the benefit of a world-class education with engaged learning activities that help to strengthen academic skills, sustain interest in persistence, and contribute to personal and professional development.

Program Features

- ❖ Participation in an intensive summer transition plan - ***Fostering Success Summer Workshop (FSSW)*** designed to prepare students for University life **or** participation in the fall and spring semester workshops.
- ❖ A structured system of academic advising and learning support services.
- ❖ Professional mentoring, peer assistants, tutoring and success coaches.
- ❖ Lunch and learns (12 per academic year).

Eligibility to apply for the program and scholarship

Participation in the Pratt Center – Fostering Success and Leadership Program is voluntary.

- ❖ Students who have experienced foster care and are currently enrolled at CSU, incoming freshmen, transfer students with at least 25 credit hours, and returning CSU with, at least, a 2.0 GPA.
- ❖ Students must apply to the Program and already be admitted to CSU to qualify.
- ❖ Must be a legal resident of Ohio and eligible for in-state tuition rates.

Peer Assistance

Participants of the CSU *Pratt Center – Fostering Success and Leadership Program* will be matched with CSU students who will serve as peer assistants, offering encouragement and support for a smooth transition and academic success. In addition, a small group of volunteer Professional Mentors will support students as they transition to university life and persist to degree completion.

Program Oversight

The *Pratt Center – Fostering Success and Leadership Program* is administered by the CSU Office of Inclusion and Multicultural Engagement – Division of University Engagement, under the direction of the Director, Pratt Center.

The Pratt Center – Fostering Success & Leadership Selection Process & Program Requirements

Applications for participation in the *Pratt Center – Fostering Success and Leadership Program* will be reviewed by a selection committee that includes CSU staff, faculty and community collaborators convened by the Coordinator, Inclusion and Multicultural Engagement. The process will follow these steps:

1. Applicants must submit completed Program application for participation in the *Pratt Center – Fostering Success and Leadership Program*. Completed application packet must include:
 - a. Completed application form and transcript(s), if a transfer student.
 - b. Personal Statement (up to 500 words).
 - c. One written recommendation in support for applicant's participation.
2. Finalists must successfully complete an in-person interview conducted by Director of Pratt Center. Interviews are ongoing throughout 2019-20 academic year.
3. Grades and participation in *Pratt Center – Fostering Success and Leadership Program* activities, along with overall academic performance, will be reviewed regularly throughout each semester, at the mid-term, and at the conclusion of every semester. Scholars must meet the above conditions and the University's standards for academic progress and behavior, including but not limited to the CSU Student Conduct Code, CSU harassment, discrimination and Title IX policies.

By accepting the *Pratt Center – Fostering Success and Leadership Program*, applicants understand that in addition to all rules and expectations that apply to Cleveland State University students, participants must also adhere to the following expectations list below in order to remain eligible as a Center Scholar.

Pratt Center Scholar participants are expected to:

- Participate in scheduled *Pratt Center – Fostering Success and Leadership Program* activities, events and programs which include: regular meetings with the Program Director; daily study-table sessions; Program related seminars, workshop presentations and leadership development activities, as directed by the Program Coordinator.
- **Maintain** an overall 2.0 Grade Point Average, or higher, and maintain satisfactory academic progress to continue to maintain eligibility in the program. Participants must adhere to standards for Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) as defined by Cleveland State University.
- **Maintain**, at minimum, 6-12 credit hours while enrolled at CSU each Fall and Spring semester.
- **Attend** all classes according to the requirements of the instructor(s) and complete all projects, academic course work, duties and assignments required to earn a passing grade and meet requirements for satisfactory academic progress and graduation.

The Pratt Center – Fostering Success & Leadership
Program Application

Date _____

Personal information

Last Name:	First Name:	
Local Address: <i>Number, street, apartment</i>	City:	Zip Code:
Email:	Cell Phone:	
Place of Birth:	Date of Birth: / /	

Academic information

If transfer student, school you are attending now:	
Class Standing:	Grade Point Average (GPA):
Expected Graduation Date:	Academic Program:
Community or other activities:	

Personal Interests: Please attach a personal statement that addresses 3 of the 5 questions and statements below in a total of up to 500 words.

- College/University Experience:** Briefly describe your recent educational experience including involvement in college. What were your most difficult challenges? How did you address these challenges? List specific school activities you were involved in, sports, and organizations. Describe your motivation for participation in these.
- Future Goals:** Describe your future goals including college, career aspirations, and other things you hope to achieve in the next 3-5 years. Explain how you think a college education and a degree will help you achieve these goals.
- Maturity and Character:** Explain why you are a good candidate to participate in the *Pratt Center – Fostering Success and Leadership Program*. What do you consider to be your strengths? What personal values, talents and gifts do you feel you have that will help you to succeed?
- Leadership and Citizenship:** Describe ways you have demonstrated good citizenship and leadership in your school and community?
- Additional Comments:** Include anything else you would like the selection committee to know about you for this application.

Completed applications must include the personal statement plus one written recommendation as support for your participation. *The recommendation should be from a high school teacher, professor, counselor, or current supervisor.* Incomplete applications will not be considered.

My signature below certifies that the information I have provided, on and attached to this application, is true and correct. I understand that if, at any time, any of the information provided is found to be false, any scholarship funds I have received based on this information will be rescinded possibly creating a balance due to Cleveland State University that I will be responsible for paying. In addition, I do hereby consent to the release of information concerning my academic and financial status to Cleveland State University Foundation, scholarship donors and the Pratt Center – Fostering Success and Leadership Program Selection Committee.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

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The Pratt Center – Fostering Success & Leadership
Recommendation Form

Date: _____

Student Name: _____ Phone Number: _____
Please Print

If transfer student, college currently attending: _____
Please Print

I support the application of _____ for the *Pratt Center – Fostering Success and Leadership Program*.

Name of individual completing the recommendation form: _____

Relationship to the student applicant: _____

How long have you known the student applicant? _____

What do you consider to be this student's two greatest strengths?

- 1.
- 2.

What other attributes does this student possess that make you want to recommend her/him?

Additional Comments:

Signature of individual making recommendation: _____

Title: _____ Contact information: _____

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