



Welcome! We are excited about your interest in applying to BridgeUP: STEM at the American Museum of Natural History!

To be considered for the Summer Session of the Brown Scholars program, you **MUST** have completed 9th or 10th grade before the start of the program in July and you **MUST** be available Monday through Friday, July and August from 10AM – 3PM.

To be considered for the School Year Session of the Brown Scholars program, you **MUST** be starting the 9th or 10th grade before the start of the program in September and you **MUST** be available Mondays and Wednesdays, September - June from 4:30PM – 6:30PM.

How do I submit an application to the Brown Scholars program?

As part of the application process you will have to complete an online application (amnh.org/learn-teach/teens/brown-scholars) and provide a recent official transcript/report card and an optional recommendation letter. The official transcript/report card and recommendation letter can be uploaded at the end of the online application or emailed to applytobrownscholars@amnh.org.

What is the application deadline: The online application, official transcript/report card and optional recommendation letter must be submitted by **March 18th at 11:59PM**

BEFORE YOU BEGIN:

Official Transcript/Report Card: As part of your application you must submit a copy of your most recent transcript or report card. If you do not know where to obtain any of these documents, please ask your parent, a teacher, or other school staff member to assist you. Either document can be uploaded at the end of the online application or emailed to applytobrownscholars@amnh.org.

If you have a copy of your scores from the 8th grade NY State ELA and Math Exams, please email it to applytobrownscholars@amnh.org.

Recommendation Letter (Optional): Your letter of recommendation should come from a current or former teacher or another adult who knows you, such as someone from your youth program, after-school program, or workplace. Your letter of recommendation should not come from a parent or family member. The recommendation letter should include how the person writing the letter knows you and for how long. It should also speak to your creativity, motivation, collaboration skills, work habits, potential for growth, etc. The recommendation letter can be uploaded at the end of the online application or emailed to applytobrownscholars@amnh.org.

We recommend asking for the recommendation letter and requesting a copy of your transcript/report card before you start completing the online application.

Short Answer Questions:

We highly recommend reading the questions below, composing your response in a text editor, then pasting it into the space provided in the application.

Questions 1 - 4 requires a 1 paragraph answer (between 150-200 words).

1. How do you think your enrollment in the Brown Scholars program would be of benefit to you?
2. What science subject interests you most and what do you like about that topic?
3. Tell us about a memorable experience you've had with technology, coding, engineering or robotics. The experience could have taken place in school or outside of school. In particular, we want to hear what you liked or disliked about it, what was challenging, what was exciting, etc.
4. Collaboration and group work are an important part of this program—in other words, you will be working with other students regularly in class. What do you like about working with other students? What do you find difficult? What are some useful strategies you use when working with other people?
5. Describe how you overcame a learning challenge in a math or science class recently. LIST the steps you took in this situation.
6. LIST 3 things you think you do well and 3 things you think you could do better if you had someone to help you.

If you have any questions about the program or the application, please contact us at applytobrownscholars@amnh.org. We look forward to reviewing your application materials!

IMPORTANT NOTE: Students who are accepted to the Brown Scholars program are NOT eligible to apply for After School Program Research Courses (which are prerequisites for the Science Research Mentoring Program). You are, however, eligible to apply for ASP Exploratory courses.