

# APPLICATION FOR THE BRIDGE PROGRAM



MAKE A DIFFERENCE

## THANK YOU FOR APPLYING TO SYDNEY MISSIONARY & BIBLE COLLEGE'S 'THE BRIDGE' GAP YEAR PROGRAM

This application form needs to be completed by the applicant. It can be filled out digitally or printed out and filled in by hand. Once completed it can be posted, or scanned and emailed, to the contact details below.

If you are an overseas student, you will need a different form to this one. Please contact us at [thebridge@smbc.edu.au](mailto:thebridge@smbc.edu.au)

### YOU WILL NEED TO INCLUDE:

A passport-style headshot photo of yourself with your application.

A copy of your passport ID page with your application (if available).

### RETURN COMPLETED FORMS TO:

[thebridge@smbc.edu.au](mailto:thebridge@smbc.edu.au)

or

The Bridge, PO Box 83, Croydon NSW 2132

FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE PROGRAM VISIT OUR WEBSITE: [THEBRIDGE.SMBC.EDU.AU](http://THEBRIDGE.SMBC.EDU.AU)

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### PRIVACY NOTE:

The information collected on this form is to enable you to enrol as a student in 'The Bridge' program at Sydney Missionary & Bible College (SMBC). Please refer to the SMBC Privacy Policy at [smbc.edu.au/policies/privacy-policy](http://smbc.edu.au/policies/privacy-policy)

OFFICE USE ONLY:

DATE RECEIVED:

PROCESSED BY:

**CONTACT DETAILS**

YOUR DETAILS

First Name/s: .....

Last Name: .....

Preferred Name: .....

Address: .....

Suburb: .....

Country: .....

State: ..... Postcode: .....

Phone/Mobile: .....

Email (you will need a current email address): .....

Email: please complete again, this time in CAPITALS: .....

Your Unique Student Numbe (USI): .....

*A USI is required for any nationally recognised training course undertaken, for example, our First Aid training certificate. Learn more at: [www.usi.gov.au/about](http://www.usi.gov.au/about) or [www.usi.gov.au/students](http://www.usi.gov.au/students)*

Skype Account: .....

Date of Birth: 

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Place of Birth: .....

Your Nationality: .....

Your First Language: .....

Your full passport name (if applicable): .....

*(Please attach/include a copy of your passport ID page)*

Are you an Australian citizen?  Yes  No

If not, are you a permanent resident of Australia?  Yes  No

Do you have a Working With Children number (WWC)?  Yes  No

If Yes, please provide your WWC number: .....

If No, please refer to the 'Working with Children Legislation' section in this application form.

**YOUR PARENT/S OR GUARDIAN DETAILS (as applicable)**

PARENT/GUARDIAN 1 (your primary contact person)

Relationship to you (eg mother/father/guardian): .....

First Name: .....

Last Name: .....

Address: .....

Suburb: .....

State: .....Postcode:.....

Phone/Mobile: .....

Email: .....

PARENT/GUARDIAN 2

Relationship to you (eg mother/father/guardian): .....

First Name: .....

Last Name: .....

Address: .....

Suburb: .....

State: .....Postcode:.....

Phone/Mobile: .....

Email: .....

NEXT OF KIN (Emergency Contact - if different to your parent/s/guardian)

First Name: .....

Last Name: .....

Address: .....

Suburb: .....

State: .....Postcode:.....

Phone/Mobile: .....

Email: .....

**CHRISTIAN LIFE**

Which church (name and suburb) are you currently attending?

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Tell us briefly how and when you became a Christian?

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Why would you like to be a part of SMBC's 'The Bridge' gap year program?

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Do you accept and agree to observe the scriptural standard of Christian behaviour (for example: Romans 12:1-2, Titus 2:11-14, 1 Peter 1:13-16, 1 Peter 2:11-17, 1 John 2:15-17) ?

Yes  No

## DOCTRINAL BASIS

I AM ABLE TO ENDORSE THE DOCTRINAL BASIS OF THE BRIDGE/SMBC AS SET OUT BELOW.

- The full and final authority of the Bible as the revealed Word of God.
- The doctrine of the Trinity.
- The virgin birth of our Lord Jesus Christ, His sinless life, His atoning death as the ground of our salvation, His resurrection on the third day, and His ascension into glory.
- The personal return of Christ in glory.
- The universality of sin and man's total inability to save himself from condemnation and the power of evil.
- Salvation by faith in Christ, the only Mediator between God and people.
- The necessity for consecration to God in order to bring forth the fruit of the Spirit.
- The eternal condemnation of all who refuse the truth and the eternal blessedness of all who respond to the divine revelation.
- The universal priesthood of all believers.
- The obligation of all Christians to participate, according to opportunity, in evangelising those who have not heard the gospel.

Yes  No

**HEALTH / NEEDS**

In order for us to facilitate your time during 'The Bridge' program, including an overseas mission trip to South East Asia and other off campus activities, please make us aware of any conditions, physical or emotional, that may impact your study or involvement in 'The Bridge' community. For example:

- Concentration difficulties
- Dyslexia or other reading difficulties
- Muscular/skeletal pain
- Depression or other mental illness
- Sensory difficulties
- Recurrent/chronic health conditions
- Special dietary requirements
- Other

If yes to any of the above, please provide details:

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**Note:** In the unlikely event of an accident or emergency we may need to call an ambulance. We recommend you consider ambulance cover.

Medicare Number: .....

Expiry Date:   /   /

Health Fund (if applicable): .....

Health Fund Membership Number: .....

**EDUCATION**

In which state did you, or will you, finish school? .....

Name and location of where you finished, will finish, school: .....

What year did you, or will you, finish school? .....

Have you completed the HSC (or equivalent)?  Yes  No

If No, what was your last completed level at school? eg Year 10, Year 11 .....

ATAR/TER Score (if known): .....

*(Please attach/include evidence of your ATAR)*

Have you started tertiary education, such as university, TAFE or trade?  Yes  No

If yes, what course? .....

*(Please attach/include evidence of your course)*

What other courses have you started or completed since leaving school?

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Do you have any work, volunteer or ministry experience?

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**ENROLMENT DETAILS**

I would like to enrol for the:

Diploma of Theology (Admission requires ATAR 65+ or academic suitability task / FEE-HELP available (conditions apply))

Certificate (No academic entry requirement / No FEE-HELP)

Audit (No academic entry requirement / No FEE-HELP)

*Note: Students enrolling in the Diploma are committing to complete the award. This can be achieved by doing one further unit of study either during the year or in the first semester of the following year.*

## FINANCIALS

How do you plan to finance your participation in 'The Bridge' program, including amounts necessary for course fees, books, transport and general living expenses?

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Do you anticipate any difficulties in arranging finance ?  Yes  No  
(Course fees can be paid upfront or by agreed installments)

Are you intending to apply for FEE-HELP?  Yes  No  
If Yes, please visit **studyassist.gov.au** for FEE-HELP eligibility.

**Note:** FEE-HELP is available only to students who intend to complete the Diploma course (for more details contact us, or go to [thebridge.smbc.edu.au](http://thebridge.smbc.edu.au))

If you are applying for FEE-HELP you will need an Australian Tax File Number.

My Australian Tax File Number (TFN) is .....

I've applied for a number but waiting for it to be issued

I still need to get my Tax File Number

Do you have, or are you planning to get, a part-time job during your gap year?  Yes  No

## WORKING WITH CHILDREN LEGISLATION (NSW GOVERNMENT LEGISLATION)

If you are 18 years or older, you will need to complete a Working With Children Check to enrol in 'The Bridge'. If you are 17 years old, you cannot complete this check until you are 17 years and 11 months. Please complete it as soon as you are able and provide a copy of your clearance letter to 'The Bridge' Coordinator ([thebridge@smbc.edu.au](mailto:thebridge@smbc.edu.au))

Follow these steps to get a Working With Children Check:

1. Go to [www.newcheck.kids.nsw.gov.au](http://www.newcheck.kids.nsw.gov.au) and complete the online form. Alternatively you can call 02 9286 7219. Once you have done this you will receive an application number.
2. You'll then need to take your application number and proof of identity (eg Drivers Licence or Passport) to a NSW Roads and Maritime Services (RMS) office. It costs \$80 if you are in paid employment and lasts for five years or if you are not working or working as a volunteer it's free.
3. The RMS will send you an email (once the checks have been made) with the outcome of your application and your WWC number. It is this clearance confirmation we will need to see. Generally, it takes at least a week or so for checks to be cleared. If you are from another state or territory in Australia, NSW legislation requires you to apply for a Working With Children clearance regardless of your prior checks in your state or territory.
4. You will then need to advise us of your Working With Children (WWC) number for the compulsory online verification process.



**REFERENCES**

Please provide the name, address and contact details of two mature Christians (one should be your youth pastor/minister) who you know well and who is prepared to fill in a confidential reference for you.

(We will email your referees the Confidential Reference Form which they then return directly to The Bridge)

REFEREE 1

Title (Dr, Rev, Mr, Mrs, Miss, Ms): .....

Name: .....

Address: .....

Suburb: .....

State: ..... Postcode: .....

Occupation: .....

Denomination: .....

Phone/Mobile: .....

Email: .....

REFEREE 2

Title (Dr, Rev, Mr, Mrs, Miss, Ms): .....

Name: .....

Address: .....

Suburb: .....

State: ..... Postcode: .....

Occupation: .....

Denomination: .....

Phone/Mobile: .....

Email: .....

How did find out about The Bridge? (Tick any that apply)

- SMBC website
- The Bridge website
- social media
- word of mouth

- pastor/church
- friend
- Info Session
- other (specify) .....

**LASTLY**

Thanks so much for your application. Is there anything else you'd like us to know in consideration of your application?

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**DECLARATION**

To the best of my knowledge, all information supplied by me in this application form is true and accurate. I have not omitted anything that may affect my application.

Signed: .....  
(Applicant)

Date: DD/MM/YYYY

Print Name: .....

Signed: .....  
(Parent/Guardian if applicant is under 18 years old)

Date: DD/MM/YYYY

Print Name: .....