

NEXTUniversity
empowering the next workforce



STUDENT APPLICATION PACKET



About **NEXTUniversity**

NEXTUniversity is a career development program that empowers you to successfully transition into a career in the local workforce. **NEXTUniversity** works with high school students, high school equivalency (GED) graduates, and post-secondary students through post-secondary graduation, providing them with tools such as mentorships, scholarship opportunities, internships, and community connections. Students will have an AISD-designated Career Coach who will connect them to all these tools through a personal career development plan.

Our AISD Career Coach will support students as they transition into technical training programs that support the Development Corporation of Abilene's target industries, aiming to fill in-demand jobs for Abilene's advanced manufacturing industries. The long-term goal of **NEXTUniversity** is to build a deep and highly skilled talent base of local talent, capable of positioning graduates for success, but the benefits don't stop there. Local businesses that hire **NEXTUniversity** scholars and graduates will resolve a growth barrier by facilitating their ability to expand their local business operations.

NEXTUniversity Student Eligibility Requirements:

- Must be a current high school student, high school graduate, or have completed their High School Equivalency (GED)
- Must be 22 years of age or younger upon acceptance into **NEXTUniversity**
- Complete application packet - guardian signatures required for all participants under the age of 18

For more information please contact:

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NEXTUniversity Student Application Checklist

STEP 1: Student Application Form

Dual credit and post-secondary students should complete the student information, education information, parent/legal guardian information, and select a career pathway.

STEP 2: Consent for Release and Use of Information

Dual credit and post-secondary students should complete the consent to release form which allows **NEXTUniversity** to work with students and provide services on an as-needed basis.

STEP 3: College Tour/Travel Agreements

Dual credit students and parents should complete the college tour/travel agreements.

STEP 4: Scholarship Acceptance Form

Dual credit and post-secondary students should complete the scholarship acceptance form, be prepared to provide proof of enrollment, and keep contact information current.

STEP 5: Letter of Recommendation

Dual credit students should provide one letter of recommendation from a CTE instructor who can assess the applicant's academic ability, special talents, and character. Post-secondary students should acquire a letter of recommendation from a non-family member (e.g., employer, teacher, volunteer leader, etc.).

STEP 6: Career Goal Statement

Dual credit students and post-secondary students should write a paragraph that explains their career goal(s) and how the **NextUniversity** career development program will help them meet those goals.

STEP 7: Read "Required Information for FAFSA Assistance"

Student Application Form

Please complete the following application to the best of your ability. If you have questions, contact Elisha Seca by phone at (325) 677-1444 ext. 1587 or by email at angel.seca@abileneisd.org.

Student Information					
First Name		Last Name			
Mailing Address					
City		State		Zip	
Phone	()	<input type="checkbox"/> This is a mobile number			
Email Address					
Date of Birth		Age at Application			
Education Information					
High School/Grade		Student ID			
Status (Check one)	<input type="checkbox"/> Currently enrolled		<input type="checkbox"/> Graduated		
College		Student ID			
Status (Check one)	<input type="checkbox"/> Currently enrolled		<input type="checkbox"/> Graduated		
NEXTUniversity Career Pathways					
I'm interested in the following areas of study (check all that apply):					
<input type="checkbox"/> Welding <input type="checkbox"/> Aircraft Technology <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial Systems <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering <input type="checkbox"/> Healthcare (LVN)					
<input type="checkbox"/> Electrical <input type="checkbox"/> IT/Support Services <input type="checkbox"/> Programming/Software <input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural Engineering					

For applicants under the age of 18, please complete the following:

Parent or Legal Guardian					
First Name		Last Name			
Mailing Address					
City		State		Zip	
Phone	()	<input type="checkbox"/> This is a mobile number			
Email Address					



Consent for Release and Use of Information

The program is voluntary and NEXTUniversity students must give permission for AISD and the DCOA to remain in contact with them once they have graduated from high school. As a willing Participant of NEXTUniversity, I consent to the following: All services are provided on an as-needed basis.

1. I willingly agree to participate in NEXTUniversity services which include but are not limited to supportive guidance, college/career counseling/support, educational support, financial aid support, referrals to local college resources, invitations to alumni summer get-togethers, mentoring and speaking engagements.
2. I acknowledge that the release of records under this consent is subject to any limitations placed by federal and state law.
3. I understand that the data and information collected about me is maintained. This information is used by NEXTUniversity to document services provided to me for tracking and reporting purposes. I also understand that NEXTUniversity may use the information to update service information, provide closure and follow-up information, and evaluate and determine the effectiveness of the program. I authorize NEXTUniversity to maintain the information provided for the purposes noted above.
4. I acknowledge that this consent allows release of 3 years of data. I further acknowledge that if I am away at college and do not have the ability to sign a new consent/release of information, that I can give verbal consent over the phone and/or send an email updating my consent.
5. I acknowledge that the records released may contain references to other persons such as members of my family.
6. I acknowledge that I allow NEXTUniversity to use my information to check in the National Student Clearinghouse for verifying college enrollment for a period not to exceed 7 years after the date consent is signed.
7. I understand that confidentiality is a part of non-disclosure/privacy concerning all issues discussed while participating in NEXTUniversity and that for the Coordinator to be allowed to talk with my parents or college I must give consent. The law includes the following exceptions to confidentiality: written or verbal threat of suicide or homicide, and suspicion of life-threatening abuse.
8. I willingly agree to receive support via Remind, text, email, phone, online social media, and face-to-face interactions.
9. **AISD/NEXTUniversity may use photographs, written stories, or videos of me/my child in its publications, including its website for program purposes.**

Yes

No

SIGNATURES REQUIRED			
Student Name		Date	
Student Signature			
Guardian Name		Date	
Guardian Signature			



College Tour/Travel Agreement: Student/Participant

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY!

STUDENT VIOLATION OF THE FOLLOWING RULES DURING A COLLEGE TOUR WILL LEAD TO DISCIPLINARY ACTION.

1. In order to participate in a *NEXTUniversity* college tour you must be in academically good standing (passed the previous six weeks & currently passing all classes), meet the college admissions standards, and possess a clean disciplinary record.
2. The number of tours you are allowed to participate in is set by your campus. If you signed up for a tour but are unable to attend due to an unforeseen conflict you must let the AISD Career Coach know ahead of time.
3. Your parent/legal guardian must sign a travel consent/medical release form prior to leaving for a tour. If we do not have one on file, you will not be allowed to join us. NO EXCEPTIONS.
4. All the costs for your meals, transportation and lodging for college tours will be provided for by the *NEXTUniversity* program. Refreshments you wish to purchase at the convenience or bookstores must be at your own expense.
5. All tours scheduled through the *NEXTUniversity* Program and on the campus-calendar will not count against you as an absence. An excused list will be provided to the attendance office one week prior to the scheduled tour. The morning of departure if you have not shown up for the tour you will not be excused from school and will be expected in class. If you participate in extra-curricular activities, it is YOUR RESPONSIBILITY to obtain permission from your coach or sponsor.
6. During transportation, you may listen to and bring your cell phone. However, all AISD bus and transportation rules must be obeyed at all times. No sunflower seeds or drinks without a screw top are permitted. Trash bags will be provided.
7. An itinerary will be provided to you prior to departure. You are expected to have transportation to and from your high school campus regardless of the departure or arrival time for the tour.
8. You agree to conduct yourself respectfully while on a campus tour. Disruptive behavior is not permitted. All sponsors and tour guides reserve the right to terminate the campus visit should disruptive behavior occur during the tour, admission presentation or during transport to and from a campus visit. Examples of disruptive behavior include talking to friends during a tour or asking inappropriate questions to a tour guide.
9. You may not use any electronic devices during the college tour or admission presentation (i.e., cell phones, airpods).
10. For your comfort, please dress for the weather and wear comfortable walking shoes for tours. Please remember AISD dress code will be observed.
11. If we dine in the campus facilities, all food must be consumed on the premises and may not leave the facilities.
12. Sponsors retain the right to add rules while on a campus tour. Overnight tours will have additional tour requirements and will be announced prior to departure, including a strict curfew time. All bags will be inspected during overnight visits.

SIGNATURES REQUIRED			
Student Name		Date	
Student Signature			
Current Grade	<input type="checkbox"/> 10 th	<input type="checkbox"/> 11 th	<input type="checkbox"/> 12 th



College Tour/Travel Consent Parent/Legal Guardian

Please complete all sections of this form. If a section is not applicable, please write N/A.

Student Name		Date	
Student Cell	()	Guardian Cell	()
Guardian		Address	
Family Physician		Dr. Phone	()
Insurance Co		Policy #	
Special Instructions			
Daily Medications			
List Allergies			

I give permission for my child _____ to attend **any** college tour with Abilene ISD/Abilene Education Foundation (AEF)/NEXTUniversity staff during the 2021-2022 school year. I release AISD/NEXTUniversity from any expectation of confidentiality and attest that I am the parent or legal guardian of the child listed above. I further give my consent for any sponsor to search my child’s luggage or room if it is suspected that any prohibited items such as weapons, alcohol, or drugs (including prescription drugs if not prescribed by a doctor to my child) might be in that child’s possession or room. I understand if prohibited items are found, or if my child breaks curfew and leaves his/her room without the consent of a sponsor, I will be contacted to pick up my child immediately, at my own expense, from his current location and the school’s police officer will be contacted.

Please read the following statement carefully!

In case of an emergency, we will make every effort to contact the parents of the student. If the situation is critical and you cannot be reached, we need to have your permission to obtain necessary treatment for your child.

“In the event my child, _____, is the victim of an accident or sudden illness and I cannot be reached by telephone, I hereby authorize **Elisha Seca, Amanda Wiskow, Tamika Braye, LaQuiera Gantt, or any sponsors of Abilene Education Foundation or Abilene ISD**, present on the trip, to take whatever measures are necessary for the emergency treatment of my child. I understand these measures may include emergency surgery, medication, or whatever is deemed necessary by the attending physician. I fully understand that I am responsible for any expenses incurred as a result of any accident or illness my child may have while on this trip. I do not hold Abilene ISD or Abilene Education Foundation, or the representatives of Abilene ISD or Abilene Education Foundation responsible for any misfortune which might occur on this trip.”

SIGNATURE REQUIRED			
Guardian Name			
Guardian Signature		Date	



Scholarship Acceptance Form

By returning this acceptance form, I am accepting the NEXTUniversity scholarship, agree to provide proof of enrollment and keep my contact information current. I understand my scholarship eligibility could be jeopardized if I do not comply with these requests.

Name		Phone	()
College	<input type="checkbox"/> Cisco <input type="checkbox"/> TSTC		
Program	<input type="checkbox"/> Welding <input type="checkbox"/> Aircraft Technology <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial Systems <input type="checkbox"/> Electrical <input type="checkbox"/> IT & Support Services <input type="checkbox"/> Programming & Software Development <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering <input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural Engineering <input type="checkbox"/> Healthcare (LVN)		

Students please initial below confirming statements:

_____ Once I have registered for my classes, I will furnish NEXTUniversity with a copy of my class registration. I understand that no funding can be released without this information.

_____ If I should change my any information from the above-named program/school, I will notify NEXTUniversity and provide a new student ID# and a copy of my new class registration.

_____ **I understand that if I fail a course or do not complete a course, I am responsible for the cost of tuition and any other related costs for the failed or incomplete course.**

SIGNATURES REQUIRED			
<i>Guardian Signature Required for participants under 18 years of age</i>			
Student Name		Date	
Student Signature			
Guardian Name		Date	
Guardian Signature			
School District Signature			
NEXTUniversity Signature			



Letter of Recommendation

(The reference has the option to use this form or submit a separate document).

Reference's Name (Print): _____

Relationship to Student: _____

Student Name (Print): _____

Reference's Signature: _____

Required Information for FAFSA Assistance

The Career Coach is available to assist you with completing the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid – more information on FAFSA.gov). If you would like assistance completing the FAFSA, here are the required forms/information:

- A note from your parent/guardian giving the Career Coach permission to help you complete the FAFSA
- Your Social Security number
- Your parents' Social Security numbers if you are a dependent student
- Your driver's license number if you have one
- Your Alien Registration number if you are not a U.S. citizen
- Federal tax information, tax documents, or tax returns including IRS W-2 information, for you (and your spouse, if you are married), and for your parents if you are a dependent student:
 - IRS 1040
 - Foreign tax return or IRS 1040NR
 - Tax return for Puerto Rico, Guam, American Samoa, the U.S. Virgin Islands, the Marshall Islands, the Federated States of Micronesia, or Palau
- Records of your untaxed income, such as child support received, interest income, and veterans noneducation benefits, for you, and for your parents if you are a dependent student
- Information on cash; savings and checking account balances; investments, including stocks and bonds and real estate (but not including the home in which you live); and business and farm assets for you, and for your parents if you are a dependent student