Aggie ACHIEVE Application 2022-2023

Thank you for your interest in the Aggie ACHIEVE inclusive postsecondary education program at Texas A&M University! Aggie ACHIEVE (Academic Courses in Higher Inclusive Education and **Vocational Experiences**) is a four-year inclusive comprehensive transition program for young adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities to expand their interests and prepare for employment in the community. Aggie ACHIEVE students live on campus, participate in TAMU classes, join clubs and organizations, prepare for inclusive employment, and integrate fully into student life at Texas A&M University. We are now accepting applications for our next cohort of students for the 2022-2023 academic year, beginning in August 2022.

Applications are due December 1, 2021 by 11:59pm (CST). You will receive a confirmation email once your application has been received.

Please review the ALL of the following information before continuing.

Prospective students for Aggie ACHIEVE should meet the following criteria:

- i. Completed high school and no longer receiving support from the school district as of August 2022.
- ii. Documented disability diagnosis of intellectual disability; determined eligible for IDEA services and received special education services in high school with an IEP
- iii. Demonstrate ability to communicate reliably with staff, faculty, and mentors (not limited to verbal speech).
- iv. Demonstrate ability to live independently and take care of daily functioning and basic support needs (e.g., toileting, hygiene, feeding, etc.)
- v. Demonstrate at least 3rd grade reading level in comprehension and fluency.
- vi. Demonstrate ability to function independently for a sustained period of time (e.g., able to sit through 90-minute courses and function independently for 1-hour blocks of time, including navigating campus independently)
- vii. Demonstrate basic mathematics understanding and ability to use a calculator.
- viii. Express desire and motivation to complete a postsecondary education program.

- ix. Express desire to attain a job in an inclusive employment setting upon completing the program.
- x. Demonstrate active participation throughout the application and interview process.
- xi. Demonstrate sufficient emotional and independent stability to participate in all aspects of the Aggie ACHIEVE coursework and campus environment.
- xii. Be able to handle and adapt to change; not overly stressed when schedules or people change.
- xiii. Have proof of health insurance (Medicaid, Medicare, private).
- xiv. Serve as his/her own guardian.
- xv. Must be able to independently self-administer and manage medication and specialized dietary needs.
- xvi. Demonstrate the ability to navigate campus safely (e.g., crossing streets and parking lots independently).

There is a \$30 application fee. This fee is due when submitting the application. Applications will not be reviewed if the application fee is not received. Please go to https://secure.touchnet.com/ C21490 ustores/web/product detail.jsp?PRODUCTID=12262 to pay the application fee. An email confirmation will be sent to you once the payment is received.

Each application must have at least two references. These references must be received prior to the application deadline. References are asked to complete the following survey: https://tamucehd.gualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_aYt2UXkT0mLQgrY_

By completing the application below, the applicant and his or her family have reviewed the fees that are associated with attending Aggie ACHIEVE:

Total for program support fees and TAMU fees per year: \$20,500 Approximate housing and dining meal plan costs per year: \$10,400

Each applicant who completes an application will be notified of their status once decisions are made at each phase of the application process.

Please let us know if you have any questions by emailing aggieachieve@tamu.edu

Thank you! Aggie ACHIEVE Program Staff I confirm that I have read the admissions criteria and understand the expectations for Aggie ACHIEVE.

Yes, I have read the admissions criteria.

Applicant Information

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Questions in this section are addressed to the program applicant. The following responses should be completed by the applicant, but you may receive help.

Your Full Name	
First Name	
Middle Name	
Last Name	
What is your gender?	
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Choose one or more races that you is	dentify with:
White	Asian
Black or African American	Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander
American Indian or Alaska Native	Other

What is your date of birth? Please use format: MM-DD-YYYY (e.g., for September 1, 2002 put 09-01-2002)

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Your age as of August 1	2022
What is your permanent	mailing address?
Address	
Address 2	
City	
State	
Postal code	
Applicant's Contact Infor	nation
the parents. The applica	the individual with a disabilities contact information and not at the email below will also receive the confirmation email that the cessfully submitted once completed. Thank you!
Home Phone	
Cell Phone	
Email Address	
What is the preferred me process?	thod for us to communicate with you about the admissions
Phone	
Email	
	Other

What is your social security number? Please use format 999-99-9999. This will only be used by the Admissions Office upon acceptance.

Please choose ALL the following categories of disabilities that correspond with your CURRENT diagnosis.

Autism Orthopedic Impairment

Deaf-Blindness Other Health Impairment

Deafness Specific Learning Disability

Speech and Language Impairment **Emotional Disturbance**

Hearing Impairment Traumatic Brain Injury

Intellectual Disability Visual Impairment

Multiple Disabilities Other

Are you a	Texas	resid	lent?
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Yes. Please enter Texas county of residence:
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No. Please enter state or country of residence:

Are you a U.S. Citizen?

Yes

No

If you are not a U.S. Citizen, are you a legal U.S. resident?

Yes

No

Do you receive vocational rehabilitation services? If yes, please provide the name and contact information for the VR counselor.

Yes

No	
Not sure	
Do you receive Social Security Insurance (SSI)?	
Yes	
No	
How did you learn about the Aggie ACHIEVE program?	
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Guardianship	
Guardianship Information	
Is this applicant his or her own FULL legal guardian?	
Yes	
No	
If no, please indicate the name of the legal guardian.	

Please describe in detail the type of guardianship in place. For example, if there is medical guardianship, financial guardianship, and processes in place.

Aggie ACHIEVE students are REQUIRED to applicant does not have guardianship, are you Aggie ACHIEVE program, and will you provide change?	ou willing to change this if accepted into the
Yes	
No	
Parent/Guardian Information	
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Please indicate the name, phone number, m primary contact for information regarding this	_
Relation to Applicant	
Name	
Address	
Address 2	
City	
State	
Postal code	
Email Address	
Phone Number	
Phone Number	

If needed, indicate the name, phone number, mailing address, and email address for an additional contact such as another parent. Relation to the Applicant Name

Address Address 2 City State Postal code **Email Address** Phone Number **Phone Number Emergency Contact Information:** Should be different than contacts listed above.

Relation to Applicant Name Address Address 2 City State Postal code **Email Address Phone Number**

Does the applicant have any siblings? If so, please list their names, gender, and age.

Why are you interested in the Aggie ACHIEVE program for your student?
Describe the applicant's motivation for attending the Aggie ACHIEVE program.
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Describe the applicant's attitude toward moving away to college.

Describe the applicant's attitude for attaining a job in the community.
escribe any concerns you may have that would impact the applicant's ability to be uccessful in Aggie ACHIEVE.

college life.	
lease describe the types of general supports that are most effucceed in academic settings. Examples might include extende upport, verbal read-aloud of instructions, visual presentation/cearning.	ed time, small group
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s the applicant involved in any hobbies or extracurricular activionmunity? If so, please describe.	ities in school or in the

Is the applicant currently employed in a paid employment setting OR recently exited employment (i.e., within the last 1 year)? If yes, please indicate the name of employer, position and job responsibilities, hours per week, and whether the applicant has a job
coach or any accommodations provided at work.
To assist us with internable placements, places describe the types of supports that are
To assist us with internship placements, please describe the types of supports that are most effective for the applicant in vocational settings (e.g., written directions, checklists
quiet workplaces, etc.). Please also note any concerns about prior work experiences or vocational training.
Has your son/daughter completed any other postsecondary programs since graduating from high school? If so, please name them.

Educational History

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Has the applicant completed high school?		
	Yes. Please enter the year of completion.	
	No. Please enter expected date of completion.	
Please indicate the type of diploma	a the applicant received or will receive.	
Did the applicant have an Individua	alized Education Program (IEP) in high school?	
Yes		
No		
If yes, please indicate the IDEA pr served under an IEP.	imary disability category for which the applicant was	
Autism	Orthopedic Impairment	
Deaf-Blindness	Other Health Impairment	
Deafness	Specific Learning Disability	
Emotional Disturbance	Speech and Language Impairment	
Hearing Impairment	Traumatic Brain Injury	
Intellectual Disability	Visual Impairment	
Multiple Disabilities	Other	

If applicable, please indicate the IDEA secondary disability category for which the applicant was served under an IEP.

Autism	Orthopedic Impairment
Deaf-Blindness	Other Health Impairment
Deafness	Specific Learning Disability
Emotional Disturbance	Speech and Language Impairment
Hearing Impairment	Traumatic Brain Injury
Intellectual Disability	Visual Impairment
Multiple Disabilities	Other
Please describe the type of special education OUTSIDE of the general education classroor	• •

Please indicate the applicant's level of independence of completing academic assignments or homework assignments.

Completely independent

Reviewing with adult

Direct assistance

What type of support services did the applicant receive in high school? Examples include occupational therapy, physical therapy, speech and language therapy, and assistive technology. Please describe the duration of service and accommodations needed.

Please indicate whether any of these support serv enrolled in Aggie ACHIEVE. If so, please note that therapeutic support services.	
Provide a description of the applicant's reading ab	ilities (and approximate grade level
equivalent):	
Provide a description of the applicant's writing/comgrade level equivalent):	nposition abilities (and approximate

Provide a description of equivalent):	the applicant's	math abilities (and	d approximate gra	ade level
Has the applicant utilize what?	ed assistive tech	nnology (voice rec	ognition, iPad, etc	c.)? If so,
Has the applicant had e experience and comfort	•		•	
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Academic Skills				
	Requires Assistance	Requires Some Assistance	Independent	NA
Understands the value of money	0	0	0	0
Handles money to make purchases	0	0	0	0
Following verbal directions	0	0	0	0

,	Requires Assistance	Requires Some Assistance	Independent	NA
Following written directions	0	0	0	0
Demonstrates motivation to learn	0	0	0	0
Navigating the internet	0	0	0	0
Using a computer for word processing	0	0	0	0
Maintaining and following a daily schedule	0	0	0	0
Asking for help when needed	0	0	0	0
Adjusting to schedule changes appropriately	0	0	0	0
Adjust to busy environments appropriately	0	0	0	0
Can sit still for 90 minutes	0	0	0	0
Accessing remote learning	0	0	0	0
Additional comments or	n the applicant's	s academics (if ne	eded)	
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Independent Living

Independent Living Questions

Independent Living

	Requires Assistance	Requires Some Assistance	Completely Independent	NA
Toileting and hygiene	0	0	0	0
Ordering and purchasing items from a restaurant or store	0	0	0	0
Laundry	0	0	0	0
Basic cooking	0	0	0	0
Basic cleaning	0	0	0	0
Managing personal belongings	0	0	0	0
Asking questions when needed	0	0	0	0
Adjusting to new environments or situations	0	0	0	0
Emergency skills	0	0	0	0
Managing his/her medication and health needs	0	0	0	0
Crossing streets and parking lots safely	0	0	0	0
Using a cell phone	0	0	0	0
Money management (e.g., spending, budgeting)	0	0	0	0
Are there any specific co	oncerns regard	ing independent liv	ving?	

Please describe if the applicant has stayed overnight from you and/or his/her primary caregivers in the last two years. If yes, where did the applicant stay and for how long? What level of supervision did the applicant have? Were there any adjustment issues?

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Does the applicant hav	e a driver's licer	nse?		
Yes No				
Does the applicant hav	e his or her owr	n vehicle?		
Yes No				
Please describe any ch	nores the applica	ant is responsible f	or at home:	
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Please describe any coskills.	oncerns you ma	y have about the a	pplicants indepen	dent living
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Social Skills and Comn	nunication			
	Requires Assistance	Requires Some Assistance	Independent	NA
Appropriately communicates needs	0	0	0	0

	Requires Assistance	Requires Some Assistance	Independent	NA
Appropriately relates to others in social situations	0	0	0	0
Handling conflict with others	0	0	0	0
Respects authority	0	0	0	0
Sending and receiving text messages	0	0	0	0
Texting an appropriate amount	0	0	0	0
Using email	0	0	0	0
Providing personal information such as his/her name, address, phone number	0	0	0	0
Adjusts appropriately to changes to environment or tasks	0	0	0	0
Maintaining appropriate peer relationships	0	0	0	0
Maintaining appropriate romantic relationships	0	0	0	0
Uses social media platforms appropriately	0	0	0	0
Working in groups with peers	0	0	0	0
Are there any specific so	ocial skill conce	erns or possible tri	ggers for behavio	rs?

Additional comments on the applicant's independent living skills (if needed)

Medical History	
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Primary Care Physician Information:	
Name Address Address 2 City State Postal code Country Phone Number	
When was the applicant's last medical exam for September 1, 2002 put 09-01-2002) Does the applicant require any assistance we applicant require any assistance we applicant require and a second requ	ith mobility?
No	

Does the applicant have any history of seizures?

Yes. Please describe:

Does the applicant have any history of aggressive physical or verbal behaviors? If please describe the nature of the situation, including dates.	yes,
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Does the applicant have a history of legal violation, arrest, or probation? If yes, ple describe the nature of the situation, including dates.	ase
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Applicant Essay Questions	
Please have the applicant complete the following questions. The responses should reflect the idea, language, and goals of the applicant.	k
What do you enjoy doing in your free time (hobbies/sports/activities)?	
What do you do really well?	

What is your biggest accomplishment in life so far?
Why do you want to attend Aggie ACHIEVE at Texas A&M University?
What are some skills you would like to learn at Aggie ACHIEVE?
What concern(s) do you have if you were to enroll in Aggie ACHIEVE?

Do you want to have a job in the future? If yes, what kind of job do you want?
What are you most excited about learning or doing in college?
s there anything else we should know about you?
Jpload a video of yourself (the applicant) that speaks to why you want to attend Aggie ACHIEVE. If you are unable to record a video, please submit an audio recording.

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First, share a little bit about yourself with us, then answer the following questions:

1. Why do you want to attend Aggie ACHIEVE?

- 2. What do you hope to accomplish by attending Aggie ACHIEVE?
- 3. If accepted, what are some of your long term goals for when you graduate from the Aggie ACHIEVE program? Where would you want to work? Live?
- 4. Why would you be the best candidate?

Document Uploads

Important Files to Upload

Please upload the applicant's official high school transcript. Unofficial is acceptable if the applicant has not completed high school yet.

Please upload the applicant's most recent IEP document, in its entirety.

Please upload the most recent educational evaluation, including school re-evaluation, Peabody Individual Achievement Test (PIAT), Kaufman Test of Educational Achievement (KTEA), and Woodcock Johnson III or Revised Test of Achievement.

Please upload the most recent Functional Behavioral Assessment, if applicable.

If applicable, please upload the applicant's resume.

Tuition

Thank you for completing the application! The decision to offer or deny admission to the program will be made by the admissions committee in their best judgment and in the best interest of the applicant. Admission will be based on the criteria outlined before and the committee's professional opinion about issues such as:

- The applicant's desire to attend Aggie ACHIEVE and to adhere to the program's policies regarding attendance and participation in coursework and Texas A&M University classes.
- The applicant's potential to successfully achieve his or her academic and employment goals within the context of Aggie ACHIEVE's structure and setting.
- The applicant's ability to accept and follow reasonable rules and to behave respectfully towards others, considering that Aggie ACHIEVE does not have the personnel to (1) supervise students with difficult and challenging behaviors; (2) dispense medications or (3) provide personal assistants.

Once applications are received, the admissions committee will review all of the applications and contact applicants for a formal interview. The admission committee consists of several different professionals from the Texas A&M community, including program staff, faculty, and graduate students. During review, all applications are viewed anonymously and all identifiable information about the applicant and their family is removed. The admissions committee will use a rubric to determine the applicants that should be invited for a formal interview. Formal interviews will be held in early spring. Applicants and their parent/guardian must attend a formal interview to be considered for admission.

Please contact aggieachieve@tamu.edu with any questions or concerns. Thank you!

Is there anything else we should know about you?

What are you most excited about learning or doing in college?
Do you want to have a job in the future? If yes, what kind of job do you want?
What concern(s) do you have if you were to enroll in Aggie ACHIEVE?
What overwhelms you or makes you feel anxious? For example, crowds, loud noise
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working in groups, schedule changes, etc. How do you best handle those feelings?

What are some skills that you would like to learn in Aggie ACHIEVE? Why do you want to attend Aggie ACHIEVE at Texas A&M University? What is your biggest accomplishment in life so far?		
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What do you do really well?

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https://secure.touchnet.com/C	21490_ustores/web/classic/product_detail.jsp?

An email confirmation will be sent to you once the payment is received.

I acknowledge that I have sent the link to at least two individuals to serve as my references.

References

Please copy and paste the link below and send it to at least two people who have known the applicant for one year or longer. References by family members will not be accepted. References should represent at least two of the following areas: education, vocational/employment, community involvement, and personal. If possible, please have at least one prior or current teacher.

Link to send to references: https://tamucehd.gualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV 9uF55bpcU4WOTY1

The link for references is also on our website.

Please upload your video below.

Video Upload

Please upload a video of yourself (the applicant) that speaks to why you want to come to Aggie ACHIEVE. If you are unable to record a video then please submit an audio recording.

First share a little bit about yourself and then touch on each of the following:

- 1. Tell us about yourself. What do you like to do for fun?
- 2. Why do you want to attend Aggie ACHIEVE?
- 3. Do you want to work one day? If so, where do you want to work?
- 4. What are your goals for after college?

5. Why would you be the best candidate?

Have you completed the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or do you plan to complete the FAFSA for the 2022-2023 academic year?

Yes, I have already completed it.

No, but I plan on completing it.

No, and I do not plan on completing it.

I am not sure. I would need more information.

By completing the application, the applicant and his or her family understand the fees that are associated with attending this program:

Total for program support fees and TAMU fees per year: \$20,500 Approximate housing and dining meal plan costs per year: \$10,400

Please note: Aggie ACHIEVE does not qualify for any state funds at this time, although federal aid may be available through the FAFSA.

By clicking here, I certify that I understand the fees associated with this program. I acknowledge that scholarships and financial aid are not guaranteed and that if accepted, the applicant and their family are response for the fees above in order to attend the program.

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