

ELITE CHICAGO

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SUCCESS SYLLABUS



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INSTRUCTORS



SWAYNE
Social Life



CARMEN
Survival Skills



SHAWNY
Getting Involved



MARIYA
Scholarships



KIRSTEN
FAFSA



SHANTA
Master Studying



BRIELLE
Personal Statement



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INSTITUTION TRACKING

EXAMPLE

NAME: Spelman

STATE: Georgia

TUITION: \$29,972

APP

SUBMITTED: Yes on 10/17/20

NOTES:

Offered \$13,000 scholarship.
Second choice.

NAME:

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QUICK TIP Apply to your dream schools as soon as possible. Even if they have rolling admission the earlier you apply the better chance you have of receiving the most beneficial financial aid package.

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QUICK TIP



It's important to evaluate institutions just as seriously as they are evaluating you!
Make sure you find the right fit by not only looking at the courses and culture, but also
the opportunities for growth and even alumni involvement!

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PERSONAL STATEMENT BRAINSTORMING

ASSET

noun

a useful or valuable thing, person, or quality.

WHAT MAKES ME
AN ASSET?



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PERSONAL STATEMENT BRAINSTORMING

EXTRACURRICULARS

DEFINING MOMENTS

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

CHALLENGES YOU'VE
OVERCOME



QUICK TIP Choose your most impactful defining moment and make it the overarching theme of your statement. Provide clear imagery and be sure to make it all tie together at the end!

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SCHOLARSHIPS

www.fastweb.com

www.thegatesscholarship.org

buildyourfuture.withgoogle.com

www.ronbrown.org

www.tmcf.org

hbcuconnect.com/scholarship

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FAQ

I'm a really shy person, what advice do you have for meeting others?



Understand that there are more people who are just as nervous as you are! This is a new experience for you all. Try joining facebook groups before classes begin to become familiar with your classmates.

My academic record isn't the best, what can I do to show that I would still be a great student?



This is where your personal statement will come into play. Make sure it shines! Acknowledge your record but be sure to give clarity on how you plan to succeed on campus.

I'm a first generation college student and sometimes I feel like my parents don't understand.



Congratulations on taking this step! I'm sure your parents are proud of you however remember that this is new for them too. It might help to find someone with college experience to be in your corner. If you need help doing this, reach out to us!

My dream school is way out of my budget. Any advice?



The price of higher education can really be a bummer. To help with your tuition costs apply to every scholarship you can and reach out to the institution to see what they can do to help. We'd love to help walk you through this. Email us!

Should my best friend and I become roommates?



Attending school with a best friend can be exciting but remember that this is a NEW journey for you both. Branch out, meet new people and try having random roommates.

Is it a good idea to take my car to campus?



Sometimes having your car on campus can become a distraction and can even take away from your campus experience. We suggest going without your car for the first semester and evaluate your decision from there.

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FAQ

Should I make my social media private during the admissions process?



We encourage everyone to make sure you are always putting your best foot forward online. Just because your profile is private doesn't mean your content is. Be careful and use good judgement.

I'm really struggling with the FAFSA application what can I do?



Be sure to watch our video on FAFSA and if questions still remain please email us!

My inner city high school wasn't the best and I am very afraid to be behind in class. What can I do?



First thing you should do is remember that you deserve to be in the room just as much as anybody else. If you feel yourself falling behind, work with your instructors, go to outside tutoring and put in extra work. It'll be worth it.

How do I know if community college is best for me?



Community College can be the best option for some and can be great to get your prerequisite classes out the way. It all really depends on individual circumstances. We'd love to hear more via email.

Who should I ask to write my letters of recommendation?



LOR's are super important. Be sure to ask people who know you best and can speak on both your abilities and your personality. If you have to submit multiple letters make sure they cover multiple basis. For example one academic and one service related.

If I have more questions how can I reach Elite University?



We would love to assist you. Send us an email at university@elitexcellence.org
We will get back to you as soon as we can!

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NOTES



QUICK TIP Don't feel like you have to have it all figured out. College is an incubator for growth. You will find your path! Explore as much as you can and build a diverse network. It will take you far.