



What is the Elon Academy?

The Elon Academy is a college access and success program for academically promising high school students in Alamance County who have financial need and/or no family history of college. Students participate in three consecutive summer residential experiences at Elon University prior to their sophomore, junior and senior years, as well as year-round programs for students and families.

What is the Goal of the Elon Academy?

The goal of Elon Academy is to engage students in challenging curricular, co-curricular, and cultural experiences to ensure that they get the essential resources they need to lead productive, fulfilling lives. This will include the interpersonal skills and sense of self-worth that will position them to succeed in institutions of higher education and to become active members of and leaders in their communities and beyond.

What is the role of the Elon Academy Summer Mentor?

All Elon Academy summer mentors are current college students or recent alumni who are Elon University students and/or Elon Academy college students. Elon Academy summer mentors serve as role models for Elon Academy scholars (HS students) through interaction inside and outside of the classroom. Elon Academy summer mentors live in the residence halls with the students, serve as peer group leaders, assist with the planning and implementation of college visits, evening activities and other engaging aspects of the Elon Academy. Mentors would be assigned a peer group to lead for the entire 3 weeks. This is an important opportunity for you to develop deep relationships with these near-peers and to have a substantial impact on their lives. For more information about specific duties and responsibilities, please contact Elon Academy Assistant Director of College Access Treyvon Bishop – tbishop4@elon.edu.

What are the benefits of being an Elon Academy mentor?

- An opportunity to inspire local high students to achieve their dreams of attending college no matter their financial background
- Valuable experience for your future career
- Free room at Elon and most meals covered for four weeks during the summer
- \$2250 (subject to taxes) for new mentors

Who would be an ideal candidate for a position as a mentor for the Elon Academy?

Someone who ...

- is a current college student or a recent college graduate
- has a strong record of leadership and academics
- is willing to go the extra mile to ensure the success of the Elon Academy and the students
- has experience and comfort with diverse identities
- is available **June 3-June 29th, 2024**. Sunday afternoon-Friday evening. **(Must be present the entire time with no other time commitments during this timeframe.)**

Elon Academy Summer Mentor Timeline:

- Deadline to submit applications: Friday, February 23 at 11:59pm
- Saturday, May 11: New Scholar Orientation (8:30am-12:30pm)
- June 3-June 7, 2024: Required Summer Mentor Training on Elon's campus
- June 9-June 28, 2024: Elon Academy 2023 Summer Program
- June 29th - Mentor Move out

Your application consists of the following materials, which must be submitted for review by **Friday, February 23rd by 11:59pm:**

- A Cover Letter discussing your interest in the position, relevant experiences and skills, and academic success
- A Resume
- A list of three references and their contact information (at least 1 reference must be a faculty/staff member at your current institution; none of your references should be Elon Academy staff members. Please do not have your references write letters of recommendation.)

All materials should be submitted through email to: Treyvon Bishop-Assistant Director of College Access tbishop4@elon.edu.

Learn more about Elon Academy by visiting our website: <https://www.elon.edu/elonacademy>