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How is this done?

Students accepted in the Elon Academy attend a three-week Summer Academy Residential Program on the Elon University campus. During the Summer Academy Program, our students live in residence halls and are chaperoned by experienced college students and Elon Academy faculty and staff.

Elon Academy students and their families are also engaged in the Saturday Academy Program, which takes place one Saturday a month throughout the traditional school year.

Students are also expected to meet three times per semester (once a month) with an appointed College Access Mentor and have access to Elon Academy Coaches to support their high school learning.

Summer Academy Residential Program

Students keep a demanding schedule during the Summer Academy Residential Program. Their day begins at 7:30 a.m. and ends at 10:00 p.m.

Students take a variety of academic classes taught by Elon faculty and exceptional high school instructors that expose them to new concepts and enhance preparation for the upcoming school year.

College Planning courses help students develop skills and understand the preparation necessary for becoming successful college students. In the evening, students participate in fun enrichment activities like music, dance, physical fitness, sports, etc. Students visit historical and/or cultural sites, businesses, and colleges.

The Summer Academy Residential Program will take place from Sunday, June 8, 2025, to Friday, June 27, 2025. Students are expected to arrive each Sunday evening at 5:00 PM and return home each Friday by 5:00 PM. Please ensure that vacations, camps, medical appointments, and other

activities that may conflict with the Program are not scheduled during this period. The Elon Academy staff highly discourages families from taking a student off campus during the Summer Academy Residential Program unless there is an emergency. Families are welcome to visit their students on campus during mealtimes.

Saturday Academy Program

Each month during the school year, Elon Academy scholars return to campus for the Saturday Academy Program that includes college planning activities appropriate to their grade in high school. Programs include SAT/ACT preparation, writing for college, study skills, time management, high school course selection, college/scholarship application process, financial planning, and working with school counselors.

Family involvement is a key component of the Saturday Academy Program, therefore parents, guardians, and other family members are invited to campus four times per year. Workshops for families parallel those offered to the scholars. During the senior year, families meet one-on-one with staff to complete college admissions/financial aid applications and to explore appropriate options for their scholar(s). All family workshops are in both English and Spanish.

Attendance is required for scholars. The Saturday Academy meets monthly from 9:00am – 12:30pm with special leadership activities and SAT/ACT prep in the afternoon. Lunch is provided for those staying for afternoon activities. Transportation is provided upon request.

Expectation for Participation

If selected, the student is expected to:

- Participate in the high school phase of the program beginning Spring 2024 through high school graduation;

- Attend the three-week Summer Academy Residential Program at Elon University for the summers of 2025, 2026, and 2027. Students will reside in campus dormitories from Sunday night through Friday night, with no option to return home during the week (except for emergencies), and are required to stay on campus for the entire duration;

- Attend Saturday Academy Program events during the academic school years 2025/2026, 2026/2027, 2027/2028, which are held one Saturday a month;

- Meet with College Access Team (CAT) Mentor three times each semester off high school;

- Participate in events and support services through college graduation;

- Maintain A's, B's, and/or C's as well as a 3.0 grade point average and clean disciplinary record; and

- Be a positive participant in the Program.

Parent Signature

I understand that to be selected my student is required to attend an interview at their high school.

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I understand that if my student is accepted, this is a three-year plus commitment.

My signature indicates that I will make the Elon Academy a major priority for my student.

I understand that full participation in the program is essential to my student's success and agree not to plan vacations and other activities that conflict with the Elon Academy program.

I also understand that a medical exam is required before residence.

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Printed Name

Student Signature

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