What is the Elon Academy?

The Elon Academy is a college-access and success program for academically promising high school students in the Alamance-Burlington School System who have a financial need and/or no family history of college. The year-round program combines three intensive four-week residential experiences at Elon University in the summers prior to the 10th, 11th, and 12th grades with a variety of academic/enrichment activities during the school year. Support continues through a student’s college education.

What is the Goal of the Elon Academy?

The goal of Elon Academy is to engage scholars 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 mentor?

All Elon Academy mentors are current college students or recent alumni who are Elon University students and/or Elon Academy college scholars. Elon Academy mentors serve as role models for Elon Academy scholars through interaction inside and outside of the classroom. Elon Academy mentors live in the residence halls with the scholars, serve as a teaching assistant in an academic course, and assist with the planning and implementation of field trips, college visits, evening curriculum, and other engaging aspects of the Elon Academy.

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 and Board at Elon for five weeks during the summer
- $2000 stipend for first-year mentors, $2150 for second-year mentors, and $2300 for third-year mentors and beyond (lead mentors $2800)

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

- … is a current Elon University student, recent alum of Elon University, and/or current EA college scholar
- … has a strong record of leadership and academics- all applicants are required to have at least a 2.5 GPA
- … is willing to go the extra mile to ensure the success of the Elon Academy and the students
- … can handle long hours and be very flexible while working well with others
- … believes in the idea of being a servant leader
- … can be consistently positive and patient
- … will have NO classes or other jobs between June 12-July 14, 2017
Elon Academy Mentor Timeline:

- **Elon Academy Mentor Info Sessions**
  - Thursday, Nov. 17 at 5:30pm in Mooney 312
  - Wednesday, Jan. 11 at 5:30pm in Moseley 215
  - Monday, Feb. 6 at 5:30pm in Moseley 215
- **February 7: Summer Mentor Applications due by 5:00pm**
- **Mid- Late February:** Potential candidates interviewed
- **Early March:** Elon Academy mentors selected and notified (must commit before spring break):
  - **May 6:** Lambda Scholar Orientation
  - **June 12-June 17, 2017:** Required Mentor Training
  - **June 18-July 14, 2017:** Elon Academy 2017 Summer Program (Must be present the entire time and cannot take any classes)
- **July 15, 2017:** Summer Mentor Debriefing Meeting

Your application consists of the following materials, which must be submitted for review by Tuesday, February 7th by 5:00pm:

- 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 or delivered to:

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