

2025

**SUMMER
FELLOWSHIP
PROGRAM**

IMPACT REPORT



Take on College
Making higher education accessible for all.

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SUMMER FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM



The purpose of the Summer Fellowship Program is to equip a cohort of first-generation and low-income high school seniors with the tools they need to apply to college.

We began SFP in 2021 and have now completed five cohorts since our pilot project.

Every year, the college application process changes. Mentors are trained to keep up with new updates. Workshop topics include navigating financial aid, crafting a personal statement, and a resume building.

Students who need further support continue past August into our Fall Mentorship Program.

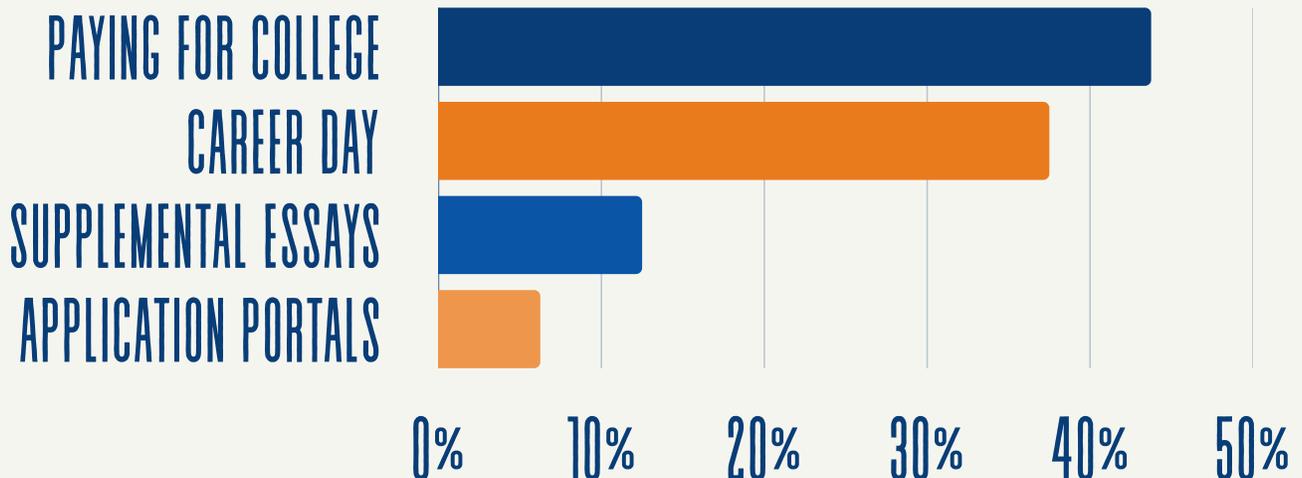
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**SUMMER FELLOWSHIP
ALUMNI GRADUATED**

WORKSHOP SCHEDULE

WEEK 1	Onboarding & Making a college list
WEEK 2	Application Portals & Extracurriculars
WEEK 3	Writing Supplemental Essays
WEEK 4	Paying for College PT 1 - FAFSA/CSS
WEEK 5	Paying for College PT 2 - Scholarships
WEEK 6	Campus Life
WEEK 7	Career Day
WEEK 8	Review + Final Personal Statement

FELLOWS' FAVORITE WORKSHOP



ABOUT OUR FELLOWS

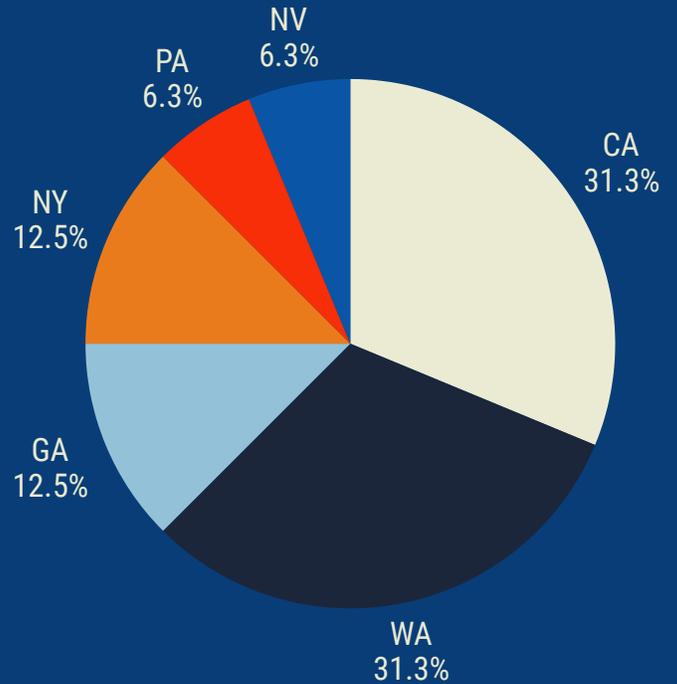
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FIRST GENERATION COLLEGE STUDENTS

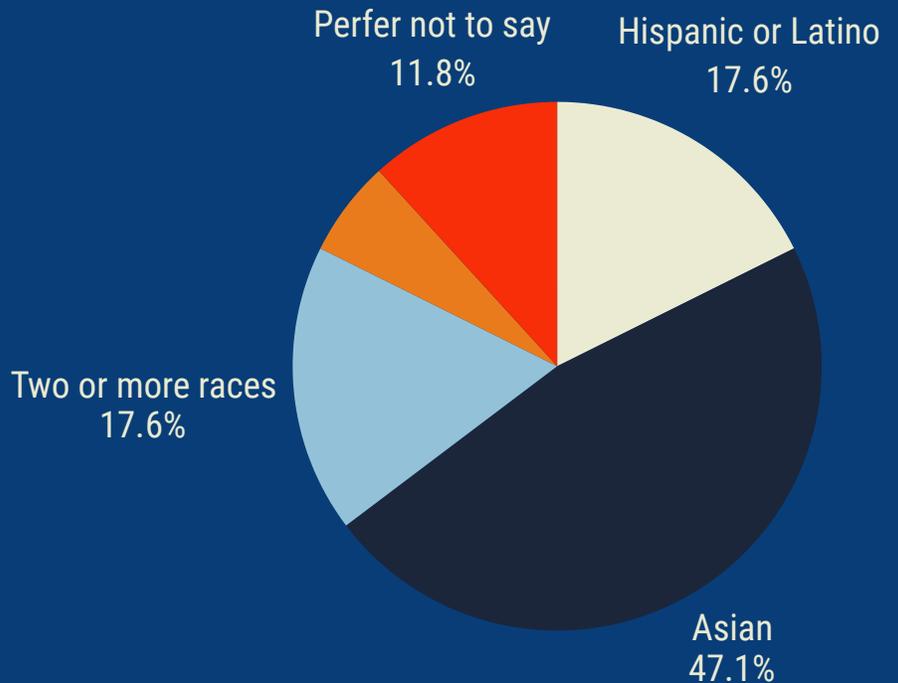
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QUALIFY FOR FREE/REDUCED LUNCH

States Represented

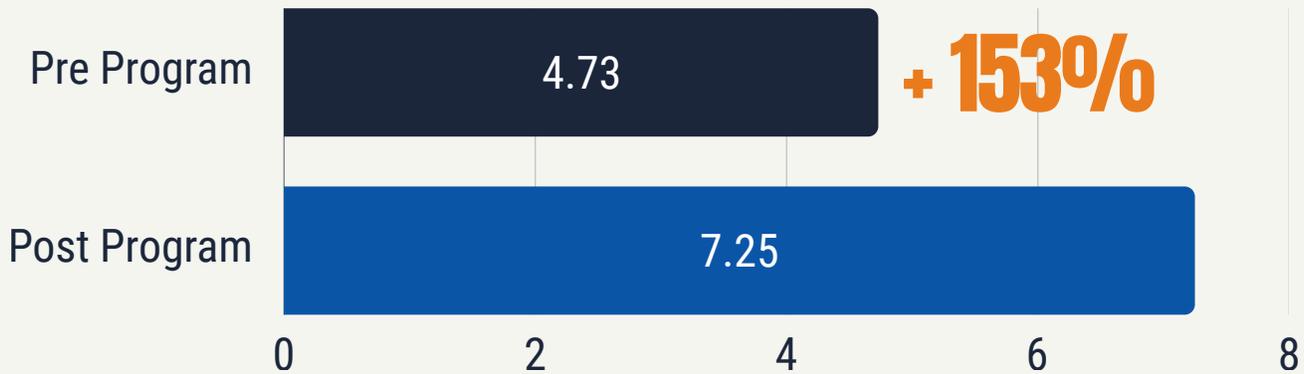


Fellow Demographic



RESULTS

ON A SCALE OF 1 TO 10, RATE YOUR READINESS TO APPLY TO COLLEGES (WRITING YOUR PERSONAL STATEMENT AND OTHER ESSAYS, HAPPINESS WITH YOUR TEST SCORES, CONFIDENCE IN RECOMMENDATION LETTERS, ETC.)



MID PROGRAM

71%

completed
College List

14%

completed
Personal Statement
First Draft

6%

completed
Resume
Draft

POST PROGRAM

88%

completed
College List

63%

completed
Personal Statement
First Draft

81%

completed
Resume
Draft

TESTIMONIALS

Hear from our mentees on how this program has impacted their readiness for applying to college.

“Before Taking on College, my college prep knowledge was to just Google and pray. This program helped me turn my chaos into a game plan. My mentor didn't just help me write my essays, but also helped me find my voice in them. I used to think I needed to share my deepest struggles in order to get a college's attention. Through this program, I learned that personal statements don't have to be an exploitation of past trauma, and that my voice, passions, and everyday experiences matter just as much. Now, I feel comfortable writing an essay that feels true to me, not just what I think admission officers want to hear. The additional support from my peers within the fellowship was a nice reminder that I'm not in this alone.”

“The Summer Fellowship Program was a game-changer for me. Going into my senior year, I knew nearly nothing about how to apply to college. So, when I discovered Take on College, I took this free opportunity to learn more before the school year began. Now that I have completed the SFP, I have all the knowledge I need to complete college applications and begin college life.”

“As someone who is low-income and first-generation, I didn't have anyone to turn to when it came to things like college applications, financial aid, or figuring out what steps to take. SFP was life-changing. Having a mentor I could talk to one-on-one made such a difference, being able to ask questions, get guidance, and receive encouragement really helped me stay on track. They shared tips, resources, and support that I wouldn't have had access to otherwise. I'm truly grateful for the program and everything it's done for me.”

“Before SFP, college applications seemed extremely daunting. When attending SFP, learning and taking the steps towards completing it eased my anxiety. The mentors are extremely passionate about helping their mentees and they also created such a welcoming space. Not only does SFP make me a more confident applicant, but it showed me that there are individuals out there wanting to help me to the best of their ability.”

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