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NOAH counselors plan individual programs of study to help students develop their scholastic abilities by providing:

- Advisement in academic and campus life.
- Instructional services and tutoring.
- Preparation workshops for graduate school and/or career training.

**Eligibility**

To be eligible for the NOAH Program, an applicant must:

- Be a high school graduate or have a state-approved equivalency diploma (with a composite score not higher than 310) or its equivalent.
- Be economically disadvantaged as defined by the United States Department of Health and Human Services poverty guidelines.
- Be a resident of New York state and eligible for New York state’s Tuition Assistance Program (TAP).
- Attend high school in a New York state-recognized high-needs school district.

**The NOAH Advantage**

**Pre-Freshman Summer Academy and the Undergraduate Experience**

Upon acceptance into the NOAH Program, students will participate in a free, mandatory five-week Pre-Freshman Summer Academy before their first fall semester at Hofstra. Students will:

- Earn up to six (6) Hofstra credits – while adjusting to the academic rigors of college-level course work, strengthening their learning skills and strategies, and developing relationships with faculty and fellow students.
- Live in the learning community on campus.
- Engage in leadership development and multicultural educational programs.
- Participate in educational enrichment opportunities, such as alumni career panels.
- Have the opportunity to focus on their individual academic needs.

**First-Year Learning Community**

Educational experts have found that learning communities support academic success and improve retention of college students. NOAH students take courses in writing, mathematics, and critical reading, as well as the NOAH Scholars Seminar, during their first semester, helping them develop learning strategies in a close-knit, collaborative environment where they work with faculty to excel academically.

**Overall, the NOAH Program allows participants to:**

- Begin their academic career fully prepared for rigorous college course work.
- Earn up to six (6) free college credits prior to the start of their first semester that can accelerate the completion of their degree.
- A NOAH student is eligible to enroll in up to 17 undergraduate credits per semester.
- Complete an undergraduate degree in four and a half years.
- Live on campus (room and board includes a double room in a high-rise residence hall and the least expensive allowed first-year dining plan – plan #5).
- Receive learning support in academic areas that will help them excel at Hofstra.
- Become familiar with available resources and support networks at Hofstra University.
- Become members of a distinguished community of scholars.
- Cultivate critical thinking, complex reasoning and writing skills, preparing them for academic and professional success.

The NOAH Program has a distinguished record of success in providing higher education for young adults who might not otherwise have this opportunity.
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Admission and Financial Aid

Candidates must submit an undergraduate application to Hofstra University prior to February 1.

To facilitate the processing of applications, candidates should:

- Schedule an appointment to meet with their high school guidance counselor for college preparation.
- Complete an application via the Hofstra or Common Application, available at hofstra.edu/apply.
- Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) at fafsa.ed.gov. The FAFSA should be filed before February 1.
- Submit application and supporting documentation, which includes:
  1. Two letters of recommendation
  2. Official copies of high school transcripts
  3. Personal essay

Materials can be sent to the Office of Undergraduate Admission by email to NOAHAdmission@hofstra.edu or by mail to Hofstra University, Office of Undergraduate Admission, 100 Hofstra University, Hempstead, NY 11549-1000.

The Financial Aid Statement Form will be forwarded under separate cover, upon receipt of your application by the Office of Admission.

Upon receipt of all completed application materials, the Office of Admission will determine academic eligibility, and the Financial Aid Office will determine eligibility for financial awards. Once eligibility is determined, invited candidates must attend an individual and/or group interview.

When accepted students are identified as NOAH academic scholarship recipients, financial award letters are prepared, based upon the students’ financial needs, as determined by the FAFSA.

Awards are made available through funding from Hofstra University, as well as from federal and state grants and loans. NOAH students typically receive substantial financial aid packages, which may cover a significant portion of their education costs.

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