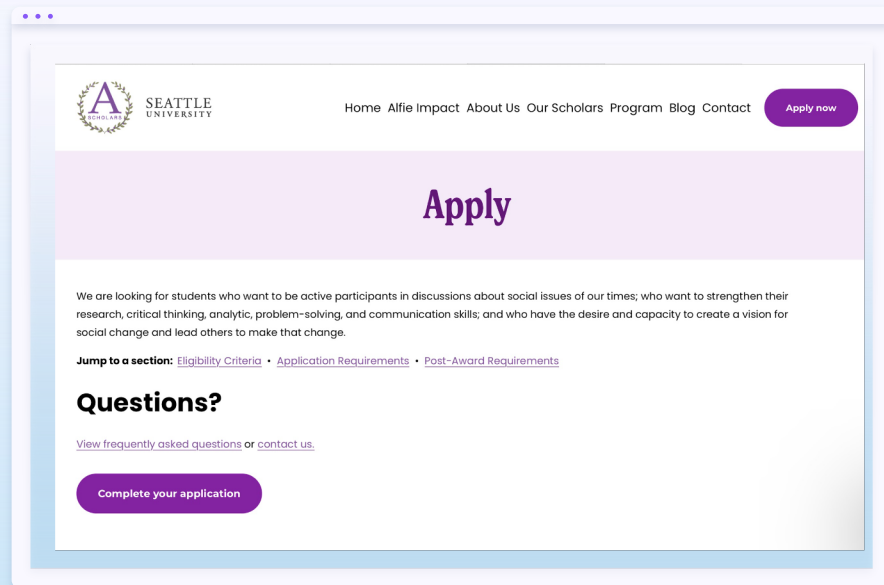


HOW TO WRITE YOUR ALFIE ESSAYS





Personal History:

In this section, you have the opportunity to discuss your life, family, educational, and other experiences that have made your personal and professional goals. The key to this section is to be in a quiet space or listen to calm music and reflect on your life and the goals you have had. Don't think about it as one of the essays you had to complete for your English class, but rather a personal story. You're allowed to be vulnerable here! After taking time, write those goals and key timelines. You can then split that up with structure(introduction, body paragraphs, conclusion). Then read it once out loud, a second time for a grammar check, and one more final read.

★ **Tip: If you can, allow someone who you trust to read these papers!**



MINI ESSAYS:

★ While these are the smaller sections, don't underestimate their strength in your application!

Background

Take time to reflect on what makes you who you are. Jot these down and tell a story.

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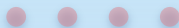
People assume that simple questions like this don't have much to them, but you can use it to tell what being an Alfie would mean to you. I understand not wanting to drag a simple question, so don't! Just provide a little glimpse (one sentence) about why you doing a Google search, hearing it from a friend, or coming across it from SU caught your attention!

Career

You aren't applying to your major, so no need to give a long explanation, but briefly explain what has inspired or allowed you to pursue your dream. If you're struggling to sum it up, think of key points, write a little about them, and connect these sections.


Finance

This question is a way for you to be honest and share with the committee how you will cover the tuition. While people may do bullet points for questions like this, try providing background. If you will be working, where and will that cover you as much as you need? Don't drag it on, but don't underestimate how small questions allow the committee to get to know you more!

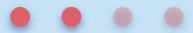




RESPONSE ESSAY:



I highly recommend you go into the reading without considering the questions. This trick will allow you to take in what you are reading rather than feeling like you need to complete an assignment. When you don't go into the reading as if it were an assignment, you'll notice that you're enjoying and understanding the passage. After you're done, read the questions, and if you notice that you don't know what to write, read it again!





SOCIAL ISSUE ESSAY:

For this question, you can research a topic that means something to you, have something in the front of your mind that you're interested in, or have a personal story. The key to this question is to think before writing. Do you have a personal story that is considered a social issue? Yes, then start there. If not, what is a topic you have seen impact people you know or society in general? Have that as your starting point, then individually answer each question. Then, add transition sentences and combine them to create a one-page essay.

- ★ **[Tip: Check out the Alfie website for examples from current Alfie scholars!](#)**



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- ★ Finally, write your essays with confidence. Do not doubt how capable you are. Take the opportunity and apply. You got this!!