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**As of 3/17/16. For the most up to date information, please visit our website:*

www.stormthetest.com/elite

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How can I apply to Elite English Institute?

- Each applicant must complete and submit an application, make an appointment for a video interview via Skype or WeChat and submit TOEFL scores. Go to our website for the application and instructions: www.stormthetest.com/elite
- If you are accepted to the program, we will send you an enrollment contract via email. We will issue a confirmation letter to take with you when going for a US travel visa. All students must notify Elite of their specific travel plans as soon as possible after being accepted. You will also be asked for medical information and dietary needs.

What is the minimum age requirement for students?

- Students ages 11-18 are invited to participate in the program.

What is the minimum English proficiency requirement for students?

- There is no minimum English proficiency required. Each student will be placed in a level that suits their needs and English level. Each student will be challenged according to their existing English proficiency.

When is the latest I can apply to Elite English Institute?

- Spaces are limited in order to ensure personal attention for each participating student. We strongly encourage you to complete and return the attached program application by the deadline of May 1, 2016. Do not miss this opportunity to gain an advantage before the academic year begins. If there are still openings available, applications will be reviewed until July 1.

What does the program cost include?

- The price includes housing, meals, curriculum supplies and classroom instruction, structured afternoon and evening activities, on and off campus, plus two full-day excursions. Students will need to have personal spending money for any extra snacks, souvenirs, and incidentals which can be purchased at the school store or nearby.

Can I come late or leave early and pay less?

- There will be no refunds issued for students who miss any days of the program, arrive late, or leave early. All students need to arrive on campus Sunday, August 7, 2016. Class begins Monday morning, August 8 and ends August 26.

Travel

What kind of visa do I need to attend Elite English Institute?

- If you are attending a US high school, you will obtain an F-1 visa. If you are only coming for Elite and then returning to your home country, you will need to obtain a B-2 visitor/tourist visa. Elite will provide you with an official letter of invitation.
- International students should go to the US embassy or visa-granting authority in their home country and apply for the appropriate travel/tourist visa. Elite English Institute will provide an official letter of acceptance to use when applying. All students must notify Elite of their specific travel plans as soon as possible after being accepted.

Is there transportation from the airport?

- Yes, we will provide transportation from Newark Liberty International Airport (EWR) ONLY for arrival on August 7 and departure on August 27.
- Our host campus, Bloomfield College, is conveniently located just 11 miles from [Newark Liberty International Airport](#).
- If you travel to JFK, you must arrange your own transportation to campus. We encourage parents to consider Newark International Airport since it is smaller, less crowded airport than JFK and much closer to campus.
- Please inform the school of your travel itinerary before July 1. If you are traveling as an unaccompanied minor*, please notify the school by June 1.

What if I need to travel as an unaccompanied minor?

- Countries have a variety of requirements regarding the age a student can travel independently. If you find that your country requires that you must travel as an unaccompanied minor (UAM)* you will need to contact the school before May 1 with your travel plans.
- *An unaccompanied minor is a child without the presence of a legal guardian. This term is used in immigration law and in airline policies. The specific definition varies from country to country and from airline to airline.

What should I bring?

- Students should bring clothing, toiletries, formal clothing, passport, visa, I-20 form (if applicable), cell phone, computer, spending money. A suggested list of items will be made available to you. Local shopping will be available for any additional items needed.

How much money should I have with me? Cash? How do I get money while I'm at Elite English Institute?

- Students should bring \$100-\$200 USD for various small purchases through the 3 weeks. If students want to go shopping during the weekend excursions or are bringing cash for the entire school year, they may choose to bring a larger amount of cash. We recommend all students deposit all unneeded cash at a local bank at the start of the program to avoid misplacement or theft.

Can you connect me to other students in my area so we can travel together?

- Yes, please let us know your desire to travel with other students and we will connect you with other students from your area when possible.

I want to visit a friend or family member in the US before my arrival at Elite or after Elite is complete. Is this allowed?

- Additional travel plans can be arranged for students depending on their Visa status. Elite can not provide any additional travel or housing arrangements unless otherwise stated in your contract.

How do I get from Elite English Institute to my high school? When? Who will pick me up?

- If students are staying in the local area to attend high school, this information must be included in their application so travel arrangements can be included in their contract. Transportation will be arranged for August 26 at the conclusion of classes that evening. A school representative or the student's host family will be waiting at the high school to pick them up. Elite staff will connect the student and the family or school representative before drop off.

Accommodations

What are the dormitory halls like?

- The dormitory where our students will be staying is a brand new state of the art facility on campus. Students will stay in double person bedrooms equipped with kitchenettes, lounge area with living room furniture, and high definition flat screen television with high-optic cable. This dormitory also features lounge areas, fitness center, computer lab, game room, a small movie theater, and rooftop patio. In addition, on the first level there is a Barnes & Noble campus bookstore, Starbucks cafe, and a restaurant.

How can you ensure that my child will be safe?

- Elite is held on a safe university campus. All residence facilities on campus are patrolled by security personnel 24 hours a day including regular tours of residence halls.
- Elite or Bloomfield College staff members are always present, in the residence halls, dining hall, and every scheduled activity. In addition, a Resident Assistant will stay in the dorms overnight to ensure students are all accounted for, assist if any issue arises, and ensure every student is awake for breakfast and class each morning.

How will I communicate to my family while I'm at Elite English Institute?

- Students will have time each evening to communicate with their family through email, WeChat, QQ, and cell phone. We encourage all students to stay in touch with their parents and give them frequent updates.

What about my cell phone? When will I be able to talk to my parents and friends?

- You may have your cell phone but will be prohibited from using it during meals, class and structured activities. If your use of your phone restricts your ability to participate, you will be asked to leave it in your room. You will be able to connect with family and friends in the evening after quiet study.

My friend is also coming, can we be roommates?

- Roommate requests should be made at the time of application. Elite staff will do their best to honor roommate requests, but reserve the right to alter housing assignments at any time.

Other

What if my parents or I have any other questions?

- For any questions, please contact the coordinator, Emily Faulkner, via email at efaulkner@stormthetest.com or WeChat 精英英语学院

