

Selective Private Supplements Packet

Example patterns + a specificity checklist (fit as a plan).

Purpose

Use these patterns to draft supplements that prove fit with specifics + "so what" explanations.

Pattern 1: "Why Us" (fit as a plan)

Structure

Thesis → 2–3 academic specifics → 1–2 community specifics → contribution/close.

Pattern 2: Community / identity / contribution

Structure

Specific behavior you learned → concrete example (action + outcome) → how you'll contribute on campus.

Do / Don't checklist

Do

- Write a fit thesis (what you'll study + where + how you'll contribute).
- Use 2–3 specifics and explain "so what?".
- Connect at least one detail to your track record (a bridge detail).
- End with forward motion (what you'll do).

Don't

- List 10 programs without explanation.
- Use rankings/prestige as a reason.
- Write "community"/"diversity" without actions and contribution.
- Copy/paste a draft and swap the school name.

Specificity test

If you swap the school name, the essay should stop working.

Academic specific #1

Academic specific #2

Community specific

Bridge detail (school → my track record)