

# 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)