



APPLY-A-THON

Chelsi Florence
Pre-Graduate/Law Advising



AGENDA



01

Purpose

Why host an Apply-a-Thon?



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Impact

What outcomes have we seen?
What do we hope to do?



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Budget

What do we need to pull it off?





Program Purpose

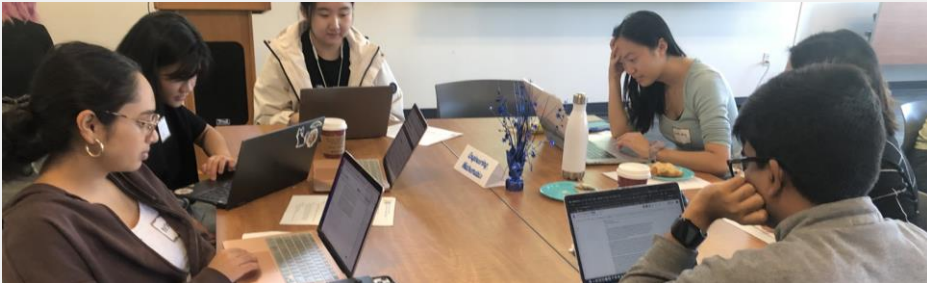
Time, hands-on assistance, and financial support putting together stronger graduate or law school applications

Our program aims to support 30 students in:

- The completion of one graduate application in application season (early November)
- Demystifying parts of the graduate school application process and transitions
- Financial support in part of the application process
- Networking and camaraderie amongst participants and more



Apply-A-Thon 2023



Program Impact, 2023

02



- Students from **across the colleges** attended the event
 - *Introductions, Refreshments*
 - *The Online Application Workshop*
 - *Statement of Purpose Workshop*
 - *Peer Editing Session*
 - *Lunch & Networking*
 - *Grad School Student Panel*
 - *Funding for Grad School Presentation*
- **19 participants** in total completed an application and sought reimbursements
 - *Masters and PhD programs*
 - *Reimbursement up to \$135*

Student Feedback (highlights)

"This event was extremely useful! I got a lot of **valuable information on how to better prepare myself for graduate school** and how to improve my application! It was also very helpful to have my essays **peer reviewed**, I received beneficial feedback."

"I found the SOP **peer review workshop** to be helpful. It was nice to get different perspectives and suggestions on my current draft and see how other people approached writing their SOPs."

"I found it helpful as it **lessened my worries about grad school** and **what to do if I were not to get into a program**. I was able to get good peer feedback on my essays, which I realized I mixed in my personal statements with my statement of purpose. This was a good catch."

"I loved it! I was able to network with other students who are interested in the same or similar path as me."

2024 Need: Greater variety in graduate student panel (major representation, especially from STEM), possible admissions' perspective, tracking beyond optional surveys

Looking Forward: Apply-a-Thon 2024



Agenda

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- The Online Application Workshop
- Statement of Purpose Workshop
- Peer Editing Session
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- Grad School Student Panel
- Funding for Grad School Presentation or Admissions Panel?

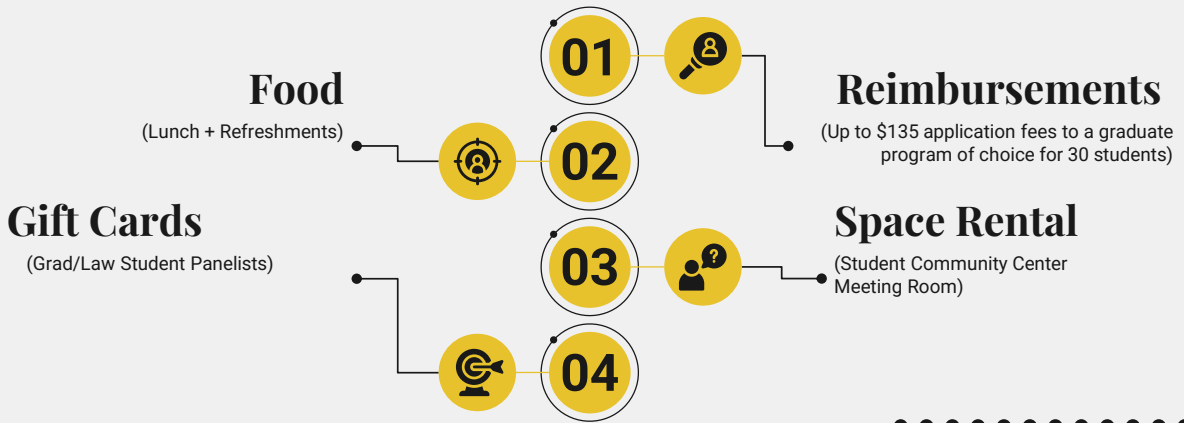


Eligibility (30 students)

- *Applying in Fall 2024/Winter 2025*
- *GRE/LSAT scores (or proof of registration)**
- *Letters of recommendation (names)*
- *Personal statement*
- *Essay draft (by the time of the event)*



Budget Request (Prioritized)



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