Partner Institutions

BRYN MAWR COLLEGE CARLETON COLLEGE COLBY COLLEGE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY

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Dear Posse Nominee:

Congratulations on your nomination for the Posse Scholarship. If you're reading this, you've just completed your first-round interview. You were nominated for a reason, and we're so glad to have met you in person.

Now that you know more about Posse, it's going to be important for you to familiarize yourself with Posse's partner colleges and universities so you can narrow down which schools you'd like to be considered for. If you advance to the next round as a semi-finalist, we're going to ask you to let us know your top choice colleges or universities.

This booklet presents a brief profile of each Posse partner school. We hope you get excited about them; they are among the very best institutions of higher education in the United States. Take a look, but also research these schools further on your own.

Good luck and we'll be in touch soon,

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POSSE STEM PROGRAM



The majority of Posse partner colleges and universities admit Posse Scholars interested in pursuing any major. If, however, you are interested in pursuing a major specifically in science, technology, engineering or math (STEM) and would like to go to college in a Posse of students interested in majoring in a STEM field, you may want to consider Texas A&M University, a STEM Posse partner school.

CONCEPT

Posse started in 1989 because of one student who said,

"I NEVER WOULD HAVE DROPPED OUT OF COLLEGE IF I HAD MY POSSE WITH ME."

The Posse Foundation identifies public high school students with extraordinary academic and leadership potential who may be overlooked by traditional college selection processes. The Foundation extends to these students the opportunity to pursue personal and academic excellence by placing them in supportive, multicultural teams—Posses—of 10 students. The Foundation's partner colleges and universities award Posse Scholars full-tuition leadership scholarships.



- 1. To expand the pool from which top colleges and universities can recruit outstanding young leaders from diverse backgrounds.
- 2. To help these institutions build more interactive campus environments so they can become more welcoming for people from all backgrounds.
- 3. To ensure that Posse Scholars persist in their academic studies and graduate so they can take on leadership positions in the workforce.



BRYN MAWR

LOCATION: Bryn Mawr, Pennsylvania CLOSEST CITY: Philadelphia, Pennsylvania UNDERGRADUATE POPULATION: 1,350 WEBSITE: www.brynmawr.edu

Bryn Mawr, a distinguished women's college with 1,350 undergraduates, is renowned for its academic excellence, diverse and close-knit community, and engagement with the world. Ŧ

On an historic campus just outside of Philadelphia, Bryn Mawr students find challenging courses and research; strong bonds with faculty, students, and alumnae/i; innovative programs that connect study with action; and top-tier partnerships that expand options.

Critical, creative, and collaborative, Bryn Mawr alumnae/i are agents of change in every arena—and forever members of a community founded on respect for individuals.

QUICK FACTS

- » 97% of graduates have positive career outcomes one year after graduation.
- » Top feeder school to premier graduate programs.
- » 100% of students complete a thesis or capstone project.
- » 3 partner schools expand academic and social opportunity.
- » 76% of students complete at least one internship.
- » 59% of the faculty at Bryn Mawr are women.



Carleton College

LOCATION: Northfield, Minnesota CLOSEST CITIES: Minneapolis + St. Paul, Minnesota UNDERGRADUATE POPULATION: 2,042 WEBSITE: www.carleton.edu

Carleton College is a private, coeducational, residential liberal arts college in Northfield, Minnesota, located 40 miles south of Minneapolis and St. Paul. Founded in 1866, Carleton is best known for its academic excellence and its warm, welcoming campus community. The diverse campus is composed of 2,042 students—47 percent men and 53 percent women—who come from across the country and globe: 40 percent originate from the Midwest, 23 percent from the West, 12 percent from the Mid-Atlantic States, 7 percent from New England, 8 percent from South, and 10 percent from outside the United States.

QUICK FACTS

- » Carleton offers 33 majors and several interdisciplinary programs—and more than 1,000 courses.
- » Carleton has a 1,040-acre campus, including an 880-acre arboretum.
- » The student-faculty ratio is 9:1 and the average class size is 17.
- » Ten percent of students are among the first generation of their families to attend college, 24 percent are African-American, Asian-American, Hispanic/Latino/Chicano, Native American, or two or more races.
- » Due to its excellent financial aid program, Carleton students typically graduate with less average loan indebtedness than students who graduate from other private institutions in the country.

Colby

LOCATION: Waterville, Maine CLOSEST CITY: Augusta, Maine UNDERGRADUATE POPULATION: 1,820 WEBSITE: www.colby.edu

Colby, one of the country's oldest independent liberal arts colleges, is located in Waterville, Maine. A national leader in research and project-based undergraduate learning, we offer students small classes and close collaboration with professors. Approximately 70 percent of undergraduates study abroad, and 81 countries and 42 states are represented in the student body. We believe all academically qualified students should have access to a Colby education, and we make this possible through on-campus support programs including Colby 360, our model for cocurricular learning, which fosters growth of the whole person and equips students with the tools to thrive.

QUICK FACTS

- » Colby is one of only four carbon-neutral colleges in the country.
- » The Colby College Museum of Art one of the premier college art museums in the country.
- » Averaged over the last three years, 78 percent of seniors were employed, admitted to grad school, or received full-time fellowships by their graduation.
- » Sixty-three percent of Colby students volunteer, dedicating more than 28,000 hours of service time in local communities annually.
- » Colby awarded more than \$27 million in institutional grant aid in 2013-14.





LOCATION: College Station, Texas CLOSEST CITY: Houston, Texas UNDERGRADUATE POPULATION: 54,476 WEBSITE: www.tamu.edu

Texas A&M is among the top public research universities in the country, and the only public college in Texas to make the "Best Buys" list in the *Fiske Guide to Colleges 2019*, a list of colleges that offer a superior education for the most affordable cost. Its 69,465 students (including 54,476 undergraduates) can choose from 1,000+ student-led organizations, challenging them to learn, lead and serve, and its graduates are among the most heavily recruited in the nation. Perhaps best known for its incomparable Aggie spirit, rich traditions, core values and culture of excellence, Texas A&M is committed to developing leaders of character dedicated to serving the greater good.

QUICK FACTS

- » Texas A&M ranks first in Texas in student retention and graduation rates—overall and for under-represented students.
- » Twenty-five percent of undergraduates at Texas A&M are first-generation students, meaning they are the first in their immediate family to attend college. Texas A&M has renewed its efforts to ensure that first-gen students progress through to graduation, including advising, mentoring and group interaction.
- » Ranks in the Top 20 on the best universities in the country list from *Washington Monthly* (2018)
- » In the previous academic year, Texas A&M awarded approximately \$871 million in financial assistance.
- » Ranks 1st in Texas among public universities for best value by *Money Magazine* (2018)



Texas A&M University offers only science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) Posse Scholarships.



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