



Dear Counselor,

Greetings from UChicago! We hope this message finds you enjoying the end of summer, and excited to work with students over the next application cycle! I am writing today to share some updates and news about UChicago and the admissions process.

UChicago Hosts National Hispanic Scholarship Fund's Youth Leadership Institute

For four days, UChicago hosted 200 rising Latino and Hispanic high schoolers to set them on the course for academic, collegiate, and career success. Students engaged in application preparation workshops, admissions panels, and financial aid presentations, as well as academic and personal reflections to get them ready for the coming school year and application process!



Fall Travel Season is Right Around the Corner!

Every fall we host [information sessions around the country](#) and visit schools, counselors, and community based organizations. If you are interested in connecting with one of our regional admissions counselors during September or October, please feel free to

reach out. You can find your regional counselor [here](#). We're happy to help you and your students in any way we can!

New Gates Scholarship Opens

The Gates Scholarship is now open! The Gates Scholarship is a highly selective full scholarship for exceptional Pell-eligible minority high school seniors. Starting in 2018, the scholarship will be awarded to 300 top student leaders each year with the intent of promoting their academic excellence through college graduation, and providing them the opportunity to reach their full potential. The deadline to apply is September 15th, 2017. To learn more about the program, please visit <https://www.thegatesscholarship.org/scholarship>.

UChicago Application Options

During the 2017-2018 application cycle, UChicago will offer students a choice of the Coalition or Common Application, both of which are now open! As a leading Questbridge partner school, we will also maintain our commitment to serving low-income high school students through the [National College Match](#) process. Our unique [essay questions](#) can be found on the UChicago Supplement, a required component of our application.

Students using the Coalition Application will also have the opportunity to respond to the "Personal Statement" prompt through the medium of their choice. The instructions for this section will be:

Please respond to one Coalition prompt of your choice below. You are welcome to craft an original response, to share work from your Locker, or to submit anything else you have written or created in the past four years that you believe addresses one of the prompts. We recommend written responses of 650 words or fewer and video or audio responses of 5 minutes or shorter. You may submit a longer graded paper if you feel it represents your best work.

- Tell a story from your life, describing an experience that either demonstrates your character or helped to shape it.
- Describe a time when you made a meaningful contribution to others in which the greater good was your focus. Discuss the challenges and rewards of making your contribution.
- Has there been a time when you've had a long-cherished or accepted belief challenged? How did you respond? How did the challenge affect your beliefs?
- What is the hardest part of being a teenager now? What's the best part? What advice would you give a younger sibling or friend (assuming they would listen to you)?
- Submit an essay on a topic of your choice.

We Are Here to Help

If you have ANY questions about the information above, please reach out—we're here to help. You are welcome to reach out to your [regional admissions representative](#), but please also feel free to contact me directly at yanethbello@uchicago.edu or 773.702.8650.

Have a wonderful summer!

Sincerely,



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