MISSION
Sam Houston ELITE is established to promote academic development, as well as promote and encourage civic engagement. The program ultimately serves to increase the rate at which SHSU retains and graduates men of color, specifically African American and Hispanic males.

ELIGIBILITY
To apply for a position in SH ELITE, students must meet each of the following criteria:

1. First-time incoming freshmen male
2. Minority Status (African American/Latino)

HOW TO APPLY
To apply, students meeting the criteria stated above should complete the application which will be available May 1st, 2015 and schedule an interview with the program coordinator. For students applying who live outside of Huntsville, a phone interview will be scheduled.

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PROGRAM COMPONENTS

Sam Houston ELITE provides participants with weekly and monthly meetings with program staff and mentors. Each activity is designed to help participants experience personal and academic success. Major components of the program are detailed below:

Designed to create an opportunity for social bonding, **Small Group Workshops** will feature a different topic each week. We’ll kick the semester off with study skills, including sessions on time management and procrastination, two areas that are vital to your academic success. The second half of workshops are designed to enhance your knowledge of a variety of issues, including money management, relationship and health issues, etc.

**Monthly Group Seminars** will feature guest speakers from the University and local community. Mentors will expand on topics previously discussed in the small group workshops and offer students a chance to build on their networking skills.

All participants will submit **Regular Grade Check Forms**, which serve as an official report of your grades from faculty. This will allow program staff to closely monitor your academic progress and provide any remediation strategies early on as needed. There are a variety of resources at the University that can be introduced to the student during this time as well such as the Math Lab, Writing Center, Reading Center, tutoring, etc.

As a component of the program **Community Involvement** is greatly emphasized not only in their freshmen year, but through to the end of their time at Sam Houston.

**Social Activities** will vary semester to semester. These activities give all ELITE members the opportunity to meet their fellow colleagues in a non-academic environment.

While this program does have an emphasize on integrating and preparing incoming freshmen for future success, it still serves as a **Comprehensive Program** that provides resources from the time you set foot on campus to the time you set foot off campus.