**EMPOWERMENT TOOLS APPLICATION PACKET**

**FROM THE OFFICE OF THE UIC STUDENT MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

**STATEMENT**

Today, educational technology is needed for student success. However, the digital divide is becoming larger, limiting some students. Through the “Empowerment Tools” program, students will be awarded with laptops. These empowering tools are meant to be used for note-taking, research, writing papers, engaging in email correspondence with professors and classmates, and other tasks that play a part in navigating higher education via technology. Accessibility to educational technology plays a part in student retention and graduation rates. This program is a step taken by the UIC Student Member of the Board of Trustees towards contributing to the academic success of students who demonstrate a financial need.

**ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA**

* UIC UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT
* DEMONSTRATES FINANCIAL NEED
* MUST BE IN GOOD ACADEMIC STANDING AS DEFINED BY THE APPLICANT’S COLLEGE
* GOOD DISCIPLINARY STANDING WITH UNIVERSITY

**APPLICATION CHECKLIST**

* CONTACT INFORMATION FORM
* PHOTO CONSENT FORM
* UNOFFICIAL TRANSCRIPT
* PERSONAL STATEMENT
* U.I.C. SHORT ANSWER RESPONSES

**APPLICATION TIMELINE**

**CONTACT INFORMATION FORM**

**FIRST NAME: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ LAST NAME: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ MI: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**UIN: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**PHONE NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**EMAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**T-SHIRT SIZE: S M L XL**

**PHOTO CONSENT FORM**

I, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, hereby authorize the UIC Student Member of the Board of Trustees to photograph me and to use such photographs in any publications, presentations, Web sites or other media or form, whether now or hereafter known, for any purpose that, in the view of the Office of the UIC Student Member of the Board of Trustees in its sole discretion, advances goals, including diversity and access at UIC.

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IF SUBJECT IS NOT A MINOR

I represent that I am 18 years of age or older and that I understand and agree to the terms set forth above.

**PRINTED NAME OF SUBJECT: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**SIGNATURE OF SUBJECT: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

IF SUBJECT IS A MINOR

I represent that I am the parent or legal guardian of the Minor and that I have full authority to execute the Consent and Release on behalf of the Minor.

I understand and agree to the terms set forth above.

**PRINTED NAME: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**SIGNATURE OF PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**LAPTOP INFORMATION**



**MacBook Air 11-inch (Early 2015)**

* 1.6GHz dual-core Intel Core i5 processor
* Turbo Boost up to 2.7GHz
* 4GB of 1600MHz LPDDR3 onboard memory
* 128GB PCIe-based flash storage
* Intel HD Graphics 6000

**UNOFFICIAL TRANSCRIPT**

Please acquire and attach unofficial transcript to Application Packet.

**PERSONAL STATEMENT**

Write your personal statement to answer the following question:

***Why will you succeed?***

**Font:** Times New Roman

**Font Size:** 12 pt.

**Line and Paragraph Spacing:** 2.0 (Double Space)

**Length:** 450 Word Limit

**U.I.C. SHORT ANSWER RESPONSES**

Please answer the following three questions to the best of your ability within 3 to 5 sentences.

1. **U: Unity**

What strengths and weaknesses do you see in unity?

1. **I: Inquiry**

Reflect on a time when you questioned or challenged a belief or idea and the actions you took to address it.

1. **C: Challenge**

Recount a time when you faced a challenge, setback, or failure. How were you affected, and what did you learn from the experience?

*******You should never view your challenges as a disadvantage. Instead, it's important for you to understand that your experience facing and overcoming adversity is actually one of your biggest advantages.*

* Michelle Obama