



## FELLOW PROFILE

**Fellow's Name:** Mimi Smith

**Fellow's Partner Organization:** Denver Scholarship Foundation

**What are your main responsibilities as a PIFP fellow?**

As a college advisor for DSF, I will be working with primarily seniors at George Washington High School as they navigate the complicated college application process. This includes helping with essays and admissions, financial aid, finding the best college fit for each individual, and being a mentor.

**What's the most interesting thing you've learned in your fellowship so far?**

So far I've learned a ton about the different financial aid options for students in need or those who are undocumented. I'm learning a lot about how to navigate the financial ins and outs of college admission, which is really interesting and important.

**Why did you want to become a PIFP Fellow?**

I wanted to become a fellow because I'm really interested in working in nonprofit law or policy someday. I think it's important to be immersed in something if you plan to work to defend it or create policy surrounding that. I feel really lucky to be able to work for DSF and experience our education system from a fairly new perspective.

**What activities outside of your work do you enjoy?**

I'm really liking running through the many parks in Denver and exploring different coffee shops and bookstores. There's also some really incredible food here, so that's been fun as well.

**What is something most people would be surprised to know about you?**

I don't know if this is really surprising, but I'm a huge klutz. I'm constantly running into everything and I spill on myself multiple times a day, usually coffee. This means I can also get stains out of almost anything....I guess that's surprising?