

ESSAY PROMPTS

Candidates will write three short essays, (including the personal statement) following the format and criteria below. Essays must be double spaced, in size 12 Ariel Font. Essays must be typed on separate pages, with one-inch margins, correct paragraph indentation, and be ten-twelve sentences, in the first-person point-of-view. Use the rubric to guide your thought process. The same rubric will be used for both responses. ***Do Not Put Your Name On The Essays.***

Service Prompt

Write a concise response explaining **one significant lesson** that you have learned through community service to others. This may be a lesson gained through regular community service or informal service to others.

Leadership Prompt

Write a concise response explaining one example of how you have demonstrated **true leadership with a community service project**. This is not about holding an office. This is not about doing all of the work. This is about truly leading others to accomplish something meaningful. You may have been a leader with a formal title and office, or you may have been a leader without holding office. Stick to what you did, how you did it, and why you did it that way. Do not include quotes and philosophies of others within your sentences.

Personal Statement

Perhaps the most difficult area to evaluate for selection of members is that of character. The last section of your application is a personal statement which should contain no more than **150 words**. Use your personal statement as an opportunity to express your core values and beliefs describing how you display character. Explain how those values support your academic success and service to others. This is to be written **only by the applicant**.