

College Application Essay Prompts 2014-2015

EOP Prompts (CSU students):

Each response should be at least 1 paragraph – must answer all questions: CSU applicants who meet EOP eligibility only – see counselor for more information.

1. List any volunteer, extracurricular activities, or work experience in which you are or have been involved in the past 2 years.
2. Why would you like to attend college? Discuss your career and personal goals. Are there any particular circumstances, school experiences, or persons that influenced your preparation or motivation to attend college (e.g., cultural/financial background, family, teachers, schools you attended)? Please explain.
3. Briefly discuss your academic background. Did you utilize any additional support at your high school, such as tutoring? Do your grades in high school and/or college reflect your academic ability or potential?
4. Briefly describe your family's economic background. Include information about your financial challenges.
5. Please tell us more about yourself. Is there any additional information you would like EOP to consider in determining your admission to the program?

UC Prompts:

Answer both using a max of 1000 words (each prompt must be 250 – 500 words). EAOP Application does not require additional essays.

1. Describe the world you come from — for example, your family, community or school — and tell us how your world has shaped your dreams and aspirations.
2. Tell us about a personal quality, talent, accomplishment, contribution or experience that is important to you. What about this quality or accomplishment makes you proud and how does it relate to the person you are?

Common Application ESSAY Question: Pick 1 topic - 250-500 words

(Private schools that use the common application only – see counselor for more information)

1. Some students have a background or story that is so central to their identity that they believe their application would be incomplete without it. If this sounds like you, then please share your story.
2. Recount an incident or time when you experienced failure. How did it affect you, and what lessons did you learn?
3. Reflect on a time when you challenged a belief or idea. What prompted you to act? Would you make the same decision again?
4. Describe a place or environment where you are perfectly content. What do you do or experience there, and why is it meaningful to you?
5. Discuss an accomplishment or event, formal or informal, that marked your transition from childhood to adulthood within your culture, community, or family.