

APPLY TEXAS ESSAYS A, B, & C

Essay Topic A

What was the environment in which you were raised? Describe your family, home, neighborhood, or community, and explain how it has shaped you as a person.

What the readers are expecting:

How has the environment in which you were raised, your family and/or friends, community, or other aspect shaped and influenced your life? How will you take these lessons and values into your academic and/or professional future?

Hints & Tips:

Discuss an aspect of your upbringing that has influenced or shaped your life for the better: i.e. something that has taught you strength, resolve, courage, persistence, the confidence to face adversity, the courage to change, etc. Explain how you will take these lessons into your future and how they will benefit you in your academic and/or professional life.

Length: 350 – 500 words (650 max)

Essay Topic B

Most students have an identity, an interest, or a talent that defines them in an essential way. Tell us about yourself.

What the readers are expecting:

Discuss an aspect of your life (a personal identity, talent, passion, or skill) that says something about who you are as a person. How will the lessons/values that that identity, skill, or passion has taught you influence your academic and/or professional future?

Hints & Tips:

Pick an aspect of your identity, as skill, passion, or talent that has taught you something about yourself: i.e. how your unique identity demonstrates your resolve, strength, or courage / how a passion of yours will guide you into a career or service / how your passion reflects your work ethic, values, and strengths. Discuss how that identity, passion, or talent will benefit you in your academic and/or professional future.

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Essay Topic C

You've got a ticket in your hand – Where will you go? What will you do? What will happen when you get there?

What the readers are expecting:

Discuss a trip to a place that would teach you something about yourself, the world, other cultures, history, or enhance and deepen your respect, admiration, or passion for a particular subject. How would this trip change or influence you as a person? How would this experience benefit you in your academic and/or professional future?

Hints & Tips:

Avoid discussing “fun” trips. Choose a destination that would profoundly affect you on a personal or spiritual level that would broaden your views of the world, other people, and other cultures in a way that would benefit your academic, professional, and/or personal future.

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