

SAMPLE COLLEGE APPLICATION ESSAY QUESTIONS

Colleges use your writing sample to learn more about you as a person. Below are examples of essay topics you may see on Oklahoma college applications.

- How can you contribute to diversity?
- Why do you believe this college is a good fit for you?
- Evaluate a significant experience you've had, an achievement you've accomplished, a risk you've taken or ethical dilemma you've faced, and describe its impact on you.
- Discuss some issue of personal, local, national or international concern and its importance to you.
- Indicate a person who has had a significant influence on you, and describe that influence.
- Describe a character in fiction, a historical figure or a creative work (as in art, music, science, etc.) that has had an influence on you, and explain that influence.
- A range of academic interests, personal perspectives and life experiences adds much to the educational mix. Given your personal background, describe an experience that illustrates what you would bring to the diversity in a college community, or an encounter that demonstrated the importance of diversity to you.
- What is one of the most important decisions you will ever have to make in your lifetime? Explain why the decision is so important and the way your decision will impact you and others.

TIP: It's possible that you can use some of the essays you submit on your college applications again—when you apply for scholarships. Be sure to keep all of your essays stored on a thumb drive so they will be easy to revise and send in with your next application.