

University of North Carolina

2020-2021 Confirmation Received in Writing on website

We hope you'll share with us the activities that you've found especially worthwhile. We also hope you won't feel compelled to tell us everything you've ever done or, worse yet, to do things that mean little to you just because you think we expect them. Low-profile pursuits can be just as meaningful as ones that draw more attention, and fewer activities can be just as good, and sometimes even better, than more activities. For example, although starting a new club can be a great experience and helpful to others, so can caring for siblings, parents, or grandparents, working outside the home to put food on the table, or being a good and caring friend. For these reasons, although we're glad to receive complete résumés, we don't require or encourage them. Instead, if you choose to submit something that goes beyond what you're providing through your Common Application, keep it brief; focus less on including everything and more on choosing and explaining the things that have meant the most to you.

NOTE FROM COLLEEN: I RECOMMEND WRITING ABOUT THREE SEPARATE ACTIVITIES - 1-2 PARAGRAPHS PER ACTIVITY

TOTAL # OF ESSAYS TO WRITE: 2

INSTRUCTIONS: Choose two of the following prompts to respond to in 200-250 words.

PROMPT #1: Expand on an aspect of your identity – for example, your religion, culture, race, sexual or gender identity, affinity group, etc. How has this aspect of your identity shaped your life experiences thus far?

WORD RESTRICTIONS: 250 word maximum

PROMPT #2: If you could change one thing about where you live, what would it be and why?

WORD RESTRICTIONS: 250 word maximum

PROMPT #3: Describe someone who you see as a community builder. What actions has that person taken? How has their work made a difference in your life?

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