



HILLSDALE COLLEGE
PURSUING TRUTH • DEFENDING LIBERTY SINCE 1844

Undergraduate Application Short Answer and Essay Prompts

Short Answers

Applicants respond to each prompt in 250 words or fewer.

1. Students at Hillsdale College enroll in a multidisciplinary classical liberal arts core curriculum, taking nearly half of their four years. Explain your interest in this educational approach.
2. As a result of your experiences at Hillsdale, who do you hope to become?
3. The pursuit of truth leads to eternal questions, including the question of God. What role do you see faith playing in your learning at Hillsdale?

Essay

Applicants respond to one prompt in 650 words or fewer.

1. Discuss how an event or circumstance, literary or artistic work, or personal experience has significantly influenced your life.
2. Reflect on something that has been done for you, or something you have inherited, and how that has affected or motivated you.
3. Tell us how the influence of someone you admire has become a part of who you are.
4. Think on a time when you were wrong. How did you respond, and did that experience change you?