2016-17 Undergraduate Application Essay Prompts

Freshman application
Essay Prompts (Strongly Recommended)
You may respond to up to three of the essay prompts below (choose one, two, or three) as you feel they support your individual application. Please limit your statement(s) to no more than 250 words in length (each).

• What are the top five reasons you want to be a Hokie?
• If there is something you think would be beneficial for the Admissions Committee to know as we review your academic history, please take this opportunity to explain.
• Our motto is Ut Prosim (That I May Serve). How is service to others important in your life?
• If you could have any superhero power, what would it be and why?
• We believe strongly in the Virginia Tech Principles of Community and the value of human diversity affirmed therein. Share a perspective or experience related to your culture, age, color, disability, gender, gender identity, gender expression, national origin, political affiliation, race, religion, sexual orientation, or veteran status that might explain how you will enrich the climate of mutual respect and understanding here.
• Virginia Tech is one of six senior military institutions in the country. How will this setting contribute to your college experience?
• Tell a story from your life, describing an experience that either demonstrates your character or helped to shape it.
• Describe a time when you made a meaningful contribution to others in which the greater good was your focus. Discuss the challenges and rewards of making your contribution.
• Has there been a time when you’ve had a long-cherished or accepted belief challenged? How did you respond? How did the challenge affect your beliefs?
• What is the hardest part of being a teenager now? What’s the best part? What advice would you give a younger sibling or friend (assuming they would listen to you)?
• Submit an essay on a topic of your choice.
Transfer application

Essay Prompts

Please respond to each essay prompt below as appropriate for your individual application. Please limit your statement(s) to no more than 250 words in length (each).

- **Personal Statement 1** (Required) State why you wish to leave your present college and attend Virginia Tech.

- **Personal Statement 2** (Recommended if applicable) Please provide your work, military, or other non-academic history since high school graduation, listing in reverse order (with most recent first) and including dates for the approximate duration of the activity). Or, please upload a PDF version of your resume that includes this information.

- **Personal Statement 3** (Recommended if applicable) If there is something you think would be beneficial for the Admissions Committee to know as we review your academic history, please take this opportunity to explain.