

2017-18 Undergraduate Application Personal Statement 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. In general, concise, straightforward writing is often the best for college essays, and good essays are often approximately 250 words in length.

***Note:** Your application for admission is also your application to the Virginia Tech Honors College. Therefore, any responses to the following essay prompts will be shared with the Honors College.*

1. What are the top five reasons you want to be a Hokie?
2. 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.
3. Our motto is Ut Prosim (That I May Serve). How is service to others important in your life?
4. 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.
5. Virginia Tech is one of six senior military institutions in the country. How will this setting contribute to your college experience?
6. Tell a story from your life, describing an experience that either demonstrates your character or helped to shape it.
7. Submit an essay on a topic of your choice.

Transfer application

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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).

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- **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.
- **Personal Statement 4** (Recommended) Our motto is Ut Prosim (That I May Serve). How is service to others important in your life?