

Some Sample US Application Essay Questions

1. Please provide us with autobiographical information and an explanation of your educational objectives.
2. Choose one memorable or significant hour from your life that gives us a better understanding of who you are and describe it in detail.
3. Describe one of your most humorous or embarrassing experiences.
4. What are your educational and career objectives and how will this university help you achieve them?
5. Why have you chosen your field of study and how will you use your education in your home country?
6. Describe an aspect of your life in your hometown in the year 2084.
7. If you could meet and talk with someone who is not alive today, who would you meet and what would you talk with him about?
8. Briefly describe the factors that have influenced your interest in studying your major, giving specific attention to experiences or ideas that have led you to choose this course of study.
9. Make a statement regarding your educational objectives. (University of Wisconsin–Madison)
10. Choose one memorable or significant hour from your life that gives us a better understanding of who you are. Describe it in detail. (Washington University)
11. A hero is defined as someone demonstrating brave deeds and noble qualities. Can you point to an individual whom you would classify as a contemporary hero? What characteristics of this person are most noteworthy? Your choice need not be widely recognised. (Boston College)
12. Please indicate, in your own words, why you would like to study in the United States, and in particular, why you would like to study at RIT. Additionally, indicate why you have selected your intended field of study, and how this study will relate to your career plans. (Rochester Institute of Technology)
13. For some prognosticators the end of the world was in sight by the year 1000. How do you foresee your world of 2020? (or) What is your favourite newspaper cartoon or comic strip? Explain. (Dickinson College)
14. Describe in detail some special interest, experience or achievement. (or) Discuss a person you've met or known who has had a significant influence on you. (or) What idea has most influenced your life? In what ways? (Brandeis University)
15. Explain why one of the best days of your life has had continuing importance to you as a young adult. (Northwestern University)
16. What single adjective do you think would be most frequently used to describe you by those who know you best? Briefly explain. (Stanford)
17. What has been the most significant historical, social, or political event or development in your region of the world during the past ten years and why? (Boston University)
18. In addition to the information form, what other factors would you like the Board of Admissions to consider in evaluating your candidacy. Feel free to include some of your important accomplishments, your goals, or your ideas about education. (Boston University)
19. What factors let you to seek an education outside your native country? (Boston University)
20. Indicate a person who has had a significant influence on you, and describe that influence.
21. Please write an essay about one of the topics listed below (From the "Common Application").
 - Evaluate a significant experience or achievement that has special meaning to you.
 - Discuss some issue of personal, local, or national concern and its importance to you.