

MACAULAY HONORS COLLEGE

WRITING YOUR APPLICATION ESSAYS

Students applying for admissions to Macaulay Honors College class of 2023 must submit two essays as part of their online application. Each essay has a 500-word limit. Be sure to proofread carefully and save a hard copy for your records.

2018 essay questions

Please select one topic from the Personal Reflection section and one topic from the Social Issues section.

PERSONAL REFLECTION 500 words

1. Describe an experience that either demonstrates your character or helped to shape it.
2. Reflecting on your experience and aspirations, discuss how your life will differ from your parents' lives. Provide concrete evidence to illustrate your position.

SOCIAL ISSUES 500 words

1. Pick a story of local, national, or international importance from the front page of any newspaper. Identify your source and give the date the article appeared. Then use your sense of humor, sense of outrage, sense of injustice—or just plain good sense—to explain why the story engages your attention.
2. If someone gave you a \$50 million grant, how would you use it to make New York City a better place?