



University of Colorado
Boulder

PERSONAL ESSAY QUESTIONS UNDERGRADUATE ADMISSION APPLICATION

Two personal essays are **required** for CU-Boulder's undergraduate admission application. Your personal essays are the best way for us to learn about you as an individual and to evaluate your academic performance within an appropriate context. Please remember that there are no "correct" answers to these questions—your responses should reflect the unique aspects and experiences of your life. Consider reflecting on challenges you've overcome, your family or cultural heritage, your academic or cocurricular achievements, or specific moments that helped to define your character.

Essay A (required, maximum 500 words)

The University of Colorado Boulder's *Flagship 2030* strategic plan promotes exceptional teaching, research, scholarship, creative works, and service distinguishing us as a premier university. We strive to foster a diverse and inclusive community for all that engages each member in opportunities for academic excellence, leadership, and a deeper understanding of the world in which we live.

Given the statement above, how do you think you could enrich our diverse and inclusive community, and what are your hopes for your college experience?

Essay B (required, maximum 250 words). Choose one of the following:

1. Who are the influential people in your life? How have they contributed to your development as a person?
2. Briefly discuss how your family, school, neighborhood, and background have impacted your educational goals and aspirations.
3. Discuss any events or special circumstances that have affected your academic record, as well as any adversities you have overcome.

Write your responses in separate documents and include your full legal name and date of birth at the top of each page. Your personal essays must be received by the application deadline in order for your application file to be complete. You may submit your essays one of the following ways:

- In the 'Upload Documents' section of the online application
- By e-mail to apply@colorado.edu