

The Admissions Essay

Monroe College asks prospective students to write an essay as part of the Admissions process. This essay gives us the chance to see how you express yourself in writing, and it gives you a chance to choose exactly what you want the college to know. What are your goals, your dreams, and your plans for the future?

In order to help you gather your thoughts, we have prepared some questions that may assist you with your writing. You may use them as part of your essay or you may just need them to get started. It is difficult to write about yourself. But it is not difficult to write about what motivates and excites you. So please, tell us about yourself.

- ✓ Think about school in general. How have your parents, teachers, and surroundings influenced your life?
- ✓ What kind of student were you in high school? Or any other school prior to this essay? Describe past experiences.
- ✓ Who had the most positive influence on you in school? What did they do to inspire you?
- ✓ Why are you applying to Monroe College? What goals have you set for yourself? How do you hope to achieve them?
- ✓ What do you expect from the college? The professors? The Staff?
- ✓ Where do you hope to be in 5 years? How can a college degree help you meet your goals?
- ✓ What have you learned from your experiences in working or volunteering?