Materials for the 2023-2024 Presidential Scholarship for Distinguished Achievement Application

All applicants must complete the following essay prompts. Responses should be no longer than 1 page in length.

- 1. Discuss a significant experience you have had or something you have read that has influenced the development of your creative work or talent.
- 2. Why do you wish to attend a liberal arts university? What excites you to study and participate in your talent in a liberal arts curriculum?

All applicants must also submit a document describing the materials being submitted to demonstrate their talent (described below for each talent area). All applicants must also have a recommendation from a mentor in their talent area (usually submitted by the mentor directly).

Dance

Applicants must submit a 10-12 minute video in one of three styles (ballet, jazz, modern/contemporary). Specific requirements for each style may be found in the application, and include standard movements and techniques.

Debate

Applicants must submit a portfolio of their debate records.

Music

Performance applicants must submit a 10-15 minute video containing at least 2-3 pieces with contrasting styles (Baroque, Classical, Romantic, Modern, etc.). Specific requirements for some instruments/voice and for composers may be found in the application.

Theatre

Performance applicants must submit a 4 minute video containing 2 contrasting monologues. Design, technical production, directing, and writing applicants should submit a portfolio of their work.

Visual Arts

Applicants must submit a portfolio consisting of 10-20 pieces, with information about each piece (title, dimensions, medium of the work, etc.) in a separate document.

