Materials for the 2024-2025 Presidential Scholarship for Distinguished Achievement Application

All applicants must submit the Presidential Scholarship application through their Admissions portal. The application contains 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 unedited pieces with contrasting styles (Baroque, Classical, Romantic, Modern, etc.). All works written with accompaniment should feature accompaniment. 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 10-12 pieces, with information about each piece (title, dimensions, medium of the work, etc.) in a separate document.

