

# TEST-OPTIONAL ESSAY GUIDE



## What is the test-optional essay for admission?

In lieu of standardized test scores (ACT/SAT), students can submit an essay for their admission pathway. This option gives more flexibility for students that have been unable to take the ACT/SAT, or if students feel their test scores do not accurately represent their academic potential.

## What are the essay requirements?

We ask students to write an essay composed of 250-500 words that follow any of the prompts listed below:

**Prompt 1** What are three strategies you use to overcome procrastination and how do you motivate yourself to finish a difficult task?

**Prompt 2** What are three examples of micro-failures you've experienced and how do these small failures shape your learning or approach for the next time?

**Prompt 3** Pick a quote that describes a lot about you, and explain why you connect with it.

## What is a “micro-failure”?

A **micro failure** is a small setback that is unique to you. This can be as simple as forgetting a big project at home, only having one shoe at an away basketball game, breaking your last reed before a band performance, etc.

## Where does the essay get submitted to?

Students can submit their essay with their application or upload it to their student portal (shown below) once their application is submitted or by sending their essay as a PDF to [druryad@drury.edu](mailto:druryad@drury.edu) or to their admission counselor.

## Frequently Asked Questions

Any additional questions can be answered on our [Test Optional FAQ](#) page or by reaching out to your admission counselor.

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