

NEW MEXICO SIMON SCHOLARS

2025-26 Application Essays

As we consider your Simon Scholars application, we value your reflections on your strengths and challenges, perspectives and experiences. Please respond to the following essay questions.

Your responses should be approximately 300 - 500 words each and in essay format, not bullet points. You will want to compose and save your essay responses so that you can copy and paste them into the online application.

Choose one of the following essay prompts to answer:

1.Describe a facet of your identity, background, or story that is essential to who you are.

2. Describe a significant change or experience that has occurred in your life. How did you respond and what did you learn about yourself from that experience?

3. Discuss an accomplishment, event, or realization that sparked a period of personal and a new understanding of yourself or others.

All applicants ***must*** also answer this essay prompt:

- What are your goals and aspirations for the future and how would a college education help you reach those goals?

Optional: If there is something important about your life circumstances that would not be clear from the rest of your application, please use this space to share it. This may include challenges or responsibilities at home, changes in your living situation, or anything else that has affected your school experience or could impact your participation in the program.

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