

ADMISSION ESSAYS FOR SPECIFIC SUS SCHOOLS (Aug '04)

UF Respond to two; each personal statement should be 300-400 words each.

1. Step outside your home. What would you change about what you see?
2. Describe a significant opportunity, challenge, or setback you have faced. What impact did it have on you?
3. Robert Kennedy said, "Few will have the greatness to bend history itself; but each of us can work to change a small portion of events, and in the total of all those acts will be written the history of this generation. What acts do you envision yourself contributing to the history of your generation?"

FSU Respond to two; limit to one page each or a total of two pages for both statements.

1. Describe an activity, interest, experience, or achievement in your life (this could be a book, movie or an activity or experience at work, home or school) that has been particularly meaningful for you.
2. How has your family history, culture, or environment influenced who you are?
3. What qualities or unique characteristics do you possess that would allow you to contribute to the University community?

UCF Respond to two; no longer than 250 words each or a total of 500 words for both.

1. Describe an activity, interest, experience, or achievement in your life (this could be a book, movie or an activity or experience at work, home or school) that has been particularly meaningful for you.
2. If you were president of the United States for a day, what one policy – whether serious or semi-serious – would you implement? Why?
3. How has your family history, culture, or environment influenced who you are?
4. Why did you choose to apply to UCF?
5. What qualities or unique characteristics do you possess that would allow you to contribute to the UCF community?

FAMU Respond to two; no longer than 250 words each or a total of 500 words for both.

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UNF Not required, but if you have one-submit it

What college admissions staffs say about the personal statement:

- "Write from your soul, write from your heart, and reflect upon your experiences."
- Be personal.
- Select a subject you can write about with feeling and authority, yet unusual enough to distinguish you from the mass of other applicants.
- Use vivid and precise language; avoid typos, misspellings and grammatical errors.
- It is easy to write about one's parent(s) as influential, but it is difficult to make a defining difference between your wonderful parent and all the other influential parents the readers will snooze through.
- The death of a grandparent can be moving and emotional but not unusual.
- It takes time, thought and some intellectualism to write about a particular book, world/local issue or historical figure; perhaps you might interest the reader in your ideas, feelings and analysis of such items.
- Choice of topic is not as important as the level of insight, meaning and analysis offered.
- Tasteful humor is always appreciated; arrogance or fluff turns readers off.
- Personal adversity that affected your academic performance can be the topic of an essay but not as an excuse or to be whined about.
- The most successful essays show curiosity and self-awareness
- The best personal statements are not necessarily the longest.