



Thrive Scholars 2025 Essay Questions

**Essay questions are found on page 8 of the application.*

6-Year Program & Thrive Academies (Sitting 11th Graders)

Please respond to **ONE** of the following essay prompts (500 word limit):

1. **Some students have a background, identity, interest, or talent that is so meaningful they believe their application would be incomplete without it. If this sounds like you, then please share your story.**
2. **The lessons we take from obstacles we encounter can be fundamental to later success. Recount a time when you faced a challenge, setback, or failure. How did it affect you, and what did you learn from the experience?**
3. **Reflect on a time when you questioned or challenged a belief or idea. What prompted your thinking? What was the outcome?**
4. **Reflect on something that someone has done for you that has made you happy or thankful in a surprising way. How has this gratitude affected or motivated you?**
5. **Discuss an accomplishment, event, or realization that sparked a period of personal growth and a new understanding of yourself or others.**
6. **Describe a topic, idea, or concept you find so engaging that it makes you lose all track of time. Why does it captivate you? What or who do you turn to when you want to learn more?**

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OnRamp Program (Sitting 10th Grade Black Males)

Please respond to **both** of the following essay prompts:

OnRamp seeks to build a diverse, high achieving, college focused group of Black males from across the U.S. who will live, learn and grow together as they pursue college and career success.

1. **If selected to join the 2025 OnRamp cohort, what strengths and qualities would you bring to the scholar community? What excites you the most about the opportunity to learn and grow within this group of like-minded individuals?** (250 word limit)

This question helps us understand the areas in which you want to grow through our community, and how you want to contribute to this community.

2. **What is your ultimate goal in life? What steps are you currently taking to pursue that dream and how important is college in turning that dream into a reality?** (250 word limit)

Thrive Scholars take full advantage of the resources around them. This question helps provide a sense of what you are doing inside and outside the classroom to move you towards your career aspirations.

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