

Optional Essay

(Freshman applicants only)

Please complete a one-page, typed, personal statement to help the Admissions Committee become better acquainted with you and your communication skills. Include your name and birthdate at the top of the statement. You may also E-mail your essay to FSUAdmissions@frostburg.edu. This personal statement should focus on **ONE** of the following topics:

1. While many students entering college for the first time are undecided about their intended area of study, you may believe that you do know what area you wish to study. *Write an essay discussing the decision process that has helped you focus on your intended area of study.*
2. Certain areas of study tend to be talent-based – for example, music, theatre and art. If you intend to pursue such an area of study, *write an essay in which you discuss when and how you discovered your talent(s) and how you intend to pursue developing your talent(s) during your college studies.*
3. *Evaluate a significant experience, achievement or risk that you have taken and its impact on you.*
4. *Discuss some issue of personal, local, national or international concern and its importance to you.*
5. *Indicate a person who has had significant influence on you, and describe that influence.*
6. *Describe a character in fiction, an historical figure or a creative work (as in art, music, science etc.) that has had an influence on you, and explain that influence.*