

# STEP 4: Write your two short answers and one essay

## SHORT ANSWER QUESTIONS

### PART 1 ALL APPLICANTS must answer the following question.

Type or print your answer on a separate sheet of paper. Make sure your name, U-M ID number (if known), birth date, and the question text are on each sheet of paper you include. (approximately 250 words)

- [A]** "We know that diversity makes us a better university – better for learning, for teaching, and for conducting research."  
(U-M President Mary Sue Coleman)

Share an experience through which you have gained respect for intellectual, social, or cultural differences. Comment on how your personal experiences and achievements would contribute to the diversity of the University of Michigan.

### PART 2 ALL APPLICANTS must answer one of the following questions.

Please answer **only** the question for the school or college to which you are applying. Type or print your answers on a separate sheet of paper. Make sure your name, U-M ID number (if known), birth date, and the question text are on each sheet of paper you include. (approximately 250 words)

#### DUAL UNIT APPLICANTS must answer two of the following questions.

Please answer **only** the questions for the schools or colleges to which you are applying. Type or print your answers on a separate sheet of paper. Make sure your name, U-M ID number (if known), birth date, and the question text are on each sheet of paper you include. (approximately 250 words each)

- [A] School of Art & Design** If you were going to re-configure the human species, discuss some of the current attributes you would retain, and some that you would not retain.

- [B] College of Engineering** Please describe your interests and aspirations in engineering. What experiences have influenced you?

- [C] Interarts Performance** What experiences and aspirations have influenced your decision to apply to the University of Michigan's Interarts Performance program? Discuss the attributes of this interdisciplinary program which make it the best choice for you.

- [D] School of Kinesiology** Why is kinesiology the right choice for you? What do you plan to study and how does that tie in with your career aspirations?

- [E] College of Literature, Science, and the Arts (LSA)** What led you to choose the area(s) of academic interest that you have listed in your application to the University of Michigan? If you are undecided, what areas are you most interested in, and why?

- [F] School of Music, Theatre & Dance** As you prepare to pursue a career in music, theatre or dance, what are your thoughts on the relationship between the arts and today's society? How relevant has your art been to your community and to you?

- [G] School of Nursing** Describe why you want to be a nurse. Include your specific experiences and abilities related to health care that will make you a good candidate for the nursing profession. Also describe your understanding of nursing's role in health care and how you see yourself embodying these roles.

## ESSAY

### ALL APPLICANTS must answer one of the following questions, either [A], [B], or [C].

Type or print your answers on a separate sheet of paper. Make sure your name, U-M ID number (if known), birth date, and the question text are on each sheet of paper you include. (approximately 500 words)

- [A]** Describe a setback that you have faced. How did you resolve it? How did the outcome affect you? If something similar happened in the future, how would you react?

- [B]** Discuss an issue of local concern. Why is this issue important to you? How do you think it should be addressed?

- [C]** Tell us about a book you have read that you found especially challenging, stimulating, or provocative. Explain why it made an impact on you.

## PREFERRED ADMISSION SUPPLEMENTAL ESSAY

### ONLY FOR APPLICANTS who have applied for a PREFERRED ADMISSION PROGRAM

In addition to the essay above, please answer **only** the question for the school or college to which you are applying. Type or print your answers on a separate sheet of paper. Make sure your name, U-M ID number (if known), birth date, and the question text are on each sheet of paper you include. (approximately 500 words). For more information on Preferred Admission Programs, please see STEP 1.

- [A] Taubman College of Architecture + Urban Planning, School of Information, College of Pharmacy, and School of Social Work**

For what reasons do you wish to be considered for Preferred Admission to your school or college of interest? What are your career goals and how will Preferred Admission to your school or college help you achieve these goals?

- [B] Stephen M. Ross School of Business**

Assume you would like to start an organization or project in your community right now to accomplish a particular goal. 1) Describe your organization or project, briefly identify why it is important to you, and explain the steps you would take to start it. 2) How, specifically, might your education at U-M and the Ross School of Business affect your approach to the same project if you were to start it after you graduated from college?

- [C] School of Education**

Based on your experience and desired goals, tell us why you wish to be considered for preferred admission to the School of Education. What impact do you hope to have on the field of education?