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Personal Essay

Your personal essay allows us to better understand your personality, interests, and thought process beyond factors such as grades and test scores. Please write a thoughtful, concise essay that reflects who you are. You may choose from one of the following essay questions. Please limit your response to a maximum of 500 words.

- Essay Option 1: It's the year 2040, and you and your team of researchers have been awarded an internationally recognized award (e.g. Draper Prize) for exemplary and innovative work in the field of Engineering. What is your invention or research finding, what do you imagine it took to achieve this result, and what makes your work so important?
- Essay Option 2: What excites you about the field of engineering? Discuss an experience you have had or a concept you have learned that has led you to consider Engineering as a future career or field of study.

Short Answers

Please answer the following questions, using no more than 200 words for each response.

- The ability to work on a team is highly valued in engineering. Describe a conflict or challenge that you have faced and the approach you took to resolve the issue with your partner or teammates. What insights did you gain?
- Discuss, in order of preference, your interest in the ESAP courses you selected in this application. What draws you to each course, and what do you hope to learn/achieve?
- *Optional*: Is there anything not covered here that you think we should know about you?

***** Please copy and paste each essay/ question you are answering above each response in your document. Please upload your document in the "Supporting Documents" section of the online application.*****