**Essay Prompt questions**

UNC Chapel Hill essay questions 2015: 650 word maximum

**1.** Some students have a background or story that is so central to their identity that they believe their application would be incomplete without it. If this sounds like you, then please share your story.

2.Recount an incident or time when you experienced failure. How did it affect you, and what lessons did you learn?

3.Reflect on a time when you challenged a belief or idea. What prompted you to act? Would you make the same decision again?

4.Describe a place or environment where you are perfectly content. What do you do or experience there, and why is it meaningful to you?

5.Discuss an accomplishment or event, formal or informal, which marked your transition from childhood to adulthood within your culture, community, or family.

**The second essay will be specific to the UNC application.** They ask students to choose one prompt and respond in an essay of 400-500 words. Here are the questions:

1.Why do you do what you do?

2.You were just invited to speak at the White House. Write your speech.

3.What one thing should all students know before their high school graduation?

4.What concerns you about your world? What do you hope to do to make it better?

5.UNC Professor Barbara Fredrickson – an expert in positive emotions – has defined love as “micro-moments of connection between people, even strangers.” Tell us about a time when you experienced a “micro-moment of connection.” What did you learn?

**For UNC-Wilmington**

This year, we’ll also be asking transfer applicants to submit two essays. The first essay is from the main part of the Common Application. You’ll be asked to respond to the following prompt in an essay of 250-650 words: Please provide a statement that addresses your reasons for transferring and the objectives you hope to achieve.

The second essay will be unique to the UNC transfer application. You’ll choose one of the following prompts and respond in an essay of 400-500 words:

1.Why do you do what you do?

2.How do you define wisdom?

3.You were just invited to speak at the White House. Write your speech.

4.What concerns you about your world? What do you hope to do to make it better?

5.UNC Computer Science Professor Frederick P. Brooks discovered what has become known as Brook’s law – “adding more man-power to a late project will make the project later.” Tell us about a counterintuitive or surprising solution to a problem you stumbled upon in your life.

6. Why UNCW?

**For Appalachian (North Carolina State has a similar prompt):**

Please note that Appalachian does not require letters of recommendation, resume, essays or personal statements as part of our application for admission. However, Appalachian encourages applicants to submit a personal statement and/or resume through their MyApp Portal. There is no predetermined topic, so this is a chance for you to tell us more about yourself (beyond grades and test scores). You will have access to enter supplemental information in your MyApp Portal once you have submitted your application for admission.