



# COLLEGE APPLICATION WRITING

EOP - UC PROMPTS - 10,000 DEGREES  
SCHOLARSHIP - OTHER SCHOLARSHIPS



# GENERAL SCHOLARSHIP PROMPTS

*Below are examples of prompts you may encounter when applying for scholarships. Get a head start and write a response to a questions below!*

- How will this scholarship help you?
- How have you contributed to your community?
- Tell us about yourself.
- Tell us about a time you failed and what you learned from it.
- What are your academic and/or career goals?
- Tell us about a time where you stepped up as a leader.
- Why do you want to go to college?
- Briefly describe your family's economic background. Include information about your financial challenges.
- List any volunteer, extracurricular activities, or work experience in which you are or have been involved in the past two years.
- What motivates you to attend college?

# 10,000 DEGREES SCHOLARSHIP

## *Short essay prompts & need to knows*

### Need to knows

- Need a completed FAFSA or CA Dream Act

*All short essays must be between 250-500 words.*

### Prompt 1:

Why do you want to go to college?

### Prompt 2:

Write about an experience where you had to overcome a challenge & what did you learn from it?

# EOP

*What is it? What are the benefits? How do I apply? What are the prompts?*

## What is it?

- Aims to improve access to higher education for low-income, first gen students.

## What are the benefits?

Provides support services such as summer programming, financial aid follow up, academic advising, tutoring, and counseling.

## How do I apply?

- To apply for a Community College EOP program, you submit an application that is typically available starting in the spring
- To apply to EOP at a CSU, you apply when you submit your CSU college applications through Cal state apply. To apply select "YES" to interest in EOP
  - answer short questions
  - have 2 letters of rec
- To apply to EOP at a UC, you apply when you submit your UC college applications.
  - short 250 character entry on why you're interested

# CSU EOP PROMPT

*Student must answer all of the questions below. We suggest a 1-2 paragraph response for each.*

- List any volunteer, extracurricular activities, or work experience in which you are or have been involved in the past two years.
- Why would you like to attend college? Discuss your career and personal goals. Are there any particular circumstances, school experiences, or persons that influenced your preparation or motivation to attend college (e.g., cultural/financial background, family, teachers, schools you attended)? Please explain.
- Briefly discuss your academic background. Did you utilize any additional support at your high school, such as tutoring? Do your grades in high school and/or college reflect your academic ability or potential?
- Briefly describe your family's economic background. Include information about your financial challenges.
- Please tell us more about yourself. Is there any additional information you would like EOP to consider in determining your admission to the program?

# UC PERSONAL INSIGHT PROMPTS

*You will have 8 questions to choose from, you must respond to only 4 of the 8 questions. Each response is limited to a maximum of 350 words.*

- Describe an example of your leadership experience in which you have positively influenced others, helped resolve disputes, or contributed to group efforts over time.
- Every person has a creative side, and it can be expressed in many ways: problem solving, original and innovative thinking, and artistically, to name a few. Describe how you express your creative side.
- What would you say is your greatest talent or skill? How have you developed and demonstrated that talent over time?
- Describe how you have taken advantage of a significant educational opportunity or worked to overcome an educational barrier you have faced.
- Describe the most significant challenge you have faced and the steps you have taken to overcome this challenge. How has this challenge affected your academic achievement?
- Think about an academic subject that inspires you. Describe how you have furthered this interest inside and/or outside of the classroom.
- What have you done to make your school or your community a better place?
- Beyond what has already been shared in your application, what do you believe makes you stand out as a strong candidate for admissions to the University of California?