

Class of 2026 CDB Applicant Essay Questions

A. Mandatory

Please describe the world you come from and tell us how your world has shaped your dreams and aspirations.

B. Please respond to two of the five following prompts:

1. We know you lead a busy life, full of activities and responsibilities, some of which are required of you. Tell us about something you do for its own sake – simply because you like to do it.
2. Talk about an academic or intellectual subject you are passionate about and why. What about this topic excites you? How have you pursued this particular interest in or outside of school?
3. Tell us about an obstacle you have overcome or a challenge you have taken.
4. Include a photo of an image that speaks to you in a special way and tell us why.
5. What do you feel is lacking from your academic background?

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