

## Class of 2029 CDB Applicant Essay Questions

**Directions:** Please respond to the following reflective prompts. Essays should be **500 words or less**. The quality of your work is more important than the length of your answers.

Part A is mandatory.

Part B is a selection of two of the five prompts from Part B below. For one of the prompts from part B, you may choose a more creative, non-essay approach, including collage, artwork, audio or video recordings, flash drives or CDs. Limit video and audio recordings to three minutes. Please note that work will not be returned to applicants; Artwork can be photographed or copied. Clearly identify which prompts you have chosen.

### A. Mandatory

Everyone has a story. Share yours- reflect on a hobby, facet of your personality or life experience that is genuinely meaningful and unique to you.

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

Honesty, loyalty, compassion, generosity, wisdom. Which of these character traits do you value the most and why? Who in your life emulates this trait?

If you could give a historical or literary figure a piece of technology, what would it be, and what would the outcome be?

Think about an academic subject that inspires you and explain why. Describe how you have furthered this interest inside and/or outside of the classroom.

"If one thing had been different, would everything be different today??" – Taylor Swift.  
Pick a question from a song title or lyric and give it your best answer.

There are unwritten rules that everyone follows or has heard at least once in their life. But of course, some rules should be broken or updated. What is an unwritten rule that you wish didn't exist?