

## Class of 2030 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 a collage, artwork, or audio/video recordings. Limit video and audio recordings to three minutes. Please do not upload an audio or video file. Instead, please copy and paste a link to your file in the text box via Google Drive, Dropbox, or a Private YouTube page. Please ensure that settings allow our readers to access the recording. Artwork can be photographed or copied but please include two to three sentences outlining your piece. Clearly identify which prompts you have chosen for all essays.

### 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:

1. Reflect on something that someone has done for you that has made you happy or thankful in a surprising way. How has this gratitude affected or motivated you?
2. "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.
3. 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?
4. The Caroline D. Bradley Scholar community is a group of talented and passionate individuals from around the country. What excites you about becoming part of this community? What do you think you will contribute to this community?
- 5) Describe a topic, idea, or concept you find so engaging that it makes you lose all track of time. Why does it captivate you? What or who do you turn to when you want to learn more?