

Class of 2031 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.

Part A Mandatory Question:

"It's not easy being green..." was the frequent refrain of Kermit the Frog. How has difference been a part of your life, and how have you embraced it as part of your identity, outlook or sense of purpose?

Part B. Respond to two of the five following prompts:

1. The Caroline D. Bradley Scholarship is committed to fostering a community where everyone feels a sense of belonging and purpose. Reflecting on your own experiences, what does community mean to you? How have you helped create inclusive, welcoming spaces for others, and what have you learned from those efforts?
2. The Annual Bradley Seminar is the heart of intellectual and social engagement in the CDB Community, bringing students closer together through active discussion on a daily basis. If you could invite someone to speak at the Bradley Seminar, who would they be, what questions would you ask them or what topic would you want to discuss with them at the Bradley Seminar?
3. Whether big or small, mundane or spectacular, tell us about something that brings you joy.
4. Tell us about an experience in the past year or two that reflects your imagination, creativity or curiosity.
5. How does integrity help build positive relationships? Please answer the question and provide example(s) from your personal or academic life.