

**APPLICANT ESSAY QUESTIONS**

We are asking you to provide some information that will enable us to know you better and to evaluate your background and interests in light of your application to the program in architecture. The topics listed below are intended as guidelines only. You may answer any or all of the questions in whatever way you feel will best tell us about you and your interests. Please limit your response to **two to three typed pages** and make sure that your name is on every page. In addition to this, we would like to know which other colleges you have applied to this year.

1. YOUR INTEREST IN ARCHITECTURE AND HOW IT HAS DEVELOPED:

What do you think architecture is? Why do you want to be an architect? How did your interest develop? Are there any other careers you have considered? Have you ever talked with an architect or visited an architect's office? Have you read much about architecture? Do you look at buildings much? What is a building that excites you and why? Do you have a favorite architect?

2. CREATIVE EXPERIENCE:

Have you ever taken any art or architecture courses? If so, what did you think of them? Do you do any sketching/painting/designing on your own? What sorts of things? Have you ever built anything? Do you consider yourself to be a creative person? Why?

3. BACKGROUND:

Do you live in a large city? If not, do you ever visit large cities? What do you think of cities in general? What sorts of things do you do when you are in a large city? Do you ever visit museums? What kind of art do you like? Who are your favorite artists? Have you traveled much? Where? What was your reaction to what you saw?

4. OTHER THINGS THAT INTEREST YOU:

What do you like best and least in school and why? Do you feel you have been challenged in school? What do you do in your spare time? Do you have any hobbies or special interests? What do you do with your vacation periods and summer? Have you ever had a job? When reading for pleasure, what do you read?

5. AMBITION:

What has made you the proudest in your life to date? What would you say has been your greatest accomplishment? If your dreams come true, what will you be doing in 10 years? 25 years?

Please submit your response to:

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Completion deadlines:

November 10: Early decision freshmen and spring  
 term transfer applicants.  
 January 31: Regular decision freshman applicants.  
 March 31: Fall term transfer applicants.