



New Mexico Simon Scholars 2023 Application Essays

As we consider your Simon Scholars application, we value your reflections on your strengths and challenges, perspectives and experiences. Please respond to the following essay questions. **Your responses should be approximately 300 - 500 words each and in essay format, not bullet points.** You will want to compose and save your essay responses so that you can copy and paste them into the online application.

Choose **one** of the following essay prompts to answer:

1. Describe a facet of your identity, background, or story that is essential to who you are.
2. Describe a significant change or experience that has occurred in your life. How did you respond and what did you learn about yourself from that experience?
3. Reflect on something that someone has done for you that has made you happy or grateful in a surprising way. How has this gratitude affected or motivated you?
4. Discuss an accomplishment, event, or realization that sparked a period of personal growth and a new understanding of yourself or others.

All applicants **must** also answer this essay prompt:

What are your goals and aspirations for the future and how would a college education help you reach those goals?