

APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION ESSAY

You must complete (3) three essays: an **Application Essay**, a **Homework Essay**, and an **In-Class Essay**. The essay portion of the application helps us become acquainted with you on a more personal level and is an important step in the final acceptance by the Eastfield College Gateway Program Scholarship Selection Committee. **Your application is not complete without your essays and will not be considered for acceptance without them.**

Directions:

*On separate sheet of paper write about yourself using the following four topics as your guide. Each topic includes questions you can ask yourself to help you write your essay. Each answer should be at least (2) two paragraphs per topic. If you do not have access to a computer, you may come by the Gateway to College office(L232) and request a referral to the computer lab in the Computer Lab (L108). **Please type your name and the date on each page.** Attach the essays to your application forms.*

Essay Topics:

1. Your Strengths – What personal strengths have helped you to survive and/or to get back up and keep trying? What strengths have helped you to make friends and/or to make positive relationships with adults? What strengths have helped you to say “no” to peers who try to distract you from your goals in life?
 2. Problems and Challenges – What are some key personal problems or challenges that have interfered with your success in completing your education in the past? (i.e. attitude, behavior, motivation, skills, feeling accepted, cultural barriers, etc.) What would be different now? Describe your commitment & motivation to overcome these challenges at this time in your life. How will the strengths you described above help you to overcome your challenges and to be successful?
 3. Your Interest in Gateway to College – Tell us why you are interested in being part of the Gateway to College Program at Eastfield College. (Why do you think this program is a good fit for you to achieve your goals? Why should the Selection Committee choose you for this scholarship-based program especially since there is a lot competition for limited slots? Explain each area.)
 4. Your Motivation – As a full-time college student, how would you balance your schoolwork, employment, family, social, and personal life? What would motivate you to attend classes 100% of the time? Explain all areas.
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Student Name _____
(please print)

Date _____