

## Alternate Writing Sample Requirement

### *Eligible Applicants*

For those who have been out of college for more than five more years or those whose most recent degree does not include liberal arts course work (e.g. Bachelor's degree in Physics), you may submit an alternate writing sample.

### *Instructions*

Write a four- to seven-page critical reflection essay on one of the three select articles, which are available for download in the "Attachments" tab of your application. Be sure to include:

- A half-page summarizing the article's main points;
- Critical analysis of the content and themes of the article. Please draw in at least one outside source (i.e., the Bible, another article, book, or other academic resource) and use appropriate citations from that source in your reflection; and
- Discussion of any questions raised in your reading of the article.

Use appropriate and consistent attribution of ideas and quotes from the article and your other sources of literature referenced within your essay. This includes parenthetical, footnote, or endnote citations. Any style consistently used in the bibliography is acceptable as long as it includes author(s), title, place of publication, publisher and date. *The Elements of Style* by Strunk and White and Kate L. Turabian's *A Manual for Writers of Term Papers, Theses, and Dissertations* are recommended for all questions of style and citations.

### *Format*

Your academic writing sample should be:

- Four to seven pages typed, doubled-spaced text;
- Black ink, using a 12-point serif font (e.g., Garamond or Times New Roman);
- Submitted as a Word document or PDF as 8.5 x 11-inch document; and
- With one inch margins on all four sides.