



Instructions for Writing Application Essays

For completing an Application for Admission (Fall 2026 Cohort)

OVERVIEW

An Application for Admission includes two essays to be written by the prospective student: a theological essay and a classical liberal arts (CLA) essay. The following guidelines apply:

1. Each essay should be typed, double-spaced, and limited to 500 words.
2. For each essay, select one of the suggested questions (below) and present a thesis in reply. Support your position in a winsome and reasonable fashion with examples from Scripture, the Lutheran Confessions, history, common experience, and/or great works of Western Civilization. Feel free to write in either the first or the third person.
3. Each essay should be saved as its own file in PDF, ODT, or DOCX format, and named according to the following examples (using your own name rather than Bach's or Luther's, of course): "Theological-Essay-Johann-Sebastian-Bach.PDF" or "CLA-Essay-Katie-Luther.DOCX."
4. The top line on the first page should list your chosen topic by number, plus your name as author, according to the following examples: "Theological Essay #1, by Johann Sebastian Bach" or "CLA Essay #3, by Katie Luther."
5. Upload both essays to the online application portal at www.lutherclassical.org/apply.

QUESTIONS FOR THE THEOLOGICAL ESSAY (SELECT ONE)

1. Why do you want your great-grandchildren to be Lutheran, and how do you plan to leave a Lutheran legacy for them even if you never live long enough to meet them?
2. What is the ideal form and substance for the divine service, how much or how little flexibility would you encourage within that framework, and why?
3. Luther advised that no one ever outgrows the need for the Small Catechism. What does it mean, then, for you to become a mature, educated Lutheran?

QUESTIONS FOR THE CLASSICAL LIBERAL ARTS (CLA) ESSAY (SELECT ONE)

1. What sort of pagan art, literature, and/or science is worth studying for you as a Christian, and why?
2. LCC's Academic Catalog presents a unique curriculum. Why are you selecting a college that offers only one major—Classical Liberal Arts—and how can you be sure it is the right major for you?
3. Rather than pursuing a college degree just to get a high-paying job, what enduring value do you seek in a classical Lutheran education?

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Please see the instructions in "How to Complete an Application for Admission," available from LCC's online application portal: www.lutherclassical.org/apply. For further assistance, please contact Rev. Jacob Benson, Director of Admissions, at admissions@lutherclassical.org or 307 284 1730.

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