

The Juilliard School • ESSAY QUESTIONS

ALL APPLICANTS MUST INCLUDE AN ESSAY WITH THEIR APPLICATION.

Dance and Music applicants should choose one of the following essay topics. Essays should be 1-2 pages in length.

- A. What value do you believe your art form has for the society at large?
- B. Tell us about a particular person or event who/which strongly affected your decision to pursue a career in the arts.
- C. Describe the most challenging obstacle you have had to overcome; discuss its impact, and tell us what you have learned from the experience.
- D. If you are a **bachelor's degree transfer student**: The decision to transfer is a significant and often difficult one to make. Please explain when the idea of transferring first occurred to you and how that idea developed.
- E. If you are a **current or formerly enrolled Juilliard college student applying to the undergraduate, Master's, or Graduate Diploma program** (DMA and Artist Diploma in Performance applicants, see below): Please explain your motivation for continuing or resuming your studies at The Juilliard School in an advanced program. Students may choose to address academic, artistic, or professional goals that they believe could be accomplished by returning to the Juilliard community.

Artist Diploma in Performance applicants:

Please state your specific artistic and educational objectives for this period of study. Give some thought to the verifiability of these professional goals and how you would work in a non-structured educational environment to achieve them. It is important to note that this statement is a critically important aspect of the admission review process. Playwriting applicants, please refer to Page 6.

D.M.A. applicants must complete both A and B of the following:

- A. Explain your motivation for pursuing the D.M.A. degree, what you might want to explore as your D.M.A. document, and how your experience in the doctoral program will be relevant to your performing and/or academic career.
- B. Who has been your most influential teacher and why?

Drama acting applicants:

Please write a personal statement of approximately 500 words about why you have chosen to become an actor and your personal artistic goals. We encourage you to write frankly and openly about your life, your connection to your art, and how you see your art connecting to the world. Share your passion about people or politics or other art forms or about anything that speaks to you.