



IPLY PERSONAL ESSAY INSTRUCTIONS

Deadline to submit essay is within one week of receiving the exam invitation
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As part of the application process, please write a thoughtful essay on the following prompt:

Some students have an experience that is so meaningful they believe their application would be incomplete without it. Areas to consider would be a time when you faced a challenge, setback, or failure and how it affected you, and what you learned from the experience *or* an accomplishment, event, or realization that sparked a period of personal growth and a new understanding of yourself or others.

Tips

- The essay can be about something small and personal. Do not try and impress with some important sounding event or activity. We want to know about you.
- Make sure you answer the prompt. Many times a student gets an idea and then they lose focus of what they meant to say.
- Keep the focus on you. All too often students write about family and friends and make them sound amazing but they forget to talk about themselves.
- Keep it concise: **500 word maximum**, please.

Submission

Please include your full name, the date, and your personal email address at the top of the document.

Email your essay to essaysubmission@ipolyhighschool.org, either as an attached document or by pasting it directly into the body of the email. Please submit your essay within one week of receiving the exam invitation.