At Texas McCombs, we celebrate being a collaborative community that values each person’s unique experiences, passions, and perspective. Essays help us get to know you as an individual and how you would fit with our culture and community. We also use them to assess your communication and/or presentation skills.

This is your opportunity to give us more insight into your background, goals, and personality. Strong essays convey research, reflection, and your motivations for pursuing an MPA, specifically at the McCombs School of Business. Two essays are required for your Texas McCombs MPA admissions application. You can submit an optional statement if you would like to provide additional information regarding your application.

**Essay 1 (Required)** (Approximately 250-500 words)

Explain what has led you to pursue to Master in Professional Accounting degree at the McCombs School of Business and how obtaining the MPA degree will assist you in achieving your short- and long-term goals.

**Essay 2 (Required)**

Choose one option from the following:

1) Write an essay on one of the following topics (Approximately 250 words):

   Share how you believe your background, experiences, perspectives and/or talents will help you contribute to the MPA community.

   Describe the most significant challenge you have faced. What steps did you take to overcome this challenge, and what did you learn from the experience?

   OR

2) Share a video introduction (Approximately one minute in length):

   Imagine that you are at the MPA orientation. Introduce yourself to your new classmates and faculty members. Highlight your background, talents, hobbies, interests, and/or other factors that make you unique.

**Optional Statement**

Please provide any additional information you believe is important to your application (e.g., details about any planned prerequisite coursework) or address any areas of concern that you believe will be beneficial to the MPA admissions committee when considering your application (e.g., explanation of academic performance or extenuating personal circumstances).