Essay Prompts

Applicants must respond to ALL of the essays. Applicants are encouraged to begin writing their essay prompts in a writing program like Microsoft Word. Once they have saved and finished, they are able to copy and paste their responses into the appropriate essay box within the online application. This is your opportunity to tell us more about who you are. Make sure you are taking advantage of the maximum word and character counts.

1. **NASEP works to engage students who are highly interested in pursuing careers in Science Technology Engineering & Mathematics (STEM).**
   a. Describe why you are interested in STEM
   b. What issues, needs, or problems do you hope to address in your chosen career path. (500 words max - Limit 3000 characters with spaces)

2. **NASEP is more than a summer program. It is a yearlong opportunity that will provide support throughout the academic term supporting your pathway to college. This undertaking will require communication with the NASEP team in regards to your research project, events, and academic progress. To help our office gage your ability to tackle responsibilities, please describe a commitment that you have maintained for longer than 6 months and how it has helped you grow as a student, community member, and or professional.** (300 words max - Limit 1800 characters with spaces)

3. Describe a leadership experience in which you made a difference at your school or in your community. (300 words max - Limit 1800 characters with spaces)

4. The lessons we take from obstacles we encounter can be fundamental to later success. **Recount a time when you faced a challenge, setback, or failure. How did it affect you, and what did you learn from the experience?** (300 words max - Limit 1800 characters with spaces)

5. Choose three words that best describe you. Tell us why you chose those words. (300 words max - Limit 1800 characters with spaces)

6. What additional information (not already addressed in this application) do you wish to share with the NASEP review committee? (200 words max - Limit 1100 characters with spaces)