ESSAY / WRITING SAMPLE REQUIREMENTS

Saint Leo University encourages students to submit either an essay or graded writing sample as part of our evaluation for admission.

SUBMITTING AN ESSAY (Word count: Minimum 250, maximum 650)

**Option 1:** Saint Leo University is guided by six core values: **Excellence, Community, Respect, Personal Development, Responsible Stewardship,** and **Integrity.** You may review the definitions Saint Leo assigns to these values by visiting the ‘About’ section of our website at www.saintleo.edu. Saint Leo University is also focused on empowering students to use critical thinking skills and our core values in order to make better decisions in all aspects of their lives. Please share how you have utilized one of these core values to approach an issue or experience you have encountered in your life.

**Option 2:** Saint Leo University is a diverse community made strong by the unique perspectives and experiences of its members. Please describe how you could contribute to or benefit from campus diversity.

**Option 3:** Saint Leo University strives to produce students who will not only add value to the global economy, but also be good social citizens. Discuss specific ways in which you believe your college experience will equip you to make a difference in the workplace and in the world.

**Option 4:** Think about the books you have read over the last several years that have resonated most with you. Choose an idea or quote from one of these works and relate it to an event or experience that helped you define one of your values or changed how you approach the world. Please write the title and author, as well as quotation (if using), at the beginning of your essay.

Email your essay to the Office of Admissions at admissions@saintleo.edu or directly to your specific admissions counselor. You may also submit via fax to (352) 588-8257. **Be sure the following items are included in your email or fax cover as well as on the essay document itself:**

- Your full name as it appears on your application
- The last four digits of your Social Security number (international students provide date of birth)

SUBMITTING A GRADED WRITING SAMPLE

Email your graded writing sample to the Office of Admissions at admissions@saintleo.edu or directly to your specific admissions counselor. You may also submit via fax to (352) 588-8257. **Be sure the following items are included in your email or fax cover as well as on the writing sample document itself:**

- Your full name as it appears on your application
- The last four digits of your Social Security number (international students provide date of birth)
- The name of the teacher who graded the assignment