**College Entrance Essay**

**Directions: You will choose ONE of the prompts below to respond to. Papers will be submitted electronically to Ms. Efford via email at** [**lefford@shelbyed.org**](mailto:lefford@shelbyed.org) **OR they can be shared with me on Google docs using the same email address. Be sure to allow me to *edit*.**

**Requirements:**

* **MLA formatting (correct heading, header, Times New Roman font, size 12 font, no extra spaces between paragraphs, double-spaced, 1” margins, no bold or underlining)**
* **600-700 words. Do not go outside of these limits.**
* **Use a variety of intelligent vocabulary and sentence structures. Impress me.**

**PROMPTS:**

1. Some students have a background, identity, interest, or talent that is so meaningful they believe their application would be incomplete without it. If this sounds like you, then please share your story.  
   
2. The lessons we take from failure can be fundamental to later success. Recount an incident or time when you experienced failure. How did it affect you, and what did you learn from the experience?  
   
3. Reflect on a time when you challenged a belief or idea.  What prompted you to act? Would you make the same decision again?  
   
4. Describe a problem you've solved or a problem you'd like to solve. It can be an intellectual challenge, a research query, an ethical dilemma-anything that is of personal importance, no matter the scale. Explain its significance to you and what steps you took or could be taken to identify a solution.  
   
5. Discuss an accomplishment or event, formal or informal, that marked your transition from childhood to adulthood within your culture, community, or family.