



## Thomas Edison State College

### Graduate Application Essay Requirements

All graduate applicants are requested to submit a graduate application essay. Your response will help the admissions committee assess your background and your writing skills. Discuss your academic background and/or your work experiences and tell how they demonstrate your preparations in the areas listed below.

Please respond to one of the three questions listed below. Type your essay on a separate sheet of paper and submit it to the Office of Admissions by either attaching it as a file to the admission application or email it to [gradstudies@tesc.edu](mailto:gradstudies@tesc.edu). Limit your response to 500 words. Submit your essay in a double spaced format and include your name on each page.

- A. Choose an organization for which you work or volunteer. Assume that you are recruiting an executive employee. Identify the role that person will plan and then describe the mission and goals of the organization. Discuss some challenges and opportunities facing the organization. Use specific examples to support your position.
- B. Describe an experience where you were required to seek and analyze information and then to communicate your interpretation of that information to others. Who originated the request? What did you do? Where did you seek information? How did you decide what it meant? How did you communicate your results to those who wanted to act on the information you provided?
- C. Leaders do many things. They create a vision and they align, inspire and motivate people to bring about change in an organization. Select an example of one situation where you exercised leadership. Describe what you did and reflect on the effectiveness of your actions.