

GSSM Admissions Application Essay

All GSSM applicants must complete an essay as a required part of the application process. Your essay must be submitted by **March 1, 2010**. You may mail your essay to the GSSM Admissions office with your application or separately. You may e-mail your essay to the GSSM Admissions office at admissions@gssm.k12.sc.us. The Admissions office will confirm the receipt of your essay.

Choose ONE topic and write an essay in response.

(Choose only ONE of the following):

- 1.) If you were among the first colonizers of a new planet in the twenty-first century and could only bring a limited amount of supplies, what 3-5 items would you want your fellow colonists to transport from the planet Earth? Explain. What 3-5 items would you not want to transport from Earth? Explain.
- 2.) Tell the story of an experience that affected you in important ways. Remember that this is a story, so use vivid detail in relating the experience
- 3.) An increasing number of television programs are reality-based competitions (Survivor, The Amazing Race, etc.). With this in mind, create your own reality-based competition. Be sure to explain the concept, the rules, the prizes and (most importantly) why people at home will watch.

Be sure to cover all aspects of the statement in your essay. Our selection committee looks for original, concise, and logical thinking, as well as proper grammar, spelling, and punctuation. Your essay should be typed and contain 500–750 words. Be sure that your name is on each page of your essay. (*Handwritten essays are acceptable, but print legibly). Please refer to the PDF document Essay Standards in the Admissions area of our website to assist you in writing your essay.

You may fax the essay to 843-383-3903 (Attn: GSSM Admissions Office) or e-mail to admissions@gssm.k12.sc.us to meet the application deadline, then mail the original to GSSM so that we may place the original in your application file.

If you have any questions, please call the Admissions Office at (843) 383-3944. We have voice mail for your convenience if we are away from the office, on another line, or after office hours.

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