

2021-2022

PAUL TULANE AWARD

APPLICATION PREPARATION

For us to learn more about you, your ambition, and your creativity, please answer two of the following questions (250 to 500 words each).

- 1.** The rise of social media has been a powerful phenomenon. However, social media was not widely used before 2004 when Facebook was launched. Write "a letter from the future" to a teenager in 2004 explaining the effect of social media on our lives. What would your advice be regarding social media use?
- 2.** Do weird things really happen on Friday the 13th? If you find a penny and pick it up, will you really have a day with good luck? Does a black cat crossing your path serve as an omen? Pick a superstition and justify it.
- 3.** People like labels, but sometimes our beliefs or identities do not fit into clearly defined categories. Pick two seemingly contradictory parts of yourself. If you were to make a Venn diagram of these two parts, how would you explain the overlap?
- 4.** Mount Rushmore showcases presidents who were integral to our country's creation and evolution into the nation it is today. While Washington, Jefferson, Lincoln, and Roosevelt were no doubt historically consequential presidents, their presidencies were only a fraction of this nation's history. Additionally, Mount Rushmore has only four white men on it when countless other men and women of all ages and races were arguably more consequential in our country's development. Explain which four individuals you believe were so consequential to our nation's development (from 1776 to now) that they deserve a place (or to keep their place) on Mount Rushmore.
- 5.** Through some strange twist in the space-time continuum, you have the opportunity to go back in time and be one of your parents' teachers. What year of schooling would you chose to teach, what subject, and what would you want them to learn from you? Why?

Please note: We provide this document so that you may prepare your application in advance. The Paul Tulane Award Application may only be submitted online via your Green Wave Portal at apply.tulane.edu

