

## Hope Forward Essay Prompt

At Hope College, we believe one of the world's greatest challenges is a lack of hope. Students in the Hope Forward Program share a desire to bring hope to a hurting world. Through a co-curricular learning community called cohort, they participate in off-campus retreats, seminars, mentorship, service-learning, and regular connection with Hope's president.

Rooted in the three pillars of Community, Access, and Generosity, the program invites students to grow as lifelong learners who lead with hope. Generosity is not only something they receive - through the gift of covered tuition - but also something they are invited and encouraged to live out during their time at Hope and beyond. By practicing gratitude and generosity, students learn to live lives of purpose, impact, and shared responsibility.

### ESSAY PROMPT (Maximum 1000 Words)

In your essay, please speak to prompts 1, 2, and 3 by answering *all* of the questions below. Make sure to reflect on your personal experiences and future goals:

1. Share a story about a time when you brought hope to a person **OR** a community in your life.

- How have you brought hope to others?
- Who was impacted, what did you learn, and how will it influence you moving forward?

2. Consider who has shown you what hope looks like, and tell us about a time when they impacted you.

- How have they motivated you to pass that hope onto others?
- Who inspires you to be a person of hope?

3. Why do you want to be a part of the Hope Forward cohort?

- How will Hope Forward positively impact your life?
- What are you hoping to learn from being a part of Hope Forward?
- How do you think being a part of the cohort will impact you and how do you plan to impact the cohort?