Insight Portfolio

Green Mountain College allows prospective students to submit an Insight Portfolio and a graded writing sample instead of providing standardized test scores (SAT or ACT). Your short essays and graded writing sample will help us to evaluate your candidacy for admission.

Guidelines for Graded Writing Sample:
Your graded writing sample should be a strong example of your writing ability. We are looking for depth of thought, careful analysis, and sound mechanics. Preferably, your writing sample should meet the following criteria:

- Written and graded within the last two years
- Writing sample includes teacher’s comments
- Examples: research paper, position paper, literary or historical analysis, creative writing piece

How to Submit:
Please mail your short response essays with your recent, graded writing sample to:
Green Mountain College
Office of Admissions
One Brennan Circle
Poultney, VT 05764

Short Answer Essays:
Select three of the following prompts and write a brief (maximum 100 word) statement for each.
Select prompts that will best reflect the qualities that you think will demonstrate your suitability for Green Mountain College. Please be sure to indicate which prompts you have chosen to answer.

1. Leadership. Describe one or more examples of leadership experience in which you have significantly influenced others or contributed to the success of a group over time. The experience(s) you describe may be in or out of school.

2. Creativity/specialized knowledge or skill. Describe a special interest that you have which makes you proud. Explain how you have demonstrated creativity in that area or developed a special talent or skill.

3. Dealing with adversity. Describe a significant challenge that you have had to face, the steps you took to address the challenge, and what you learned about yourself in the process.

4. Community service. What experiences have you had that contribute to making your community a better place in which to live? Mention specific projects or initiatives and outcomes.

5. Environmental awareness. Do you feel that the environmental liberal arts focus at Green Mountain College is a good fit for your interests? Why?

6. Goal accomplishment. Describe one or more specific goals that you set for yourself and how you demonstrated diligence and a strong work ethic to accomplish the goal(s).