

2025 SXAA Summer Internship Essay Guidelines

Thank you for applying! As the final step in your application, please submit a minimum 400-word essay addressing the following:

1. Your Motivation

- Why are you applying for this specific internship?

2. Your Strengths and Preparedness

- Highlight 1-2 skills or experiences (coursework, projects, or volunteer work) that have prepared you for this role. Be specific!

3. Your Resilience

- Share a time you faced a setback or disagreement. How did you adapt, and what did you learn?

4. Your Growth Goals

- What do you hope to learn during this internship? How will it help you grow personally, academically, or professionally?

5. Your Future Vision

- Where do you see yourself in 5-10 years? How can this internship support your academic or career journey?

Tips For Writing Your Essay:

- **Be Honest:** We're interested in your unique perspective, not perfect answers.
- **Show, don't tell:** Instead of "I'm a leader," describe how you led a team or project.
- **Proofread:** Check for clarity and typos before submitting.

Format:

- Written
 - Must be legible
 - Ruled paper
 - Pencil or black pen
- Typed
 - 1" margins
 - 12-pt font
 - PDF or Word Doc

How Your Essay Will Be Scored:

- ✓ **Clarity & Structure:** Your essay is well-organized and easy to understand.
- ✓ **Self-awareness & Growth Mindset:** You understand your own strengths and areas to grow. Sharing your plans for the future.
- ✓ **Professionalism:** Correct grammar, spelling and tone.

If you need accommodations for this application due to a learning disability, please contact us at 520-807-2121 to discuss alternate ways to share your story and abilities.