

Bard Application for Admission

Application Supplemental Essay Question

(Note: This essay is required for application to Bard College as a supplement to the Universal College Application or the Common Application. It should be sent via regular mail, not e-mail, to Bard College, Office of Admission, PO Box 5000, Annandale-on-Hudson, NY 12504.)

Choose one of the following:

- a) In the wake of the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, the possibility of requiring universal military service through a draft has once again come under consideration. Write an essay arguing your position, for or against the draft. Your argument may or may not include a discussion of a system of national service that extends beyond military service. Please note, this is not a litmus test regarding political views; Bard seeks diversity and originality, not conformism.
- b) If you were given a grant to research a scientific or medical issue that you deem important to the world, what would it be, why did you choose it, and what kind of research do you think has the greatest chance of being productive?
- c) Write an essay defending the role and place of the arts, especially those forms that are not commercial in our society. In answering this question, feel free to focus on one particular art form.
- d) Submit a graded paper (a thousand words or less) written in your junior or senior year.