



## Junior High Application Student Essay

Applicant's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

The Adolescent Community of Escuela del Sol Montessori provides a unique opportunity for study, work, and life skills. Guided by experienced and trained adults, students are responsible for managing their "household," operating a small business, cultivating a farm and collaborating on interdisciplinary projects. These activities, integrated with academic studies and work with adult experts in various fields, make for an intensive community. Your honest and complete answers will help us evaluate the likelihood of your success in the challenging and encompassing nature of this course of study.

Please respond to the following short-answer questions in the space provided below. Please do not seek assistance from anyone in writing your answers; we are interested in your own perspective.

1. What are your experiences outdoors (camping, nature walks, hiking, travel, gardening, etc.) ?
2. What do you do in your free time? Please list in order of importance to you:
3. What are some of your academic interests, challenges, and successes?
4. What responsibilities have you assumed at home, at school, and in the community?
5. Describe the last book you read for pleasure.

Please answer the following essay questions on a separate piece of paper. There is no length requirement, but do respond fully and frankly. Please do not seek assistance from anyone in writing these essays; we are interested in your perspective.

1. The Jr. High at Escuela del Sol offers unique opportunities for integrating study, work, and life skills. Why would you like to join this community?
2. Adolescence is a time for envisioning the future. Please share a description of your future with us.
3. The Adolescent Community is highly collaborative. Please describe a situation where you collaborated academically. What was the outcome?

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