

Insight Portfolio

Green Mountain College allows prospective students to submit an Insight Portfolio and a graded high school paper 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
- Research papers, position papers, literary or historical analyses, and creative writing are all examples of acceptable writing samples.

How to Submit:

Please send in your short response essays with a recent, graded writing sample. We prefer that you send both documents by certified mail to:

Green Mountain College
Office of Admissions
One College 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.

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.

