

## Admission Essay

Both content and style are considered in the admission process. Please type an essay of approximately 300 words detailing your response to the following:

1. Describe your goals for your graduate education. Include the questions you hope to answer in the program and what it is about the Maryville University School of Education that will help you realize them? (Please be specific.)
2. What do you believe our goals/beliefs (outlined below) will mean to you as a student?
3. Describe the strengths and weaknesses you bring to graduate study.
4. **Current Teachers Only:** What expectations do you have for how graduate education studies at Maryville University will enhance the work you do with the students at your school and in your classroom?

### Mission and Moral Purposes of the School of Education

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The mission of the School of Education at Maryville University is to prepare socially responsible critical thinkers who are collaborative and reflective educators committed to the moral endeavor of schooling in a democracy.

The moral purposes of schooling, derived from the *National Network for Educational Renewal*, provide the foundation for School of Education programs. We believe teachers have the responsibility to:

**Stewardship of the school**—work at their own teaching and the teaching of others as well as collaborate with others in practices that serve the school, its students and the larger community.

**Pedagogical nurturing**—nurture their own pedagogical skills so that each child develops to her/his highest potential within a caring learning community.

**Access to knowledge**—provide equitable access to knowledge for ALL students based on developing understanding of the unique strengths and needs of students within the context of culture.

**Enculturation into a social and political democracy**—model behaviors and create opportunities that help students learn and practice caring, fairness, tolerance and responsibility.

The School of Education, further, is committed to working with our school and community partners in the simultaneous renewal of schools and teacher education.

Attach essay to this application when completed.