

## ESSAY FOR GRADUATE STUDENTS

Select one of the following six topics and compose an essay with maximum length of two pages. Submit your essay along with the completed application for admission to the Admissions Office.

### 1. Reflectively consider the following quotation:

“The life that comes from the fullness of contemplation, such as teaching and preaching, is more excellent than simply contemplating God. Just as it is better to enlighten others than merely to shine, it is better to give the fruits of our contemplation to others than merely to contemplate.”

—Saint Thomas Aquinas, *Summa Theologiae* II-II, 188, 6

In light of this quotation, why are you choosing the program of graduate study at Aquinas College?

### 2. The Aquinas College School of Education reflects the belief that teaching is more than a career choice—it is both a gift and a mission.

Please explain how your desire to pursue a Master’s degree in education at Aquinas College resonates with this belief.

### 3. What does the following statement mean to you as you consider continuing your education at Aquinas College?

“The outstanding human and Christian qualities in teachers will be able to do more to produce successes than will the methods selected.”

### 4. In the Prologue of *The Canterbury Tales*, The Clerk’s description ends with the statement, “And gladly would he learn and gladly teach.”

Why do you want to return to school to receive a Master of Education or Master of Arts in Teaching degree? How will taking time to study about education help you to fulfill your goals?

### 5. What did C.S. Lewis mean when he wrote, “The task of the modern educator is not to cut down jungles, but to irrigate deserts.”

Describe the role that you hope to fulfill as an educator in the future.

### 6. G.K. Chesterson once wrote, “Education is simply the soul of a society as it passes from one generation to another.”

How would you like to participate in this process?